



Arrangements for the Admission of Pupils Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Admissions for pupils with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

Admissions will be coordinated via a formal consultation between the Local Authority and the Academy. SENCo, Mrs C Horne.

Admissions for pupils with a Special Educational Need and/or Disability

The Compass Academy is proud of our day to day commitment to be a fully inclusive school.

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 defines a disabled person as one who *has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a persons ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.*

Most children with Special Educational Needs will not be disabled within the meaning of the Act. The admission of pupils with disabilities is considered in the first instance in the same way as non-disabled pupils.

In line with the Equalities Act, 2010, The Compass Academy aims to accommodate pupils with disabilities. In consultation with a child's parents/carers, individual needs are planned for to prevent any pupils being treated less favourably, than other pupils. We will take all steps possible, to provide an effective educational provision. Where a pupil has a particular need e.g. wheelchair access, we will ensure that reasonable adjustments are made for that pupil's need to be fully met.

In practice, we ensure that all staff encourage the participation of all pupils in line with their WAR (Work Attitude Relationship) Targets and ABAL scores, including those categorised as having Special Educational Needs.

Resources are used to increase access to learning and participation by all pupils.

Facilities to assist access to the school for pupils with disabilities include:

- Wheelchair access throughout the school site-including entrances and classrooms.
- Carpeted classrooms to aid hearing impaired pupils' learning.
- Exterior lighting to improve evening access, when required.
- Routes to the main entrance are clearly signed and free from obstruction.
- Disabled toilets.
- Disabled parking is available at the site
- Dedicated areas across the school to support pupils' emotional wellbeing.

In all other circumstances, normal admission arrangements will be followed, as per the Academy Admissions Policy.

For further information, please contact the Academy SENCo/Assistant Vice Principal:

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