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### KSENT Special Schools: Admission Guidance

Name of school	BOWER GROVE SCHOOL
Address:	Fant Lane, Maidstone, Kent MR16 8NL
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School Type:	Community Special School
Designation:	Primary and Secondary School
Primary Need:	Learning Difficulties and SEMH
Class Structure:	Year group classes
District Served:	West and East
Area:	West
Age range:	4-16 years old
Maximum Capacity:	214 September 2019

- Bower Grove is a foundation day co-educational Special School for children and young people aged between 4 and 16 years.
- The school is designated for 214 pupils with learning difficulties and SEMH. Many pupils will have co-morbid conditions of Autistic Spectrum and ADHD.
- Many pupils will also display conditions such as Attachment Disorder, ODD, OCD and Foetal Alcohol Syndrome with associated behaviours.
- A significant number of pupils are "Children in Care".
- Key Stage 1 & 2 pupils may have national average/above average academic potential, however, these pupils would be expected to transfer to a SEMH School eg Portal House or Goldwyn at Secondary transition.
- Generally, pupils will present 2 or more years below expected academic norms.
- The school is organised in Primary and Secondary school departments. The Primary aged children are taught by a class teacher in their own class room for most subjects, but may be taught by specialist teachers for PE, Computing and Music. Pupils in the Senior school follow a secondary style curriculum and all subjects are taught by specialist teachers.
- The school has excellent accommodation including a dining hall, a sports hall, a well-equipped gym, specialist teaching areas for Science, Technology, Food Technology, Music, Art and Computing and a well-equipped medical room. The school has a Nurture provision and sensory room. The school is situated in very pleasant surroundings with extensive field and outdoor play facilities. We have a number of school vehicles that enable us to engage in lots of off-site learning. We have a multi-disciplinary team including Drama Therapy, Counsellor, Complimentary Therapist and limited Speech and Language Therapy.
- Pupils are taught in class sizes of 12 with a teacher and 3 support staff in Key Stage 1&2 and a teacher and 2 support staff in Key Stage 3&4.
- At 16+ transition pupils will generally access a local college or special school sixth form. Pupils will typically gain 6 qualifications ranging from entry level awards to low grade GCSEs.

- In addition to the main school site, Bower Grove has an Autism Spectrum Condition Satellite for 12 pupils years 3-6, based at Westborough Primary School. All pupils must have a confirmed diagnosis of an Autistic Spectrum Condition. Pupils attending the satellite will be expected to have the necessary behaviour and cognitive ability to access the academic demands of a mainstream school curriculum.