

Special Schools Admission Arrangements

Admissions arrangements at LIFTSpecial Schools follow the legislation set out in [The Non-Maintained Special Schools \(England\) Regulations](#), are in line with the [DfE Departmental Advice for non maintained special schools 2015](#) and [Special free school admissions guidance 2016](#) and gives due consideration to the [Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice January 2015](#)

Columbus School and College - Statement of Provision

Introductory statement

Columbus School and College is a LIFT All through Special School and Sixth Form College for students with severe and profound learning difficulties and autism, age through 3 - 19 years old. Columbus School and College operates a pathway model of education where students are taught in streamed groups and in subject and non subject areas in classes on a ratio of 4:12.

The Academy offers a rich and varied curriculum, including a highly differentiated national curriculum and a vocational curriculum offer.

The Academy is based in Chelmsford, Essex within the Essex Local Authority (LA).

Admissions to the School

Columbus School and College is a special school which provides 270 places for children in the age range 3 -19 with severe learning needs

For a pupil to be admitted, the academy must be named, by a local authority, in the pupil's education health and care plan (EHCP)

Parents wishing their children to benefit from our provision should ask their local authority to name our school in their child's EHCP.

The LA consults with the Principal on the proposed admission before naming the school on the pupil's EHCP.

(Academy Name) is part of Academies Enterprise Trust which is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales (registered number 6625091).

A local authority can also refer a pupil to the school whilst being assessed for an EHCP plan or following a change in the child's circumstances for his or her needs to be assessed or reassessed. Any assessment should be completed within the 20 weeks as set out in the [SEND Code of Practice](#). Children being assessed for an EHCP will be dual registered and return, full time, to their mainstream school if the LA decides not to issue an EHCP.

For further information on our school, and the process for obtaining a place here contact Mark Savage on 01245 491492.

Other school policies and further information can be found [Policies & Statutory](#) on our website.

Transport to and from school

Transport can be applied for if parents/carers feel their child is in need of transport to and from the Academy. Guidance on this can be obtained from the Local Authority.

Equality Objectives

The Academy follows the specific and overarching [Equality Objectives](#) of the Trust.