



**Wetheringsett
Manor**

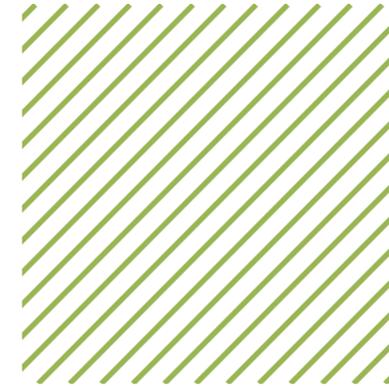


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Welcome to

Wetheringsett Manor

“We want every child to progress and to have the opportunity to achieve the most they can in life.”



We hope you enjoy your visit to our school.

I'm Mark Jeffries, the Headteacher at Wetheringsett Manor and when you are welcomed through our school reception, you will quickly see a warmth and kindness which shows what a wonderful place Wetheringsett Manor School is.

Our school is built on trust and partnerships between pupils, parents and our wonderful team of teachers and support workers, you will see that our school has a lovely family atmosphere.

Our aim is simple, to provide outstanding care and education for children who attend Wetheringsett Manor, helping them to be the best they can be. We deliver a broad and balanced rich learning environment through the National Curriculum, educational and life skills, vocational opportunities as well as any additional support they need to achieve this.

I have worked in SEN Education for 22 years and I'm driven by a passion and determination to help every child in our care to become a confident and independent member of society.

This brochure will give you an overview of the care and educational support offered by Wetheringsett Manor School. If you would like to know more about the opportunities we provide and the difference we make to the lives of young people, please get in touch.

Mark Jeffries
Headteacher
Wetheringsett Manor School

Our Aim

At Wetheringsett Manor, we support boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 18 years of age who have a range of social, emotional and mental health needs and also pupils who have been diagnosed with autism or demonstrate behaviours associated with autism. Many children come to us with complex needs, communication difficulties and associated challenging behaviour.

Before pupils join us, we work closely with the family, carers and key workers to make sure that we understand the needs of each individual child. By the time they join us we already recognise and understand their learning needs and we have the right support package in place, removing any barriers to learning which makes the transition and settling in process much smoother for the child.

Our vision is to create a community where education is highly valued, diversity is embraced, and children are encouraged to take control of their learning.

Our aim for the young people coming to Wetheringsett Manor is quite simple; we want every child to progress both educationally and emotionally. We want them to develop an understanding about themselves, to achieve a good level of independence, and experience what success feels like. By doing this we can equip every child with the skills and knowledge they need to be the best version of themselves.

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Our Approach

Child Centred Education

We strive to make our school a safe, friendly place where all our children love to learn. We believe that success in the classroom depends on positive relationships between staff and pupils. Our 'wrap around' holistic approach to supporting our pupils ensures that all needs are met. With small classes of no more than six pupils, teachers can creatively tailor lessons to ensure that all individual learning needs are addressed and met. We also have the capacity to schedule one-to-one interventions and therapy sessions to meet the wider individual needs of each child.

Involving Parents and Carers

We recognise the need to work closely with all stakeholders and we commit to actively engaging with families and carers in order to fully support their child's education. Many parents and carers have had negative encounters with education in the past – we aim to give them a completely different experience by offering the support and advice required for pupils to enjoy their schooling and so that learning is supported beyond the school day. As part of our commitment to working closely with our stakeholders the school contacts parents and carers at least once a week.

Achieving Success

Consistency is so important for our children and we work hard to create a positive learning environment where they know exactly what is expected of them. Through a credit and reward system pupils are rewarded for achievement inside and outside the classroom and for positive behaviour displayed during the week. We set aside reward time on a Friday afternoon to offer a range of curriculum enrichment activities, on site and off site, including trips to local attractions such as bowling, ice skating, local parks or the cinema. We also build time into our assemblies each week to acknowledge children who have made particular progress and to celebrate success either in their academic studies, on the sports field, in their behaviour or for displaying positive attitudes towards their work or others.

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Education

Every child will have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). These are based on the National Curriculum for English, Maths, Science, IT, History, Geography, Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Religious Education, PE, Art and Design and Technology.

In addition to our beautifully restored building, we are lucky enough to have 18 acres of picturesque grounds which teachers and pupils can access for learning alongside National Curriculum subjects as well as outdoor learning through Forest School.

Secondary Education

From Year 7, our pupils will continue their work through the core curriculum whilst pursuing other interests which could be anything from Music to Mechanics, Creative Arts to Cooking. From Year 9, we then move on to support pupils to help them work towards achieving work towards achieving formal qualifications at Entry Level Functional Skills or GCSE level.

Qualifications on Offer

As well as providing the opportunity to sit GCSEs, we will work with a number of local colleges so that pupils have the opportunity to achieve NCFE and BTEC qualifications in a range of vocational subjects.

