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## **Admissions Policy**

### **Introduction**

Manorway Independent School seeks to provide education for 5-16-year-olds. We provide a high level of education for Key Stage 1, 2, 3 & 4 teaching the National Curriculum. All the children who come to us will have their own individual needs, many of them will have been out of school for a considerable period of time. Here at Manorway Independent School, we can provide them with a strong therapeutic approach to their individual needs that will enable them to go on to thrive academically. We specialise in supporting the traumatised child, many of whom have had a difficult background; therefore, have communication difficulties. Some children will have a diagnosis of ADHD, ASD, and ODD but will respond well to our gentle therapeutic approach. We are a haven for those children who have been severely bullied but accept that the victim can sometimes become the perpetrator, who also needs understanding and management. All students are placed via the Local Authority.

Under the new Children and Families Act (September 2014) we are aware that parental choice will be a greater factor in deciding what school a child attends.

### **The aim of this policy:**

To provide a therapeutic, caring environment where children who have failed or have been failed in mainstream or special schools can restart their education.

### **The objectives of this policy:**

1. To restore each child's confidence in the value and worth of education. The majority of our students join us having experienced severe trauma. They may also have lost faith in the educational system through their poor experiences. Many will have been temporarily or permanently excluded from a range of schools and will have been reduced to receiving a minimal number of hours' home tuition each week.
2. We will work with them to build their self-confidence through their experience of success and achievement. Our hope for them is that they will discover that they can enjoy the experience of learning.
3. Each child will be supported to work towards reintegration back into mainstream education and independence. It can take some time before the needs of our students are recognised and understood; however, it is essential that our true measure of success is when they no longer need us, and they can take their place in society.

## **Procedures & Practices**

### **Admissions criteria:**

1. The School is registered with the Department of Education. We welcome a child with or without an EHC plan
2. A form of additional need will be considered at Manorway Independent School.

**Admission procedure:**

1. We welcome informal visits to the school from prospective parents/guardian, pupils and Local Authority representatives. This can be arranged by contacting our Admissions officer.
2. We accept students at any time in the academic year, and at any age between 8-16 years of age onto our school roll, however, can offer tuition packages for children from 5-16.
3. Formal application and referral from your local authority; leading to an interview carried out by the Headteacher and appropriate members of the senior team.
4. An offer letter confirming a place at the school.