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**Description of Unit**

**The communication and interaction unit caters for children who experience difficulty with communicating; this may range from speech disorders to children with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and caters for high functioning children as well as those that need support with verbal communication. This is staffed by 1 teacher, 1 HLTA and 4 teaching assistants. The unit is very child centred with an in-depth review of the child’s capabilities undertaken followed by a structured learning program based on Now and Next alongside a visual timetable.**



**School: Felix Primary School**

**Specialist Unit: KS2 Communication and Interaction**

**Number of places: 18**

**Overview**

**Children arrive from 8:45 – 9:00am in the morning and go straight to the specialist unit where breakfast is offered. Learning starts at 9:15am and the class follow a structured timetable. Children follow a daily visual timetable and use a now and next board to work through and structure their day. All of the children eat together at 12:00pm in the unit and children are then encouraged to spend time outside during lunch play in an area attached to the classroom, with access to the main playground, supported by adults from the specialist unit. Learning resumes in the afternoon and the children leave site at 3:00pm.**

**The pupils within the unit are encouraged to wear the same uniform as the rest of the school, considerations are made to this, depending on each pupil’s sensory and tactile needs.**

**The pupils are encouraged to join in with the mainstream school when suitable. The pupils use the main hall for their weekly PE sessions and are encouraged to join assembly to develop and enhance their wider social skills.**