

## Local Offer

The Belsteads School provides full-time Education for up to 12 pupils between the ages of 10 and 16. Pupils must have an EHCP to attend and placements are funded by Local Authorities.

Pupils attending the school typically have diagnoses of ASD and/or ADHD with attendant behaviours and anxieties.

The school offers a core curriculum of Literacy, Numeracy, Science, PE, Art, DT, Humanities, PSHE and Careers. This curriculum is enhanced through the provision of tailored social stories, Forest School, Learning Outside the Classroom and Drama. There are also opportunities for Riding and Golf lessons included within the fees and school day.

High staffing levels and very small class sizes of no more than four allow for personalised approaches. There is an emphasis on teaching emotional and behavioural regulation and self-management, using the 5P approach supported by detailed knowledge of triggers and calming strategies for each child in consultation with parents and carers.

The school makes use of calm spaces within the school and in the extensive grounds to teach alternative, positive responses to stress. We have seven acres of land and adjoin a large Nature Reserve, which we visit frequently to support curriculum and social activities, often in the company of our school dog, Poppy.

The school is not designed to be highly academic. Pupils who attend will have missed much of their education and we seek to fill gaps in essential knowledge as a priority, rather than prepare them for exams. We aim to prepare pupils so that they are better able to cope when they are ready to resume a more formal education post-16 or before. However, we are able to offer some qualifications as prequels to GCSEs. First examinations will be in Summer 2019.