

## Admissions Policy

<b>Approved by:</b>	Chair of Leadership and Management Committee	<b>Date:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>Signed:</b>	Due to the pandemic this policy was agreed virtually at the Governors meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	
<b>Next review due by:</b>	March 2022 Mrs C Ellis-Gage	

## **CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION**

- All pupils at Parkside School have Learning Difficulties and other complexities of need and are the subject of an EHCP under the Children and Families Act 2014.
- The plan generally indicates the pupil's primary need and the level of learning and other associated difficulties. This makes it necessary for the school to provide an alternative or modified curriculum which meets the differentiated needs of the pupil. These learning difficulties may be accompanied or aggravated by physical/medical disabilities and/or emotional or behavioural difficulties.
- That the school can meet the needs of the pupil as identified in professional reports.

## **ADMISSIONS SELECTION**

Selections for admissions are collected and prioritised by EHCP staff in conjunction with other professionals. The school identifies vacancies within the school. The Local Authorities Admissions Co-ordinator organises an admissions meeting in the Autumn Term at which Special School Head Teachers and Special Education Needs Officers decide placements of pupils. Admissions selection is based primarily on pupil need balanced against the need to maintain stable curriculum provision within schools.

It is also essential to take into consideration the balance of needs within each year group.

A significant factor for this school is the support given by parents/carers working in partnership with the school in the education and development of their child.

### LONG TERM INTERNAL CLASS ORGANISATION

The needs of the pupils and specialised facilities demand small class sizes. To allow for a broad and balanced curriculum the school aims to organise its classes as follows:-

Year groups will be organised: Sensory learners from Year 3 – 11

<b>Junior School</b> Years 3-8	<b>Secondary School</b> Years 9-12
Buffalo	Maple
Elephant	Sparrow
Leopard	Blackbird
Rhino	Willow
Lion	Holly
	Robin
	Jay
	Beech
	Sycamore
	Rowan
	Pathways

Total school population 172 pupils. (Plus up to 12 Students at Pathways College)

Typical admissions will, therefore, be:

- 10 Year 3 / 4 pupils
- 10 Year 7 pupils
- 12 Year 12 pupils at Pathways

Vacancies in other year groups can be filled as appropriate Including Pathways College.

Classes can be more than 10 if the balance across the class is considered appropriate.

#### Evaluation

This policy will be evaluated every Summer Term by the Senior Leadership Team. They will look at the school population and the capacity of the school to meet the numbers required by the Local Authority.

The total number of admissions will then be agreed by the Local Authority ready for the Autumn admissions programme.