



Admissions Policy

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North View Academy Trust is a co-educational special school catering for children aged 4 to 11 years with emotional and behavioural difficulties and in some cases autistic spectrum disorders which can cause problematic behavioural and emotional problems.

The Academy Trust Governors will act lawfully and reasonably when considering applications for places at the Academy Trust. Priority for places will be given in the following order:

1. Children with a statement of educational needs, which names our Academy Trust as the providing establishment.
2. Children who are undergoing a statutory assessment of their special needs whose needs need to be assessed and interventions planned for.

Under the Sex Discrimination Act of 1975, the Academy Trust Governors will not discriminate against applicants on the grounds of gender, race, colour, nationality or country of origin.

The Academy Trust Governors will not discriminate against applicants on the grounds that the child does not live in the Sunderland LEA area except where such an admission would contravene the Academy Trust admissions policy above.

Under the Education Reform Act, 1988, Standard numbers and approved admissions numbers for each 'relevant age group' are set with reference to a Academy Trust's capacity to accommodate pupils. That is, a Academy Trust is allocated a number of places for each year group, which it should not exceed. The admissions number for any 'relevant age group' will only be exceeded in exceptional circumstances and after consultation with the governing body.

An independent appeals panel will be set up in accordance with the Academy Trusts Standards Framework Act, 1998, and conducted in line with the Code of Practice issued in 1999.

The Academy Trust Governors will publish its admissions policy annually in the Academy Trust's Prospectus and in the Academy Trusts official website.

RATIONALE:

North View Academy forms part of the Sunderland City Peoples Directorate SEN Local Offer and admission is through joint negotiation with the Local Authority (LA). The Academy is a special school designated for 70 pupils aged 4-11 years with high level special needs:

- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties**
- **Autistic Spectrum Condition + (SEMHD)**

(*Other CLDD special needs may be considered through EHC plans and on an individual basis)
All pupils must have an Education Health & Care plan that includes a Statement of Education Need naming the Academy as provider. The Academy Bill 2012 permits the admission of pupils from other Local Authorities through negotiation with the School and Sunderland LA.

The Governing Body acknowledges the right of mainstream education providers and academy schools to work closely in partnerships with North View Academy School as part of the education continuum offering diversity and excellence above its commissioned places, and believes strongly in the right of parental choice and special education provision as an option for their child

PRINCIPLES

The Academy will admit pupils who have been identified as having a special educational need as is appropriate to its current designation.

Priority placements will be awarded to children and young people from the City of Sunderland.

- The Academy will admit pupils from the age of 4 years until 11 years.
- The Academy will admit up to a **maximum** number of 10 pupils per teaching group as deemed annually by the its organisational structure (published September).

- The Academy will admit pupils throughout the year determined by the Education Health & Care Plan: Statement of Educational Need procedures in liaison with Sunderland City Council People Department, other Local Authorities and Commissioning Agencies.
- Annual Reviews will be held where provision will be reviewed under the Code of Practice 2014.
- Transition Reviews will be held at Yr.6, where appropriate provision will be discussed and funding arrangements agreed.
- Place funding will be recouped directly from Commissioning Agencies and Local Authorities in line with Sunderland City Council funding formula published to The Education Funding Agency in line with the Academy Act 2012.

IN CONCLUSION

North View Academy seeks to aid parents through the complex issues surrounding admission to a special school. Parents will have opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and pupils and discuss with the Headteacher the services provided by North View, which may meet their child's need. Once it is decided that a child be placed at North View on availability, they will be admitted.

A transfer process to school will be agreed which may include a pre- visits, prior to full-time placement to the school. The Headteacher and staff believe in a collaborative approach to school admission and will work alongside parents and agencies to ensure a successful transition to school.