

Liverpool Progressive School Admissions Policy



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Aim of the Policy

This Policy outlines the process for admissions to the School.

Background

Liverpool Progressive School is registered with the Department of Education and Employment to support the educational needs of 8 – 19 year olds who are experiencing severe and complex learning difficulties and behaviours that others may find challenging or inappropriate in community settings.

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Admissions Criteria

The Admission criteria must be met before a pupil can be formally accepted for a place at the school. The following must apply

- The pupil has a Statement of Special Educational Needs
- The pupil is aged 8 – 19 years
- The pupil has severe and/or complex learning difficulties with associated behaviours that others might find challenging (this may include Autism, a variety of syndromes as well as those children affected by Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties)
- Funding must be agreed by the relevant authorities before a placement may commence

Referral Pathway

Pupils are usually referred through their Local Education Authority, Social Services or Health Authority.

It is not uncommon for parents, carers or interested parties to make the first contact for information regarding a place at the school. Staff must signpost parents/carers or interested parties to the correct department if they wish to register a child at the school.

Visits to the School

Interested parties are encouraged to arrange a visit to the school and meet with the Head Teacher and other senior staff to discuss their particular child's needs. The visit will include the opportunity to look around the school and assess the suitability for their child. If all agree that Liverpool Progressive School would be the correct placement for the child an arrangement will be made for a suitable time for senior staff to conduct an observation and assessment.

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Observation and Assessment

If the child requires a residential placement then senior residential team members will also conduct an observation and assessment of the prospective pupil.

The Head Teacher will request all relevant information relating to the child. This will include an up-to-date Statement of Special Educational Needs and reports from Educational Psychologists. Any information from the child's previous school, behaviour support team or previous risk assessments and documentation could also be useful if available.

The resulting report and supporting documentation is then considered and if all agree that attendance at Liverpool Progressive School will meet the pupil's individual needs, the offer of a placement is made in writing to the refereeing authority. A copy of a draft contract will also be sent to the child's Local Education Authority.

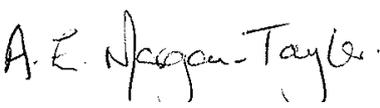
Referral Process

Local Authority staff are always welcome to visit the school prior to any referral being made, during the referral process or at any time during the child's placement.

The Pupil Centred Planning process will commence with a meeting, which will be called by the Head Teacher, to which all people involved in the pupil's life are invited. Additional information will be gathered at this forum to include details of the child's routines, likes, dislikes and links with their family. At this time an initial Risk Assessment will commence and views about the placement exchanged.

It may be appropriate that designated support staff members will begin to establish links with the pupil in their current educational and residential placement to support the transition process to Liverpool Progressive School. Where it is deemed appropriate the child may visit the school and his/her new residential home to become familiar with the new environments.

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