



North Ridge High School

Admissions Policy

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North Ridge Statement of Provision

Introduction

North Ridge is a secondary specialist support school for young people with severe or profound learning difficulties and associated additional needs (e.g. ASC, aged 11-19years) which would include places for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD), Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

North Ridge is a specialist secondary school which provides 200-day places for 11- 19-year-old young people in the Manchester local authority.

The carefully planned environment and engaging, personalised curriculum on offer is designed to meet the needs of young people with learning difficulties.

At North Ridge, we offer a strong focus on applied communication and life skills, with the curriculum continually monitored and evaluated to ensure young people are well prepared for each stage of their education at North Ridge.

For a child to be admitted, the school must be named, by a local authority, in the child's education health and care plan ('EHCP')

In the process of considering, naming North Ridge in an EHC plan the LA must consult with the school and the school will consider the appropriateness of the placement for an individual and would ensure that naming a child for North Ridge would be in the best interests of the young people and whether the school could meet their needs.

We can only accept referrals from Local Authorities (LA). Whilst parents are welcome to visit the school and can be provided with information about the school, the school cannot proceed to the admissions stage without local authority support. Parents wishing their young people to benefit from our provision should ask their local authority to name our school in their child's EHCP.

A local authority can also refer a child to the school to be assessed for an EHCP plan or following a change in the child's circumstances for his or her needs to be assessed or reassessed. Any assessment should be completed within the 20 weeks set out in the SEND Code.

For further information on our school, and the process of obtaining a place here, contact Manchester City Council Admissions 0161 245 7166.

Tribunals

Although parents can indicate to their local authority the school of preference to be named, the authority may not agree with the placement identified. In such circumstances, parents have the right to appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (SEN & Disability). The school will adhere to LA decisions.

Private funding of places

North Ridge is unable to offer places to families who wish to independently fund the placement.

Communication and Confidentiality

All information relating to the proposed placement of any individual is confidential. There will be open and regular communication with relatives, carers and advocates, which acknowledge and respect the needs of each user.

The school will liaise with the local authority to ensure they are kept up to date.