

School: St Gregory CEVC Primary School

Specialist Unit: Apple Class – Reception,
Key Stage 1
Key Stage 2

Number of places: 20 in total



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Description of Unit

Apple Class is a supportive, nurturing and caring environment for children from Reception to Year 6. A wide range of needs are catered for. There are two teachers (one being the school SENDCo and 7 Learning Support Assistants supporting the children across both classes. Although there is a high ratio of adult to children, 1:1 support is not provided. Apple Class is based upstairs in the main school building, there are two learning rooms, a soft play room, a messy play room and a sensory room.

The children wear school uniform, but reasonable adjustments are allowed.

Overview

The children in Apple Class are greeted at the door and have some relaxed settling in time before the school day starts. Some children attend Collective Worship alongside their mainstream peers if appropriate. For those that this is not appropriate for, a range of tailored activities take place in the class. Over the week, the children access Attention and Listening sessions, walk outside in the school grounds as part of the Daily Mile. The children take part in Maths and English / Phonics sessions at their level, they share books with the adults, with a range of physical, sensory, practical activities in between learning tasks.

Apple Class have their snacks in the classroom during the morning and the afternoon. They have morning play outside on their own, but they are joined by Reception and Key Stage 1 at afternoon play. The school operates a staggered lunch time, with Apple Class going into lunch first, followed closely by Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and then Key Stage 2, this offers more opportunities for the children to be with their mainstream peers, if they so wish.

The learning is topic based and will be around the interests of the pupils. For two terms, Apple Class swim at the local leisure centre and then in the Summer term, they attend a local Forest School on a fortnightly basis.