



2020/2022

Admissions Policy

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THE ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE REACH SCHOOL

GENERAL

The School is established to provide Education for all students in Years 9 10 and 11 who meet the following drawn from the Fair Access Protocol of the South Birmingham Network and are referred to the South Birmingham Network Sharing Panel⁽⁴⁾:

1. Education for students whose behaviour or engagement in school is such that a permanent exclusion is likely.
2. Education for vulnerable students at a point of crisis
3. Education for students who have difficulty in securing a school place

The aim of the School is to facilitate the re-engagement of its students into mainstream education.

There will be no formal admissions application process for parents or normal admission round. Instead a referral system will be established whereby schools or Birmingham Local Authority may refer students to the South Birmingham Network Sharing Panel.

The REACH School Headteacher will have the final authority in deciding admission to REACH.

Students in all year groups will be dual registered, remaining on the roll of their home school and with REACH School as the subsidiary school.

In exceptional circumstances and in the best interest of the child it may be necessary to place a child directly on roll at REACH. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Home schools of students in all year groups will receive regular updates on progress, attendance and behaviour. Where concerns are raised it will be expected that a representative from the home school will support REACH School to reengage the student. If this fails, then it may result in the closing of the placement by REACH School and in the event of this happening, the student will immediately return to the home school and their future education will be their responsibility.

REACH School does not refer students back to Sharing Panel

It is the aim of REACH School to ensure students commence their education at the school within a week of a decision to accept the referral.

The admission of a student should not adversely affect the education and behaviour of the students already on roll at the School. Consideration will be given by the South Birmingham Network Sharing Panel to the type of difficulties and behaviours exhibited by the student and the likely effects upon the stability of the group and the health and safety of the School.

In exceptional cases and subject to risk assessment, REACH School may accept referrals from South Network Sharing Panel of a student with an EHCP or a permanently excluded student. Any such exceptions will subsequently be reported to the Governing Body.

Where students are identified as having special education needs that have previously been undetected, home schools will, if necessary, support in both assessment and provision requirements.

REACH School does not provide 6-day provision

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In exceptional cases and subject to risk assessment, REACH Free School Trust may accept a referral from South Network Sharing Panel of a student with an EHCP or a permanently excluded student. Any such exceptions will subsequently be reported to the Governing Body.

PROCEDURE FOR ADMITTING STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL

Admission Number(s)

1. The School Trust has the following agreed admissions numbers for the School for the years

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Year group	2020	2021	2022
Yr 9	8	8	8
Yr 10	28	28	28
Yr 11	28	28	28
Total	64	64	64

These numbers may alter dependent on the need of the SN schools each year and taking into account the data collated over time by Sharing Panel.

2. Students will not be admitted in any year group above the published admission number for that year group unless exceptional circumstances apply as stated in paragraph 7

Process of Referral

3. Applications for a referral **must** be made on the South Birmingham Network Sharing Panel referral form provided and administered by the South Birmingham Network Sharing Panel. REACH School is one the provisions available to the South Birmingham Network Sharing Panel. The referral forms must be sent by secure email to: gill.bell@reachschool.co.uk
4. All commissioners will be required to complete a comprehensive referrals form to enable the panel to make evidence based decisions on the appropriateness and the potential for young person to succeed at REACH
5. The South Birmingham Network Sharing Panel will meet half termly to discuss referrals and consider whether to place the student at the School.
6. The South Birmingham Network Sharing Panel will consist of:
 - Chair of Inclusion
 - The REACH Headteacher
 - Four Network Headteachers (operating on a rotational basis)
 - SN Family Support Worker
 - COBS Representative

If required, the following agencies may be invited to contribute about specific cases.

- Representative from School Admissions and Pupil Placements
- Representative from Looked After Children Service
- Representative from Youth Offending Team

7. Where exceptional circumstances occur and the number of appropriate referrals exceeds the number of places available, place offers will be made in accordance with the following order of priority:

1. Children in the care of the Local Authority, or previously looked after and on the roll of one of the South Network Schools
2. Children in care of the Local Authority, or previously looked after who reside in the South Network area
3. Children who reside in the South Network area without a school place
4. Children judged to be most in need of the provision

Appeals Process

In the event of unsuccessful applications the Commissioning body have the right of appeal to the chair of the Appeals Committee of the South Network Board.

Signed: Headteacher

Date:

Signed: Governor

Date: