

# **Admissions Policy**

## Age Range

Prism Independent School is open to learners between the ages of 11 and 19 (21 with MLD)

Referrals are welcome from schools and other professional bodies e.g. Social Services, Pupil Referral Units, Youth Offending Teams and the local authority

### Process for referral

The referring agency contacts the Executive head on 01274 487633 for initial discussion re the suitability of the learner and of Prisms Curriculum Offer The referring agency completes the referral form including as much relevant information as possible, which is then returned to the Executive Head of Prism Independent School

Once the referral form is received an appointment is made with the referring agency, learner , parent / carer at the site for an initial visit, facilitated by the Senior Worker. At this visit Prisms' expectations of the learner are made clear, and the learner and parent / carer can ask any questions or raise any concerns prior to the acceptance of a place.

Once a place is accepted a start date is agreed and the pattern of attendance is finalised.

A referral form is then forwarded to the referring agency

Suitability : A learner will be provisionally offered a place if:

- learner is excluded or at risk of exclusion from mainstream education,
- learner is statement or is a LAC, and Prism is the best placed body

- learner is school phobic

in the event of over subscription priority is given to

a) LAC children

- b) children with SEN
- b) pupils from within Bradford Metropolitan District area

Following this we will provide a waiting list.

## Unacceptable Referrals

the following will/may preclude a young person from attending

- history of arson
- extreme violence / use of a weapon
- offenses against children
- animal cruelty (city farm site only)

#### On Admission

During the first ten days the learner will be allocated a key worker and complete an initial assessments an individual learning plan and a series of base line assessments.

Attendance reports will be sent to the referring body on half termly basis and a reporting schedule will be agreed.

#### Fees

Standard fees apply although for multiple placements this is negotiable.