

## Appendix 1

### The Acorn Centre

The Acorn Centre at Ashford Park provides SEND provision for pupils in Early Years and Key stage 1 with communication and interaction needs (COIN) and Key stage 2 provision for pupils with learning and additional needs (LAN). Admissions to the Centre are allocated through Surrey SEND. To be considered for a place in the Centre, pupils require an EHCP.

Specialist COIN centres are based in mainstream schools to meet the needs of children with identified communication and interaction difficulties. This category includes speech, language and communication needs and autism. COIN specialist centres are best suited for children who will benefit from attending mainstream classes and regular interaction with other pupils there, but requires additional specialist support at times in a different classroom setting to achieve their educational goals.

Specialist LAN centres are designed to meet the needs of children with learning difficulties (they may also have autism, speech and language needs, sensory, medical or physical needs) who will benefit from attending mainstream classes and social contact with their peers in mainstream schools. To achieve their educational outcomes, they also require additional specialist support in small groups in a quiet setting away from mainstream school.

The **core** offer for pupils in the Acorn Centre is small class teaching for English, Maths and social skills with a high adult/child ratio. There are two classes broadly divided into older and younger children. Each class is taught by a qualified SEN teacher and up to three learning support assistants. Small groups of Acorn pupils (up to 4) are supported in daily mainstream lessons by highly skilled learning support assistants who provide inclusion to the mainstream learning but at a level Acorn pupils' can access. Inclusion occurs mostly in the afternoon where children are taught foundation subjects and Science.