



## Admissions Criteria for Beacon Communication School

- The provision caters for students aged 11-18 years
- A maximum of 6 places are available per year group
- All students must have a statement of Special Educational Needs or an Educational Health Care Plan
- Students admitted to the provision will normally live within the borough
- Students admitted to the provision must have a formal diagnosis of Autism or Asperger's Syndrome. If there is no diagnosis of Autism or Asperger's Syndrome, the student must present with social communication difficulties as their main difficulty
- Students admitted to the provision must be able to access the inclusive opportunities offered
- Places will not be offered to students who present with challenging behaviour to such an extent that this would prevent them from having access and equal opportunities within both Beacon Communication School and the mainstream school

## Admissions Process

### Year 7 entry

- Requests for placement are made on the secondary transfer form which the LEA sends to parents at the end of July in year 5
- All requests for placement will be considered by the BCS team who will review the documents provided and make a visit to the primary school
- Feedback from the consultation process will be given to the SEN Panel, who will then make recommendations for placement and feedback to parents and schools.

### Requests for places within other Year groups

- These will be considered on an individual basis in conjunction with the SEN Panel & subject to vacancies within the specified Year group

### Requests for places for students living in other Boroughs

- Parents of students who are not resident in Redbridge should make a request for placement to their own local education authority.
- LEAs wishing to consider placement within BCS should make a request to Redbridge LEA Special Services Section
- Requests for Year 7 entry will be processed as set out above. Requests for placement within other year groups will be considered on an individual basis in conjunction with the SEN Panel & subject to vacancies within the specified Year group

### Before the admissions meeting

- Students and parents are encouraged to visit the provision
- Reports and information will confirm that the students meet the agreed admissions criteria
- Requests for placement within BCS are to be made to the LEA within timescales given