

LANCASTERIAN SCHOOL – ADMISSION POLICY

The Authority's policy for determining admissions to maintained special schools is based upon matching the special educational needs of individual pupils to the particular range of needs provided for in each school. Special schools are broadly classified as providing for a particular type of special educational need. Since many pupils may show a combination of needs, the predominant need identified will normally be the determining factor in school placements. Lancasterian is unique in its provision. Lancasterian meets the needs of pupils aged 3-16 with physical, complex medical and communication needs serving the whole of Manchester local authority. The Local Education Authority (LEA) does have ultimate control over the pupils admitted to each special school. Pupil placements follow a formal assessment of the pupils' special educational needs. This process usually results in the issue of a Final Education, Health and Social Care Plan, naming the school which offers the most appropriate provision for the pupil concerned. From time to time pupils are admitted to a school for a short period of assessment. Pupils will have an annual Education and Health Care Plan review. For admissions to the school families can contact the Headteacher informally, the formal referral will be to the local authority's statutory assessment team.