




Nether Hall School

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

Nether Hall School is a Leicester City special school situated on the east side of the city which educates children and young people aged 4 -19 with severe and profound and multiple learning difficulties. A significant number of pupils have additional and associated needs including; speech and language and communication and interaction difficulties.

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Currently, 135 places for children and young people aged 4 to 19 years with an EHCP are maintained at the school by the local authority. This number is reviewed annually.

Most pupils reside within the city with a small number of places provided, by arrangement, for pupils who reside outside the local authority area.

Almost all pupils who are admitted to Nether Hall School have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). The exception is when we strive to support the local authority when an initial assessment place is required for a child or young person being assessed regarding the need for an EHCP. Depending on the number on roll at the time, this is not always possible. The local authority responsible for issuing the plan will decide whether a special school placement is appropriate.

Once the decision to seek a placement in a special school has been finalised, schools will be approached to determine whether or not they can meet the needs of the pupil as set out in the EHCP.

Parents are entitled to have, and are entitled to voice, an opinion about their preferred choice of school for their child.

Once a school has been named on the EHCP there is a statutory obligation for the school to admit the child. The school and local authority will co-manage the admission of pupils with severe and profound and multiple learning difficulties to the school. When we receive information from the local authority about a child, we endeavour to meet the child in their current setting. We also encourage parents to visit the school with their child.

Admissions may take place throughout the year but in order to make appropriate arrangements, admission dates will usually be agreed for the beginning of a term. However, this may vary based on the individual circumstances of each admission.

To find further information about admissions from Leicester City Council click the following link:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/special-educational-needs-sen/>

APPEAL ARRANGEMENTS

The SEN Code of Practice entitles parents to appeal to the SEN and Disability Tribunal if their LA refuses to name their preferred school in the EHCP.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

The schools' Admissions Policy is reviewed and approved by the schools' Governing Body at least every seven years as required by Sections 84 and 85 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 or when there are changes in regulations, legislation or for other reasons necessitating an earlier revision of the policy.