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Our ASC Unit has learners with a diagnosis of ASC and an EHCP, who are allocated places by Somerset SEND panel. Our learners may also have significant barriers to learning, so the ASC Unit offers a bespoke curriculum to endeavor to meet the variety of the children's needs. In addition, the ASC Unit works closely with all parts of the mainstream school, to include appropriate inclusion opportunities to further enhance the provision for our learners with autism.

The ASC Unit is well equipped with different classrooms, a large outside area and various multi-sensory rooms, all offering play-based learning and exploration experiences. Furthermore, the ASC Unit benefits from other spaces around the mainstream school including a larger sensory room, a school hall for indoor PE activities, The Oasis for quiet reflection time, The Copse woodland area, trim trails, playgrounds and wider school fields.

Every child deserves the best possible start in life. We understand that children with an ASC diagnosis often face unique barriers to learning. Our approach focuses on identifying each child's strengths and supporting them to reach their full potential, fostering independence through a balanced mix of child-initiated and adult-led experiences. Through engaging play and high-quality sensory activities, our children explore, learn, and make meaningful connections, helping them make sense of the world around them.

School Uniform

We encourage all children to wear the school uniform. We understand that some children can struggle with certain clothing due to sensory issues. Please speak to a member of staff if you feel that adaptations to uniform will need to be made for your child.

Clothing:

- Royal blue jumper or cardigan (with school logo available from Taunton Uniforms)
- Sky blue polo shirt with or without logo
- Black or dark grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- White and blue gingham summer dress
- Black or white socks
- Black shoes
- School fleece / raincoat optional - available from Taunton Uniforms

PE:

- White top
- Black trousers or shorts
- Black trainers

We would prefer your child to wear PE kits on their PE days (you will find out the day in September), if your child is unable to wear their PE kits, then their normal uniform is fine, with no socks.

Outside learning/water/messy play

We spend lots of time outside and in the woodland area whatever the weather! We also do lots of water and messy play so the following are essential:

- Wellies
- Waterproofs
- Lots of spare clothes including socks.

Most importantly, label everything with your child's name including shoes!



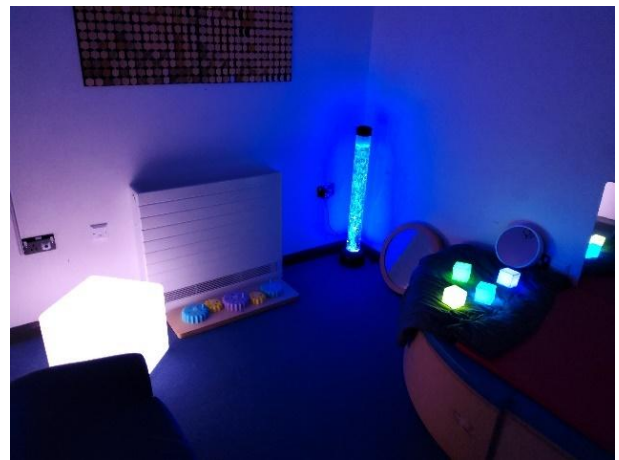
The ASC Unit has many different areas that the children can access independently throughout the day.



Classrooms



Outside area



Sensory room



Calm room



Active room

Other areas in the mainstream school that the children may access as part of their learning:



Hall



Mainstream sensory room



Playground



Field



The Copse/Woodland area

Staff photos:



Lucinda
ASC Unit SENCO



Amy
ASC Unit assistant
SENCO



Rachael
Ripples Teacher



Liam
ASC Unit Lead and
Rapids teacher



Polly
Waterfalls Teacher
(Mon-Thurs)



Jo
Waterfalls Teacher
(Friday)



Bianca
Streams Teacher



Kayleigh
Whirlpools Teacher

Teaching assistants working within the ASC Unit:

				
Jess	Louisa	Charlotte	Emily	Zoe
				
Joanna	Estelle	Jackie	Eddie	Chloe
				
Maddie	Rachael	Rachel	Cally – lunchtime TA	John – music therapist