

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School



The Lighthouse Specialist Resource Provision Policy 2023

The Lighthouse at St. Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School is one of Warwickshire's SEND resourced provisions. We are a specialist resource, which is integrated within the mainstream school. The Lighthouse will provide for a range of cognition and learning, communication and interaction needs, including ASD.

The Lighthouse is a Resource Provision Base within St Matthew's Bloxam C E Primary School that meets the needs of children who are unable to access a fulltime curriculum in a mainstream class owing to their complex needs namely Cognition and Learning and Communication and Interaction difficulties. It is a nurturing environment which is designed enable learners to develop their communication skills through a mixture of adult led interventions and purposeful play.

St Matthew's Bloxam C E Primary School is a fully inclusive school committed to let every child their light shine. We strive to make sure that every child can be the best that they can possibly be. Children in the Lighthouse will be supported as part of a bespoke and highly individualised integration package to work towards being gradually integrated into a mainstream classroom. As every child is unique, the timescale for this will depend upon the individual child. At the core of our ethos is that children feel valued, safe and secure within their environment.

Transitions and integrations to the Lighthouse will be done at the pace of the child so the child feels happy and secure in their new setting. Transitions will begin with a home visit and where possible a visit to the child's current setting. This enables staff to meet with the child, their family and their current teachers, in the child's safe environments. This exchange of information and visits provides an up to date picture of the child to ensure a smooth transition.

Initial sessions at the Lighthouse will be 9am until 12pm. Short days allow children to become familiar with the setting and build positive relationships with staff without becoming too overwhelmed. These days will then be extended to include lunch, 9am to 1pm, and eventually the full day, 9am to 3pm when the child is happy and settled.

General criteria for admission to Warwickshire's SEND specialist provision:

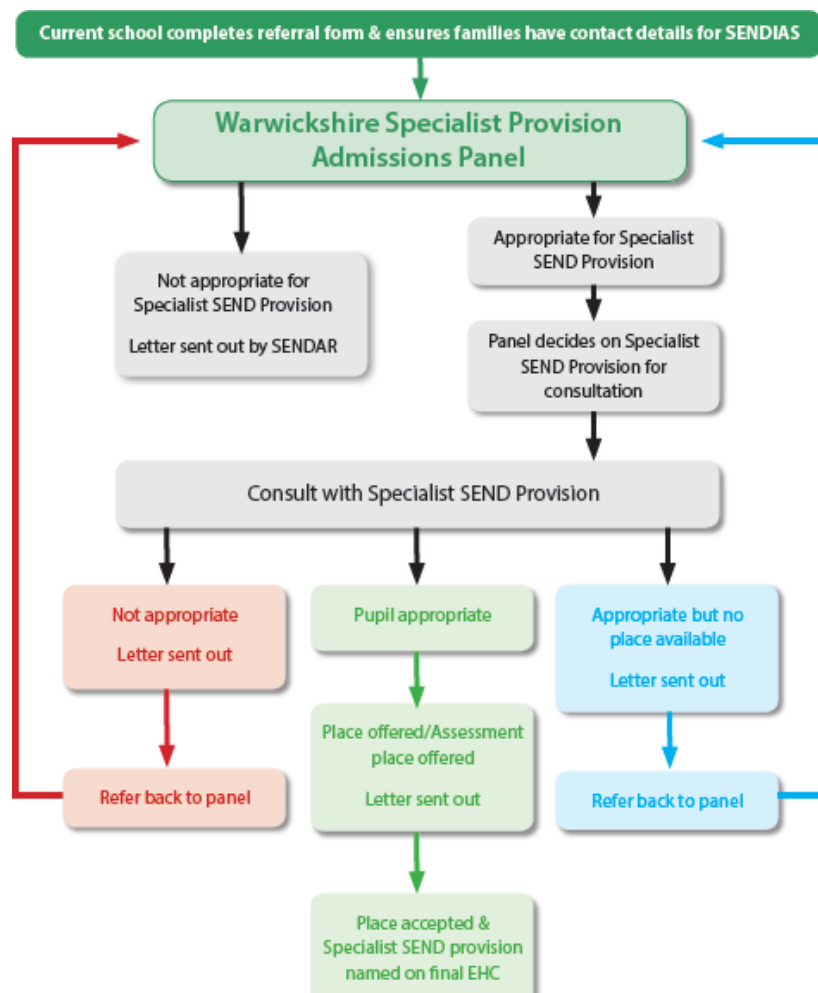
1. All pupils in a SEN resourced provision will have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). They will require consistent personalised learning support programmes every day of the week all year round in order to achieve their potential.
2. All specialist settings provide small classes and a peer group to support both learning and social and emotional development in a nurturing environment.
3. Parents/Carers have expressed a preference for the school.
4. The school is suitable to the child's age, ability, aptitude and special educational needs.

5. Consideration will always be given to the profile of current cohorts in the school.
6. Admission to the school is not incompatible with the efficient education and efficient use of resources.
7. The school is the nearest appropriate setting.

Specific criteria for admission to The Lighthouse

1. Children attending our setting must have an EHCP with identified cognition and learning and communication and interaction needs.
2. The Lighthouse is an 8 place provision and can accommodate children across the KS1 age range

Admission to The Lighthouse will not follow the usual admissions process in to St. Matthew's Bloxam. Places are allocated via the Warwickshire specialist provision admissions panel. The process will be as follows:



This policy will be monitored by the governing body and reviewed every three years, or earlier in the light of any changes in legislation and circumstance, either in our school or the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by Warwickshire County Council.

