



In January this year Mountfield Heath School opened in Robertsbridge. After a full refurbishment of the old Mountfield Heath & Whatlington School site, the doors have been reopened. Mountfield Heath School is an Independent Special Needs School, supporting boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 11 who have a range of Special Educational Needs. Specifically social, emotional and mental health needs, or have been diagnosed with autism, or demonstrate behaviours associated with autism <http://www.mountfieldheathschool.co.uk/> The doors opened to our first 3 students in January 2019 and we currently have 6 pupils, this will increase to 7 after the Easter holidays. The school places children who have been unable to be placed within local authority provisions due to their complex behavioural and learning needs, and we take pupils from East Sussex and West Kent.

All pupils at Mountfield Heath School will have access to an education that is personalised, engaging and will encompass a purposeful and balanced curriculum. We invest time with each individual child to recognise and understand their learning needs so that we can put in place the right support package. Many children come to us with very complex needs, communication difficulties and associated challenging behaviour. We always look beyond the issues and potential barriers to learning and recognise the innate potential within. Our expectations are very high for both behaviour and achievement, because we know that we can help children to reach their potential. With this in mind, we recognise that for many of our children the journey of education so far has been far from easy, which is why we think creatively about our approach to learning. We pride ourselves on preparing our pupils for the next stage of their lives – not just academically but socially and emotionally and all of our pupils are encouraged to reach high standards in every aspect.



The school is part of Acorn Care and Education and the National Fostering Agency (NFA) <http://www.acorncare.co.uk/> Acorn are a leading provider of specialist living and learning services for vulnerable children and young people, and the NFA are the UK's leading independent children's service provider, specialising in children with high needs most of whom have had a very poor start in life <https://www.nfa.co.uk/>.

