

Admissions Statement

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1. Admissions Statement

KITE College is an independent, co-educational specialist Post 16 provision for young people with complex Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs. In order to secure a placement at KITE, young people must have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), with an identified need of SEMH. Alongside SEMH needs, our learners may also be diagnosed with Autism, ADHD, OCD, Anxiety, School Based Anxiety, Prolonged Social Withdrawal, Speech, Language and Communication needs Sensory Processing Needs and Social Communication Needs.

Learners may attend KITE from year 12 onwards, aged 16-25 years. We can offer provision to approximately 100 young people from Kent and surrounding areas. Most young people will stay at KITE for one to two years.

The Board of Trustees for KITE College has delegated the responsibility and accountability for all learner admissions to the leadership and management of the College.

The key principle is that each of our learners are unique individuals.

There are no other fixed or overarching admissions criteria

The leadership of the College make decisions based upon their assessment of the College's ability to meet individual needs.

The College make decisions based on the suitability of Vocational courses available and the likelihood of the learner being able to make educational and personal progress.

This is balanced against the needs of all learners in the College and the benefits to the individual whilst maintaining stability for other young people.

The College is not Section 41 approved and therefore cannot be directed by local authorities to admit a learner.

The decision of the College leaders is final and there is no right of appeal.

2. How to apply

KITE College will accept referrals from Kent Local Authority and other surrounding areas.

A request for a place at KITE must be made to the appropriate local authority SEN Team by the young person/parents & carers through the EHCP review process.

Once consultation paperwork is received by the referrals team, the application can be considered. A preliminary decision is made on whether the needs of the young person can likely be met at KITE.

There will then be an informal interview process to consider:

- Young Person and Parents' views/ aspirations and planned next steps
- Information about the young person's academic, social and emotional development
- Where relevant, their medical history and the views of medical professionals.
- SLT/SENCo professional assessment of suitability

If a placement is considered appropriate, following consultation and successful interview, the Local Authority will name KITE College on Section I of the EHCP.

A carefully planned induction process is in place to support learners' transition to KITE.