



SIR JOHN NELTHORPE SCHOOL

RESPECT - RESILIENCE - INTEGRITY



## ASPIRE at Sir John Nelthorpe School

The ASPIRE Centre is a purpose-built specialist resourced provision located on the campus of Sir John Nelthorpe School. The Centre specialises in working with individuals on the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) continuum. With a focus on fostering personal growth, independence, and resilience, ASPIRE offers a safe, structured, and inclusive environment where young people can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

### Capacity and Staffing

The ASPIRE Centre accommodates a maximum of 12 pupils at any one time, offering both full-time and part-time placements tailored to individual needs.

#### Permanent Staff:

- **Centre Manager:** Oversees the daily operations, pupil support strategies, the quality of education, and engagement with families and external agencies.
- **Learning Mentor:** Provides one-to-one and group support, ensuring tailored learning strategies and interventions.
- **Teaching Assistant:** Provides one-to-one and group support as directed by the Learning Mentor and Centre Manager.
- **ASPIRE Administrator:** Manages administrative duties, scheduling, and communication with families and professionals.

#### Additional Support:

Flexible staffing includes input from wider external agencies such as educational psychologists, speech and language therapists, or occupational therapists as required.

### Facilities and Environment

ASPIRE is thoughtfully designed to meet the diverse needs of its pupils, featuring:

- **Two dedicated learning environments:** These rooms provide calm, adaptable spaces for focused academic learning and skill development.
- **An additional, wider opportunities room:** A versatile space for creative activities, therapies, and group workshops, encouraging social interaction and skill-building.
- **Centre Manager's office and meeting room:** For private discussions with pupils, families, and external professionals.
- **Admin/Reception office:** A welcoming hub for managing daily operations and inquiries.
- **A secure outdoor space:** A safe, enclosed area for physical activity, sensory breaks, and outdoor learning.
- **A small cafe-style dining facility and kitchenette:** A homely space promoting independence through meal preparation and social dining experiences.

### Purpose and Vision

ASPIRE's mission is to provide a nurturing, individualised environment that empowers pupils with ASD needs to achieve their full potential, both academically and pastorally. By addressing each young person's academic, emotional, and social development holistically, the centre prepares each child for the next steps in their education and life.

Through collaboration with families and professional partners, ASPIRE ensures that every child is supported in the processes of overcoming challenges and building a positive future. All pupils admitted to the Centre will undergo discussions prior to their placement to ensure the right support pathway at the ASPIRE Centre is allocated from the moment the child arrives. Further details on the processes and operations that relate to the ASPIRE Centre can be discussed at interview.