



Barndale House School

Admissions Policy

Admission Criteria

Children and young people are referred for Special Education following assessments made by a number of professionals, as well as contributions from parents, which leads to a written legal statement of the child/young person's Special Educational Needs.

Written referrals containing information about a child/young person's needs would be sent to the Head Teacher by the Local Educational Authority in order for the school to consider carefully whether the child/young person's Statement of Educational Need can be met at Barndale School.

Families moving into the Alnwick area from another part of the country who have a child/young person with a Statement of Educational Need may contact the school directly or through the Local Educational Authority at Northumberland County Hall, Morpeth.

Residential Admission Criteria

Those children and young people who attend Barndale House School may be offered the opportunity to access the residential provision of extended days or overnight stays.

The benefits that the residential provision can offer an individual child/young person may frequently be identified at the child's educational annual review.

The range of residential opportunities offered to the child/young person will take into account their individual needs and their ability to access the provision.

Planned Admission

We expect to include young people wherever possible to be involved in the induction process.

We liaise closely with the young person and their parents or carers, to gather as much information about the young person as possible and to give information about the service and facilities we provide.

Pre Residential Information and Meetings

We will arrange a pre-residential meeting with the young person's parents or carers prior to any induction to the residential provision. The aim of the meeting is to liaise with the young person and their parents/carers to gather as much information as possible about their individual needs. It is also an opportunity for the parents/carers to have an additional tour of the residential building and grounds, to give information about the service and facilities we provide.

Induction to Residential Provision

Arrangements will be made and agreed for the young person to visit Barndale Residential Provision for an extended tea stay. This is an opportunity for the young person to meet the residential care staff team and become familiar with the residential setting.