



Admissions Policy

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Aims

Pod81 Admissions Policy recognises that every student has the following:

Student's Right to Education

Many of our students have been referred from mainstream schools and have a history of exclusion and daily challenges. At Pod81, all our staff and stakeholders strive at all times to be inclusive, wherever possible, giving each of our students their right to education.

Student's Best Interests

At Pod81, all our preparation, environment, work, curriculum, and support are geared around the best interests of each student.

Respect Views of Every Student

Every student should have their views, feelings, thoughts, and doubts respected. At Pod81, all of our staff will listen attentively and caringly to every student who wishes to express whatever concern they are anxious about. The student will be taken seriously, and all concerns will be acted upon in the student's best interests.

This policy aims to admit students who will benefit from a time at Pod81 and progress in either social, emotional, physical, intellectual, moral, or mental health needs and educational needs applicable to individual students.

Rationale

Pod81 takes admissions for students with complex Social, emotional, mental health challenges. Many students have SEMH as their primary need. We also take students with a diagnosis of SEND, ASD and ADHD.

Pod81 supports all our students' needs in coping with education and succeeding in education and social interaction.

The admissions process seeks to identify specific needs and put together a Positive Behaviour Support Plan (PBSP) for each student before they begin their placement at Pod81.

Objectives

All relevant bodies and persons involved in student placement, from parents/carers, school, social workers, Local Authority, other professionals, and Pod81 clearly understands how appropriate the provisions are for each student. In addition, all are aware of the processes involved in student admission.

All relevant bodies understand that everybody must ensure the success of the student placement.

Admissions Process

Stage I

Referral to Pod81 will usually be done through the student's referral school. The school will complete and send Pod81 the *Student Referral Form*, which highlights personal details, such as name, DOB etc. and any/all concerns regarding the student and why the student has been referred to Pod81. (For more information, see *Pod81 Student Referral Form*)

Once all this information has been gathered, it will be studied concerning the student's:

- Emotional and personal needs
- Educational needs
- Communication skills
- Social skills
- Behaviour
- Independence skills
- Mental health needs
- Peer interaction.

The list is not exhaustive or exclusive, and each student will be considered an individual.

After this process, Pod81 will make a decision as to the suitability of the provision for the student.

A meeting will then be arranged for the student/Parent/Carer and other relevant professional to visit Pod81.

Stage II

The visit allows the student/Parent/Carer and any other relevant professional to meet staff and see the provision. Ask any questions they may have.

The student will have:

- A tour of Pod81
- Introduction to staff.

After the tour, the student will undertake a discussion about the following:

- curriculum: (See *Curriculum Policy*)
- behaviour and discipline – (see *Behaviour Policy*)
- anti-bullying – (see *Anti-Bullying Policy*)
- expectations and rewards – (see *Behaviour Policy*)

Throughout the process, the student and relevant professionals can ask questions to help clarify any unclear points.

Stage III

Once the visit is concluded, and all are satisfied that the student will benefit from a placement at Pod81, the parent/carers will need to sign the parental consent form. We then agree a start date for induction.

Admissions Criteria

1. Students must be on roll at a school at Key Stage 3/ Key Stage 4
2. schools submit a *Student Referral Form*
3. Pod81 to assess the suitability of the placement
4. Student's parents/carers and professional's visit Pod81
5. Parent/Carer to sign parental consent form
6. Agree a start date

Other Information

We welcome professionals/parents, or carers to arrange a visit to see the facilities at Pod81.