



## Beacon Communication Department (BCD) Admission Policy

1. The child's age, ability, aptitude and SEND will be taken into account when considering the suitability of BCD and our ability to meet the student's educational needs without impacting on the effective education of others
2. BCD units will admit students aged from 11- 19 years of age
3. All students will have a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Educational Health Care Plan
4. Students admitted to the provision will have a diagnosis of high functioning autism, Asperger's Syndrome or where there is no diagnosis, will present with language and social communication difficulties as their main area of need
5. Students admitted to the provision will be those whose needs are not being met or cannot be met solely within their local mainstream school, but have the potential to access a significant number of mainstream lessons and achieve at the level appropriate for their age
6. Our aim is for students to attend 90% of mainstream lessons, all stakeholders must be committed the goal of integration into the wider school community and the development of independence. Students may have a tailored transition arrangement to suit their individual need
7. Students admitted to the BCD will be those who are able to keep themselves safe within the boundaries of a mainstream school.
8. Placement will be regularly reviewed to consider the appropriateness of the placement

### Admissions Process

#### Year 7 entry

- Requests for a place are made on the secondary transfer form which the LA sends to parents at the end of July (i.e. at the end of Year 5), out of borough consultations can be made directly to BCD/BMAT
- BCD recommends parents or carers visit prior to applying for a place
- BCD will respond to consultations by contacting relevant professionals, observing the student, reviewing paperwork and communicating with parents
- BCD will write formally to the LA indicating whether BCD can meet the child's needs.
- The SEND Panel in collaboration with the BMAT admissions authority will make the final decision on the placement and inform parents in due course



### **Requests for places within other Year groups and Post 16**

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

### **Requests for places for students who are residents outside of Redbridge**

- Parents of students who are not resident in Redbridge should make a request for a place to their own local education authority
- Local Authorities wishing to consult with BCD should make a request for places directly to BCD/BMAT
- If there are no places available at BCD and it is suitable for the child's age, ability, aptitude and SEND then we will place the child's name on a waiting list held by BCD
- BCD/BMAT will notify Redbridge SEND team if a place becomes available