



Felix Primary School

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School: Felix Primary School

Specialist Unit: Reception & KS1 Assessment Specialist Unit.

Number of places: 12

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Key Contact: Lead Teacher: Georgina Wrinch – senadmin@felixprimaryschool.org

Admission into the Specialist Unit is decided solely by Suffolk LA through SEND statutory systems. Securing a place at the main school does not automatically qualify access to the Unit. Please contact your EHCP Coordinator or SENDCO for more details about the SU admissions process.

Description of Specialist Unit

This is a small specialist Unit for pupils with a variety of Communication & Interaction and Cognition & Learning needs attached to a mainstream primary school. All pupils have an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan).

There is 1 class of 12 pupils within the Specialist Unit. Within school, this Specialist Unit is known as **Elm Class**.

The Unit is led by a Lead Teacher who is responsible for the daily running of the Unit including curriculum, teaching and learning and assessment as well as all statutory SEND duties.

The Lead Teacher is supported by a staff team who collectively deliver the personalised provision outlined in Section F of all pupils' Education, Health and Care Plan in combination with the Chapel Green Curriculum.

The Chapel Green Curriculum is a specialist education curriculum which covers all elements of the National Curriculum whilst enabling delivery of Section F statutory provision and is the vehicle we use to move pupils forward from their individual starting points/stage using a personalised approach.

Assessment within the Specialist Units includes:

- All main school assessments e.g. Teacher Assessment and Sapientia Foundational Knowledge Tests
- Progress towards EHCP Outcomes

- Chapel Green Assessment Grid

Main school programmes of learning including White Rose Maths, The Write Stuff etc continue to be utilised as appropriate tools within the SUs. All SUs follow the whole school phonics programme Read Write Ink.

Pupils receive daily, individualised support to aid their developmental needs for example:

- daily TEACCH trays
- Attention Autism
- NHS SALT directed sessions

All pupils have a clear SEND Support Plan which is shared with parents.

Pupil individualised SEND Support Plans and targets are reviewed and updated termly.

The Unit aims to support pupils within a nurturing and routine based environment.

The Unit comprises a main free-flow room with two smaller rooms for small group teaching. In addition, we have a dedicated outdoor space which is used throughout the school day for learning opportunities and breaktimes.

A typical school day runs between 8.45am and 3pm. Pupils are welcomed into school and are offered an optional breakfast to help settle them into the school environment. This is particularly helpful for pupils who have travelled by taxi provided by the LA.

All pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform to help them feel part of the wider school community. Adaptations can be made by agreement in response to your child's sensory or developmental needs.

Pupils are welcomed to access main school activities where appropriate for the individual. Pupils use the main hall for their weekly PE sessions and visit the library weekly to explore and borrow books as part of the reading curriculum. Pupils are supported to attend the weekly celebration assembly to develop and enhance their wider social skills.

Parent Communication

We believe in working closely with parents to ensure the best outcomes for pupils. A regular newsletter is sent home to parents with all the latest news from the Unit. We offer parental meetings on a termly basis, and the Lead Teacher undertakes all Annual Reviews for pupils in the Unit.

How to visit and meet us

Prior to applying for the Unit through the EHCP Annual Review process, we actively encourage parents to book a visit so they can see the Unit in action and have a meeting with the Lead Teacher. Visits can be arranged by emailing senadmin@felixprimaryschool.org