



## **Brook Street School**

### **Admissions Policy**

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### **Admissions Policy and Procedure**

Brook Street School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of pupils and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

It is our aim that all pupils fulfil their potential. At the School we are registered to educate pupils from the age of 14 and upwards, covering Key Stage 4. No pupil is refused entry on the grounds of race, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexual orientation. The school provides education for pupils with varying needs including ASD, SEMH, communication and interaction and/or difficulties with cognition and learning. All pupils are referred to us by Local Education Authorities.

### **When Local Education Authorities refer a pupil to us:**

A local authority refers pupils that they feel may be a good match to the school. If there is a school place available, the Head Teacher considers the EHC plan (if applicable), and shares initial thoughts regarding the suitability. The information provided assists the Head Teacher in his assessment as to whether a school placement is viable and appropriate. The Head Teacher considers whether the school has sufficient staffing in terms of number and experience to manage such admission both in terms of the individual pupil's needs and respect of the potential impact that the admission may

have on existing group dynamics. The Head Teacher either seeks consent from the local authority to contact parents/carers and current education provision to observe the pupil, or states that we do not feel that the school can meet the pupil's needs at this time.

If agreed, the school observes the pupil in their current education setting (or at home if they are not in education), and invites the parent(s)/carer(s) and potential pupil to visit school.

The Executive Headteacher meets with the parent(s)/carer(s) and pupil ensuring that they will be fully supportive of our ethos and approach.

If agreed by all parties, then an admission plan is set out. This involves full information gathering, documentation completion, contracting and pupil induction.

On the day of admission, pupil details are entered into the admissions register and the accompanying information is filed. All decisions regarding admissions are made in accordance with the Code of Practice for Schools, Disability Discrimination Act 1995 Part 4 and Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010.

The school has a policy for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in line with the SEN Code of Practice (July 2014)

Our school makes provision for pupils who have English as an additional language, (EAL) in the assessment procedure. We do not regard pupils as having a 'learning difficulty' solely because the 'language or medium of communication of the home is different from the language in which he or she is or will be taught' (Education Act 1996, Section 312(1), (2) and (3).