



Greys Education Centre

An Alternative Provision Academy

BILTT Greys Education Centre

ADMISSIONS POLICY

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Introduction

Greys Education Centre is an Alternative Provision Academy for pupils aged 5 to 16. The provision at Bromham provides for excluded and partnership pupils aged 5 to 11 (Primary) as well as Hospital Education pupils of statutory school age (Primary and Secondary). In addition, the HIVE LA SEMH for Primary aged pupils, is also located at Bromham site. The provision at Kempston provides for pupils aged 12 to 16 who have been excluded from school or are on a partnership placement. The classroom in Bedford Hospital provides for Primary and Secondary pupils.

Our aim is to ensure pupils receive outstanding educational provision and, as appropriate, are reintegrated back into mainstream education.

Admission Arrangements

Under our funding agreement we have places for 99 pupils. 20 across our Primary and SEMH Primary, 42 places at the Secondary provision and 33 in Hospital Education. We are also commissioned to facilitate for a number of extra pupils as appropriate and these arrangements are made clear in the appropriate service level agreements.

Placements at Greys Education Centre will be considered in the following ways:

- Pupils permanently excluded from school will be referred to Greys by the Local Authority, who commission Greys to provide full-time provision.
- Access to the Primary and Secondary provisions for a Partnership placement is through a panel overseen by Early Help at the LA. Schools can request a partnership placement by completing an EHA. Agreement must be sought with parents / carers for these pupils to attend Greys. The length of these placements will depend on a pupil's needs and will be subject to review. Also, such pupils will be dual rolled with Greys and it is fully expected that they will return to the partnership school.
- Access to the Hospital Education Team is through school referral in consultation with a medical professional – usually a Consultant Paediatrician. These referrals are sent to the Head of Hospital Education at Greys and may be subject to scrutiny by the Borough.

Admissions Criteria

In the event of oversubscription of referrals, there will be a consultation with the authority to deem whether it is appropriate to commission further placements. Also, the following priority criteria will be applied:

- Whether the pupil has an EHCP and Greys has been named as a 'school'
- Whether the pupil is 'looked after' or has previously been 'looked after'
- Where medical and/or social circumstances set out that Greys is the most appropriate place for the pupil – written evidence must be provided from a relevant professional.

- Pupils who live nearest to the school determined by straight line distance from the school site to the pupil's home address

In the event that two or more pupils live at the same address, the ultimate tie-breaker will be random selection.

Also, where Greys is deemed 'full', Partnership placements may have to end in order to allow for excluded pupils. The Borough and schools will be consulted before this happens.

Definitions

Looked after children

A 'looked after' child is a child who is in the care of the authority or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions – Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989.

Previously 'looked after' children

This is a child who, after being 'looked after' became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

These criteria will be reviewed annually.

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