



TESTING POLICY AT WARDEN PARK ACADEMY

Rationale

This Policy explains the actions taken to ensure inclusion throughout the school for all students with additional learning needs. The policy forms an integral part of our teaching and learning philosophy, which seeks to create a learning environment whereby every individual student may fulfil his/her full potential.

Testing at Warden Park

At Warden Park, your child will continually be monitored by the staff responsible for their learning. At certain points in their academic career – notably in year 7 and in year 9, the students will be screened as a year group. This enables difficulties in reading, writing, spelling and processing to be picked up and suitable interventions put in place to support your child. Tests will be carried out by a specialist Teacher Assessor with an assessment practising certificate.

An Exam Access Arrangement (EAA) is a provision or type of support given to a student (subject to exam board approval) in a national/ public exam, where a particular need has been identified and is provided so that the student has appropriate access to the exam. Students who have been tested and require an Access Arrangement such as a reader, Scribe, extra time etc, will be able to use their access arrangement in their controlled assessments and exams. It may not always be possible to guarantee the use of their Access arrangement in every test however, but staff will take this into account when marking your child's work.

Teachers can refer a student to SEN department where they have concerns about the learning and progress of a student in their class. All of the students' current teachers will be asked to give feedback to gain information, and following this a decision will be made as to whether to test a student for EAA. Staff can also request students to be assessed in all year groups at certain points in the year.

How do staff and parents know whether a student has Exam Access Arrangements?

All subject teachers and support staff are given access to Sims on the staff shared drive ('T' Drive). All relevant information about students with Exam Access Arrangements can be found on data marksheets and on Mintclass. The SEN register and Exam Access Arrangements (EAA) are updated whenever students become entitled. The information about results of assessments for EAA are kept confidentially in line with school policy and are shared on a need to know basis

Parents of students in year 10 who have an Access Arrangement, will receive a written confirmation of their arrangement with suggestions of how the parent can support their child at home. The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) publish regulations, giving details of the latest regulations for Access Arrangements. This is updated every autumn. JCQ members are the six examination boards in England, Wales and Scotland.

If your child reports that they have had a screening test performed, you will only be informed if your child requires some intervention. This includes results from students that have been put forward as a request for testing from a teacher.