

# The Bridge Specialist Academy

## Statement of Provision



### **Introduction**

The Bridge Specialist Academy is a free school focused upon improving opportunities and outcomes for students with SEMH difficulties.

The aim of The Bridge is to re-engage its students into education and progression to employment, training or further education. Admissions to the Bridge Specialist Academy will be through the school being named as the place of provision in an Education, Health and Care Plan ('EHCP') and the local authority of the child will be the commissioner. Admissions may be made at any time throughout the year.

### **Characteristics of pupils**

The school will specialise in providing places for:

- Anyone an LA names to the school in an EHCP which identifies SEMH as the primary need.
- For up to 21 weeks:
  - Those who the LA is assessing for SEN – dual registered with their current school
  - Those for whom the LA is considering amending their statement of SEN or EHCP – dual registered with their current school.

### **Number of places available**

The Bridge will provide education for up to 40 pupils aged 4-11 with SEMH identified as their primary need. These places will be full time.

### **Admission arrangements**

The point of contact for commissioners is the Headteacher of Bridge Specialist Academy.

For a child to be admitted, the school must be named, by a local authority, in the child's education health and care plan ('EHCP') .

Parents wishing their children to benefit from our provision should ask their local authority to name our school in their child's EHCP.

For further information regarding free special schools admission responsibilities please see the following document:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/506010/Special\\_Fr ee\\_School\\_Admissions\\_Guidance.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/506010/Special_Fr ee_School_Admissions_Guidance.pdf)

Parents are very welcome and strongly encouraged to visit the school; for further information on our school, and the process for obtaining a place here contact:

[name/number/email]

### **Parental appeals**

Appeals should be submitted to the First-tier Tribunal (SEN and Disability). It can be contacted at:

First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability)  
Darlington Magistrates Court  
Parkgate

Darlington DL1 1RU

The Tribunal hears appeals against decisions made by the local authorities in England in relation to children's and young people's EHC needs assessments and EHC plans. Its decisions are binding on all parties.

Further information on how to appeal can be found at this website: <https://www.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-disability-tribunal>

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