

ADMISSIONS

The school is a very small registered Independent Special School for girls and boys with Social, Emotional and Behavioural difficulties. The majority of pupils will have statements of Special Educational Needs although pupils can be admitted without a statement if appropriate. Many of our pupils are Children in Care and the school is developing this specialism.

Currently (2008 - 2009) there are no girls on roll and we will only admit girls if we have an appropriate peer group (minimum 4 pupils).

Pupils are funded by their home Local Authorities and pupils will normally only be admitted if the placing LA's SEN Department authorises the placement. Occasionally pupils may be admitted as a result of their placement in Croydon by social care agencies but the school would always seek to work closely with the LA Education departments in these cases.

When a LA refers a pupil to Kingsdown we will always read the paperwork carefully and if we think we can meet the pupil's identified SEN we will offer a visit to the pupil, his/her parent/carer and other involved professional. If the visit is successful an offer of a place will be sent to the referring Local Authority and a start date offered once final agreement has been received.

Some very vulnerable pupils will be admitted in the first instance to the Nurture Group at 61, Lodge Road. The policy and procedures document for this is available on request.