At Wetheringsett Manor, we encourage pupils to develop an independent style of learning which helps them as they take their exams. We want our pupils to have high ambitions and then support them to achieve these goals and their full potential.

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Beyond School

Life Skills

We aim to prepare all of our pupils well for life outside of the classroom, for the next stage of their life. Our focus extends beyond academic subjects and expands to include social and emotional aspects through our life skills classes where our pupils learn about budgeting, cooking, navigating public transport and taking care of themselves and their home.

Through our life skills program the Wetheringsett 101, we aim to give all our pupils the skills they need for life after school, including work experience. These key priorities focus the development of key life skills to ensure that every pupil develops into a successful learner, confident individual and responsible citizen

Further Education

When pupils leave Wetheringsett Manor, we are committed to finding appropriate placements in: apprenticeships, further education or in a work placement. We help them to develop goals and ambitions for the future. With the support of their teachers and external careers advisers, we guide each child through the range of options available to them such as apprenticeships and college courses. Local businesses, colleges and local services often visit the school to give the children an insight into their professions and talk about the employment opportunities that are available.



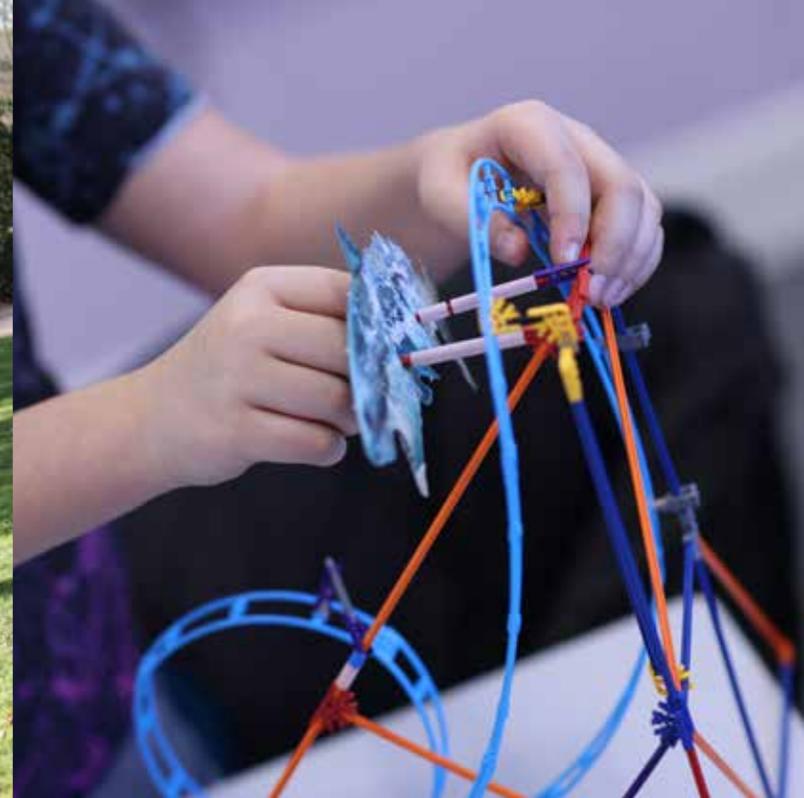
Our Holistic Approach

Many of the pupils who come to Wetheringsett Manor have a range of social, emotional and mental health issues which sometimes impact on their school and home life. We believe that with the right support in place, any child can achieve their full potential.

As we support them on this journey, it is important that we help them understand who they are, their feelings and any specific issues. Our therapy team will work with them to overcome any anxieties, fears and barriers to help them be the best they can be.

We are fortunate to have access to a psychotherapist, Occupational Therapist and Speech and Learning Therapist. They provide weekly visits to site and work closely with our pupils and staff team to help address barriers to learning and social development through direct sessions and consultations.

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Wetheringsett Manor at a Glance

How old are the children at Wetheringsett Manor?

We support boys and girls from 11-18 years of age.

How many children attend?

The school provides places for up to 42 children.

How long is the school year?

The school year follows the same 38-week timetable as mainstream schools within the area.

What special needs do children have at Wetheringsett Manor?

We support children who have a range of social, emotional and mental health needs and also pupils who have been diagnosed with autism or demonstrate behaviours associated with autism. Many also have additional learning or communication difficulties too.

How far do children travel to attend the school?

The majority of children at Wetheringsett Manor live within an hour's drive from the school and come from Local Authorities across Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex.

What extra support is provided?

Our multi-disciplinary team consists of teachers, teaching assistants and external therapists who support our children with specific needs.

What facilities are available onsite?

Wetheringsett Manor is a beautifully restored manor house which houses our classrooms. The manor is set in spacious 18 acre grounds which has many outdoor facilities including a play area and substantial woodlands.



“At Wetheringsett Manor, we provide a supportive environment to help remove barriers to learning, maximise potential and prepare our pupils for the wider world.”

If you are interested in visiting Wetheringsett Manor School, or finding out more about the support we provide, please contact:

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