

Northampton School

Admissions

1. About Northampton School

Northampton School admits pupils aged 11-16 with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP's) in which their primary need is Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH). This may include social anxiety.

2. Admissions Process

Placements are carefully considered by an admissions panel to ensure that the school can meet the needs of the child in question, alongside whether they would have an appropriate peer group amongst current pupils. All placements are funded by the Local Authority in which a pupil resides, and upon admittance the school will be named in Section I of the pupil's EHCP.

The school welcomes communication from parents/carers who are exploring potential placements for their child. Please contact the school and submit a copy or draft of your child's EHCP alongside any other relevant documentation and information. In the first instance, the admissions panel will consider whether your child's needs could potentially be met at Northampton School and if so, you will be invited for a tour of the school. Subsequently, if you wish to continue with the admissions process, a robust assessment will take place which involves meeting the child to determine whether a placement can be offered. Should it transpire that Northampton School is unable to admit your child, the team will endeavour to use its specialist local knowledge to direct you to alternative schools to explore.

Formal consultations to secure a placement must be conducted by the Local Authority in which any perspective pupil lives. This can either be requested by a parent or carer or undertaken by a Local Authority exploring placements for a child. Local Authority consultations must be sent directly to the Principal and include the child's EHCP and appendices.

Once a placement has been agreed, a bespoke transition plan will be made by the school in conjunction with the child, their family and any involved professionals.

3. Frequently Asked Questions

What will my child learn?

The curriculum is flexible, and tailored to children as individuals, but we aspire for all pupils to complete GCSE or Functional Skills qualifications (GCSE equivalent) in English, maths and science plus additional qualifications in chosen subjects including humanities, PSHE, ASDAN, Art and PE.

Some pupils also study vocational subjects according to their interests and aspirations– this can include a range of bespoke qualifications including mechanics, and forest school. This can include attending offsite and/or alternative provisions.

All pupils also complete outdoor education sessions, tailored to delivering incidental and direct learning to pupils who can struggle in traditional and formal learning situations. Our outdoor learning programmes are designed to teach life skills whilst developing character, resilience and increasing the confidence of our pupils.

What if my child has missed a lot of school and is behind their peers?

Many children start at Northampton School with an inconsistent education history. Upon entry to the school, their learning levels will be assessed through a mixture of teacher assessment and standardised assessments where appropriate. A bespoke learning plan may be created to address any learning gaps the child may have and enable them to catch up.

What are the school hours?

The school hours are 8.50am to 14.30pm.

How will my child get to the school?

Transport assistance can be applied for from the Local Authority in which the child resides. Typically, children are transported via taxi, organised by SEN transport.

Do the pupils wear uniform?

Northampton School uniform consists of a standard black polo top, and a black school jumper. The polo tops and jumper are provided to all students. Students are expected to wear black trousers/shorts and shoes.

Do the pupils have lunch provided?

All students are provided with breakfast and lunch.

4. Contact Details

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