

The following criteria should be followed for all applications for places at Meadows School.

These criteria should not be varied without the consent and approval of Meadows' Governors and the responsible Assistant Director (Children's Services).

Admissions Criteria

1. The age of the young person on date of admission must be between 11 and 19 years old, although Induction Placements for Year 6 pupils may be arranged.
2. The academic and social needs of the child must be able to be met by the staff team and other resources provided by the school or other agencies as agreed by the referring authority.
3. The child must be capable of working in school in a class of up to eight pupils, and of living in the unit with a group of up to ten other children.
4. The cultural, physical, spiritual, social and emotional needs of the child must be able to be met from within the staff group of Meadows.
5. All young people enrolled must have stated clearly that they will try to conform to the standards of behaviour set out in the school's Code of Conduct.
6. Parents/Carers will be expected to agree to a working partnership that will be open and honest throughout their child's stay at Meadows and sign a parents/school agreement.
7. For residential pupils, regular home leave for holidays and weekend closures is an important aspect of life at Meadows School. Parents or the responsible authority must be able to guarantee this throughout the child's time at Meadows, either at the parental home or in a long-term local authority provision. Loss of this provision will lead to a review of the appropriateness of the child's stay at Meadows.
8. Every young person must have a Statement of Special Educational Needs, or be in the final stages of statementing with the expected completion date due by the end of the assessment period.
9. At the point of initial referral it is expected that a full and up to date case history will be provided detailing the difficulties experienced by the child and the expectations of the local authority.
10. Meadows will accept young people who have experienced a disruptive and disturbed family and educational life and who may have serious difficulties relating to adults and to other young people.
11. The School is willing to work in partnership with local Children's Trusts, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services, and other relevant statutory and non-statutory bodies (when appropriate).

12. We do not accept young people who have a history of serious delinquent activity or extremely violent behaviour or serious dependency behaviours. Any such behaviour exhibited by young people whilst at Meadows School may lead to permanent exclusion.