



Commissioned Placement Information Pack

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Meadow Park School Commissioned Placements are available for children in all key stages and ordinarily last between one and three school terms, with the exception of Key Stage 4 where placements can continue for the duration of that key stage.

The programme aims to prevent students from permanent exclusion and assist students to be able to return to their home school successfully, or go on to further education, training, or employment.

Our aims:

- To develop students' self-esteem and social skills
- To provide a calm and nurturing environment
- To build positive relationships between students and adults
- To provide students with a key worker, whose aim is to support them to transition successfully
- To help students understand the consequences of certain behaviours
- To work in partnership with parents and school staff to ensure consistent approach
- To prevent permanent exclusion
- Improve attendance and engagement in education

Who will be responsible for the student?

On arrival students will spend time in our assessment base, which is led by our experienced SENCo (SEN co-ordinator), where students' academic ability is assessed, enabling us to place them in a suitable class. A pupil portrait is created during this time and shared with the student's form tutor and class teachers to ensure their needs are fully met.

We recommend termly reviews with a member of the Meadow Park team, parents, and a representative from the home school. During each review we will consider and discuss the student's progress, engagement, strategies, and reintegration opportunities. We will monitor attendance and provide termly individual pupil profiles which show targets and areas of development or concerns for each student.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad and balanced and enables students to achieve and gain knowledge, understanding and skills, and build upon them for their future. We offer a range of subjects at all key stages and at Key Stage 4 we select our qualifications carefully, offering a strong academic core of subjects.

Please see our school website for further information on each Key Stage. Some students will also have access to Mentor and Therapy support where mindfulness and relaxation is practiced, and students can focus on listening skills.

Reasons you may consider a placement

The programme is an intervention for those students who are unable to access learning successfully in their mainstream classrooms due to social, emotional, mental health and/or behavioural difficulties.

Such reasons might be:

- Low self-esteem
- Finding it hard to listen to others or join in
- Family illness or separation
- Bereavement
- Finding it hard to settle in a large environment
- Friendship difficulties – keeping/making friends
- Quiet, shy, withdrawn, or anxious

Parent and carer involvement

Parents and carers are essential partners in promoting their child's learning and development. Staff at Meadow Park School will work with the parents and carers to build positive and productive relationships. We will report both positive and negative behaviours and discuss strategies we feel may benefit our students.

Referrals

If you feel a student may benefit from a commissioned placement referral, please complete the **Placement Request Form**. All completed referrals should be sent to meadowpark@knowsley.gov.uk. If you are unsure or have any queries, please contact school and we will be happy to discuss a potential application. The Placement Request Form can be found on the school's website or emailed directly to you by contacting the school office.

We accept referrals from Knowsley schools and schools in other boroughs. Once receive the referral, we will contact the referring school to gather further information or evidence. A representative from school along with a parent / carer will be invited to a meeting to discuss all aspects of the referral form. We will then decide if the student is a suitable candidate. A start date will be arranged once the signed service level agreement is received.

Transport

- **Key Stage 1:** We may be able to assist with transport. This can be discussed during the application process.
- **Key Stage 2:** The referring school is responsible for transport.
- **Key Stages 3 and 4:** To promote independence, we encourage all students in the Secondary department to make their own way to Meadow Park School.

Cost

The cost for all placements is £60.00 per term day which includes:

- GL Assessments
- Accelerated Reader
- Termly Pupil Profiles
- Termly Reports
- Parents Evenings
- Termly Placement Reviews
- Reintegration Plan
- Career Advice and Guidance

Further information

For more information, please email meadowpark@knowsley.gov.uk or call the school on 0151 477 8100.