



Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective Parents/Carers – Reception

- **How many pupils are at each site?**

We are three-form entry from Reception to Year 6 with classes of 30 children. Our Infant school has 9 classes, 3 in each year group. Our Junior school has 12 classes, 3 in each year group.

- **How is the site organised?**

Elmlea Infant School and Elmlea Junior School are part of the Russell Education Trust and are both situated on the same site, with separate entrances. Year 2 children attending Elmlea Infant School are offered a Year 3 place at the Junior School automatically.

- **How do you cater for high achieving children?**

At Elmlea our Ethos aims to provide education that is:

“An inclusive community; everyone thriving, empowered to be forever learners, within the world we care for”

Every child works to their own next steps because here at Elmlea we recognise that all children require different support and challenge throughout their education. We aim to provide a stimulating curriculum and we pride ourselves in not only allowing children to ‘take time to be a child’ but also that every child is individual and receives appropriate support and challenge where needed.

- **What support do you offer for children with special needs (SEND)?**

Elmlea Schools are educationally inclusive schools, welcoming all children and adults. We recognise individual gifts, talents and differences, celebrate all cultures and religions and value everyone’s opinion. Elmlea Schools are committed to providing an appropriate and high quality education for all children. We believe that all children, including those identified as having special educational needs or disabilities have a common entitlement to a broad and balanced academic and social curriculum, which is accessible to them. All children will be fully included in all aspects of school life. We have dedicated SENDCOs (Special Educational Needs Coordinators) who are members of our Senior Leadership Team and provide support to our staffing team and families.

- **How would my child be supported through the transition period?**

Full details of our transition period would be available once you have a confirmed place at Elmlea. We aim to support you and your child to settle in to life at Elmlea the best way we can. We have found that a staggered induction process allows your child the time to adjust to the new routines, develop friendships with other children and get to know the adults in the class in the best way. The induction process lasts around 2 weeks. Prior to your child’s start at Elmlea we will work in conjunction with your child’s Nursery/ Pre-school and parents/carers in order to provide the most supportive start at school as possible.

- **Do you provide wrap around care?**

Yes, there is a Breakfast Club that meets in the school hall and also an After School Club which is held in the Northcote Scout Hut at the top of Great Brockridge. Children attending the After School Club are collected from their classrooms by the supervisors and walked to the hut. Extra-curricular clubs also run throughout the year including sports, art, music and more