



Admissions Policy

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Rationale:

The admission of pupils with EHCPs to special schools is a decision for the local authority (LA) who has statutory responsibility for arranging their provision. There are admissions criteria for each special school that are applied in order to determine if a particular special school would be a suitable placement. The admissions criteria for Kent special schools can be found at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs/school-information-for-special-educational-needs-sen>

Admissions Policy Statement:

Grange Park School caters for pupils aged between 8 – 19 years with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) which cites Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) as their primary need. Grange Park offers

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a provision for pupils who are unable to access mainstream provision due to their social communication and emotional regulation difficulties.

Characteristics of Pupils:

Alongside a diagnosis of ASC pupils may also have one or more of the following:

- Associated learning difficulties
- Difficulty in managing their behaviour (in relation to their ASC)
- Their needs in relation to their ASC cannot be met in a mainstream setting.

Criteria:

It is essential that the curriculum on offer at Grange Park School meets the needs of the pupils and that all elements of the EHCP can be delivered in the school setting. In order to facilitate efficiency of learning, there should be an appropriate peer group and a vacancy in the Year Group.

Additional criteria will be:

- Distance, allied to the nearest appropriate school
- Severity related to a number of needs
- It is essential that the pupil is able to access learning in a classroom setting without the support of a 1:1.
- An ability to follow the national curriculum. At the secondary stage, this requires transition between subjects.

Standard Number and Key Stage Balance

The maximum class size is 10 in Key Stage 2, 3 & 4.

Transfer

Pupils will normally be admitted to Grange Park School at the beginning of the academic year.

Pupils who apply for places during the academic year e.g. if they move to Kent from another LA will be considered according to the admissions criteria. In year admissions are unusual due to oversubscription.

LA Process for Decision Making

The school will assess pupils who meet the aforementioned criteria in their existing school before they are offered a place to ensure that we are able to meet their needs and the placement is appropriate. We encourage parents to visit Grange Park prior to application and admission.

Refusal of Admissions

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The school reserve the right to refuse admission in the following cases:

- Places are fully subscribed and admitting pupils over this number would be incompatible with the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources
- The school would be unable to meet the needs of the pupil
- Admission of a pupil would compromise the Health and Safety of pupils and/or staff within the school, or would seriously compromise or disrupt the education of pupils already within the school

Appeals Procedure

Appeals will be considered in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

Grange Park School is committed to the positive promotion of equal opportunities for all and ensuring equality of access to its activities and services.

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