



Autism Lead Practitioner (Autism Partner)



At Hunslet Carr Primary School, our Autism Lead Practitioner, **Paula Passey**, plays a key role in promoting an inclusive, autism-informed ethos across the school. She supports children who are either on the autism assessment pathway or who have a confirmed diagnosis, ensuring their individual strengths and needs are understood and supported effectively.

While she is an integral part of classroom practice, working directly alongside staff to support some of our most complex learners, her role extends far beyond this. She is a central source of expertise within the school, providing guidance, advice, and practical strategies to staff to support inclusive practice.

This includes carrying out observations, contributing to assessments, and offering clear, child-centred recommendations that help remove barriers to learning and participation within the classroom.

Our Autism Lead Practitioner is AET Level 3 qualified and attends local autism networks, ensuring her knowledge and practice remain up to date with current guidance and best practice. She shares this expertise with staff, supporting consistency, confidence, and high-quality autism-informed provision across the school.

Through her work, she supports the adaptation of classroom environments, routines, and teaching approaches, helping children with autism to feel safe, understood, and able to thrive. Her role strengthens early identification, supports the graduated response, and contributes to the school's wider inclusive culture.

