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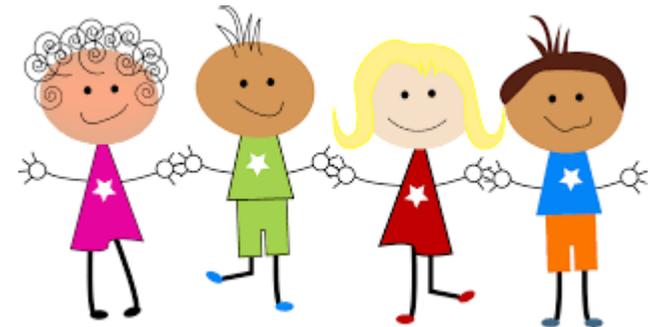
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# ELSA

# CENTRE

EMOTIONAL LITERACY SUPPORT AND ADVICE CENTRE



The ELSA Centre is set in the beautiful heart of Kent next to woodlands and areas of stunning beauty. We have one classroom, a calm room and an outside classroom.

This leads to a centre where children can come and explore how to use emotions, feelings and behaviours to improve their chances of a successful experience when returning to their main stream school.

Children will attend the centre for 12 weeks. In that time a reintegration plan will be decided between the ELSA staff and the pupil's school. Attendance is from 9.30-2pm Monday -Thursday. Each pupil will return to school on a Friday with outreach support from the ELSA staff.

A 12 stage differentiated programme will bring new skills which have never been explored.

The ELSA centre has 2 trained, experienced and permanent staff members welcoming up to 6 children.

This holistic approach welcomes family members to come and experience these new found skills with their children.

We ask that a Teaching Assistant attend the centre once a week to build relationships and maintain a link with the child's school. Each child then returns to school on a Friday but will be visited by centre staff. This time is used to establish continuity and best practice to support the child's Teacher, 1:1 and SENCO.

It is the responsibility of the school to arrange transport to and from the ELSA Centre. If during the day a child was to try climbing the fences or be violent, the school would be called immediately for the child to be collected.

The 2 permanent staff members pride themselves on an open door policy. With a firm belief of putting the children first, we know that a friendly, responsive attitude helps build ELSA centre/school relationships. This is our code of best practice.