



Admissions Policy



Approved by Governing Body on: Jan 2019

Signed by Chair of Governors:

Head Teacher:

Date of Review:

Vision Statement

Opportunities for all

Realising the child's potential

Challenging and exciting

Holistic, happy and healthy

Aspirational

Recognising and celebrating achievements

Diversity and partnership

Mission Statement

Together with home and the community, we aim to provide a nurturing, challenging, high quality teaching and learning environment within a friendly, supportive multi-cultural setting. Encouraging children and staff to respect and value one another.

Provision

The Orchard School is a 145 place provision for pupils identified as having Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) from 2 – 11. The School is committed to providing for all individual pupils, a positive ethos and quality of education with a calm and nurturing environment. Our curriculum is highly differentiated to provide for individual needs. This is supported by a team of multi-agency workers which includes, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, teachers of the visual and hearing impaired, educational psychologists and the community nursing team.

Admission criteria

A child is eligible to be offered a place at The Orchard School if they meet the following criteria:

The Local Authority (L.A.) is the Admissions Authority for The Orchard School. All admissions to The Orchard School are as a result of the Sandwell LA determining that this is the most appropriate educational provision.

Pupils are accepted if they meet the following criteria:

- They have an Education & Health Care Plan (EHCP) agreed by Sandwell LA which specifies Complex and Profound Learning Difficulties (CPLD).
- The needs of the pupil could be met within the school's resources without adversely affecting any other learner currently attending.
- The needs of the pupil are significant and affect most areas of learning.
- The school has a vacancy.

Families involved with the process of EHCP will have had the opportunity to visit the school prior to their child being admitted. Pupils are accepted into The Orchard School throughout the year.

We provide education for pupils deemed to have the following:

- Complex, Profound Learning Difficulties
- Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
- Profound/Severe Learning Difficulties and Autism
- Severe Learning Difficulties with Physical and Sensory Disabilities
- Severe Learning Difficulties
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The school is officially designated for 145 pupils on roll plus Early Years Provision. The Orchard School does not accept direct applications to the school as all places are allocated via Sandwell LA.

For further information, please see [Sandwell LA admissions](#)