

# SPECIALIST UNIT | RECEPTION AND KS1



## School

SET Maidstone Infant

## Specialist Unit

Reception and KSI (Bee Croft)

## Number of places

12

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## Description of Unit

**'Bee Croft' class is a specialist provision for children entering school in Reception through to Year 2. Children are supported with a wide range of special educational needs and disabilities. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) have their targets assessed formally at least each term to evidence their progress leading to their Annual review which reviews their progress towards set long term targets preparing for adulthood. Adults will also be able to support the assessment of children to initiate a request for an EHCP if they meet the Suffolk County Council criteria for assessment. Bee croft class is taught daily with a specialist teacher ratio 1:12 and a 1:4 ratio of specialist teaching assistants including one higher level teaching assistant (HLTA).**

**The adults supporting the learning journey for children in Bee Croft class have extensive experience in supporting children with SEND in a total communication learning environment using a range of alternative, augmentative communication (AAC) systems and supporting curriculum integrated sensory regulation.**

## Overview

Children arrive for morning activities through the dedicated Bee Croft entrance at 9.15. The children complete initial structured independent activities in small attention level groups which lead onto multi sensory small group attention and vocabulary building sessions, phonics and individual small group interventions supported by key adults and delivering core subject content. During the afternoon planned sensory integration activities are delivered alongside well being activities and child led learning linked to the topic area.

The children receive Speech and language interventions as directed by their therapists within the unit and integrated creatively into play with every opportunity. Bee Croft class is a total communication setting with adults qualified to support children using a range of AAC communication systems such as Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Makaton, Talk Pads to provide extended opportunities to communicate and develop expressive and receptive language skills.

Bee Croft class is within the mainstream school at SET Maidstone Infants and we do expect all children to wear the assigned school uniform however we are also considerate to the sensory tactile needs of our learners regarding clothing so this can be discussed with the class teacher. The class has its own entrance, 2 enclosed outside areas, kitchen area, toilet and cloakroom area and 2 further teaching rooms and a small low distraction sensory room.

Children also have the opportunity to join the mainstream children during break times, PE, wellbeing and expressive art celebrations and assemblies when appropriate supported by the Bee Croft adults to develop and enhance their wider social skills.

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