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Admissions Policy

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Pathfield School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This policy will support, promote and be applied with due regard to the requirements of the

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Admissions

Pathfield School is a Local Authority maintained special school whose provision meets the needs of pupils with a Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD,) or a Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD) which is specified in their Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).

Due to their communication needs, cognitive abilities and complex needs, pupils are significantly below age-related expectations. The school takes children from between the ages of 3 and 19 years.

There is a small discreet provision within Pathfield School called Pathways whose provision caters for secondary school aged pupils, 11-16 years. Pupils accessing this provision have a Social and Emotional and Mental Health need recognised in their EHCP, particularly around high anxiety. This may be linked to a separate diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Condition. Pupils' SEMH needs will have significantly impacted upon their education outcomes leading often to working below age-related expectations.

Pathfield School works closely with the Local Authority regarding any potential admissions to the school.

We are mindful of:

- The Special Educational Needs and Disability code of practice 0-25 years (July 2014)
- The Equality Act (2010)
- The Children and Families Act (2014)

Every child or young person admitted to Pathfield School will have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Through the Education Health Care Plan, the SEN 0-25 Team specify the provision required for each pupil and how education, health and care services will work together to meet a pupils' needs to support the achievement of agreed outcomes for each pupil.

As a maintained school, Pathfield School is not authorised to offer placements, places are commissioned by the SEN 0-25 Team and can only be offered by them. For further details you can contact the 0-25 SEN Team on 01392 383000. Or visit the SEND Local Offer page on the Devon County Council (DCC) website for information about the DCC SEND offer:

[Devon's SEND Local Offer - help and support for children with SEND](#)

The Local Authority commissions 186 places at the school. If you are interested in finding out more about our school, or would like to come and visit, please contact the school office:

- Email: admin@pathfield.devon.sch.uk
- Tel: 01271 342423