



BIRTLEY HOUSE SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Re. Ellie Sillitoe (06.07.2004)

Ellie completed a weekly work experience placement for 2 terms, at Birtley House School.

Birtley House is a specialist primary school, supporting children with a range of needs including Specific and General Learning Difficulties, ASD and social communication difficulties, ADHD, Speech and Language difficulties, selective mutism and attachment and anxiety disorders.

Ellie has supported in a Year 3 and 4 class with Science and PE sessions. Ellie has shown herself to be extremely competent in this role and has watched the practice of others and followed directions from staff to provide meaningful support to the pupils in the class. Ellie has familiarised herself with the differing needs of the pupils and has quickly learnt how to adapt her support strategies to best work with and help a range of children in the class. The children have responded well to her caring but firm nature and have shown respect for her as an adult within the school. Ellie encourages the children to be as independent as possible in their learning, while encouraging them to extend their knowledge and thinking with appropriate questioning. Ellie has formed some trusting bonds with the children and has shown particular strength in providing 1:1 support for a girl with significant attachment difficulties. Ellie has utilised strategies to enable her to identify her feelings and have meaningful discussions with her. Ellie has acted maturely and professionally at all times.

Ellie has been an asset to the team and she would be very welcome to return to the school in the future.

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Mrs Ellie Austin

Deputy Headteacher/SENCO