

**School:** Rushmere Hall Primary School

**Specialist Unit:** Reception/KS1 specialist unit with expertise in communication and interaction

**Number of places:** 15



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**Description of Unit**

The Communication and Interaction Hub is a specialist classroom with dedicated, trained staff who deliver focus teaching for children with SLCN (Speech Language and Communication Needs). The team are committed to working in conjunction with parents and specialist speech and language therapists. Supporting children as they develop the social, emotional and communication skills required to access learning in mainstream classes.

**Staff:**

Class Teacher – Fully qualified and experienced with EYFS and KS1. Experienced in working with children who have additional learning needs.

Specialist Support Assistant with a background in child psychology who is also completing a degree in play therapy.

Teaching Assistant experienced with both EYFS and KS1 curriculum.

**Overview**

Children have a weekly timetable which incorporates specialist lessons such as Makaton and shape coding alongside expected curriculum lessons such as Literacy, Numeracy, Science, topic, Art, PE etc. Children within the unit have access to ICT and Music lessons with specialist teachers in line the rest of the school. During the week, children within the unit will be withdrawn by the SALT team to participate in their individual programme of Speech and Language Therapy.

Children are expected to come to school wearing appropriate uniform in line with the school dress code. Behaviour expectations are high within the unit and children are able to earn team points in line with the rest of the school. Staff within the unit focus on positive growth mind-set, helping the children build resilience, independence and confidence.

Children in the unit integrate into mainstream school life where possible. Many of the children access mainstream RWI phonics lessons and Year 2 children are able to spend time within a mainstream class on a weekly basis. Children within the unit also participation in Key Stage assemblies, Sports activities etc .