



## **Admissions Policy**

The Bridge School Malvern accepts children from Year 7. The Bridge is located on two sites based outside Malvern, one near Hanley Swan and one in Barnard's Green, Malvern. The site at Barnard's Green accepts children from year 12 only.

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) with the Bridge as the named school.
2. Be referred by their local secondary school with whom they are on roll, on a part time basis.
3. Have funding agreed by the local SEND Department.
4. Have private funding, or alternative funding via the looked after child system.

All applicants must have travel arrangements and funding in place.

## **Catchment Area**

There is no formal catchment area, however parents and carers will want to carefully consider how children will travel in, how the journey will be funded, and how their child will cope with the journey.

## **How to Apply**

Parents wanting to name the Bridge as their preferred school are welcome to visit. However, the Bridge is not in a position to offer a place until SEND makes a referral.

Social workers and children's workers who wish to refer a child and who have alternative funding arrangements need to contact the school directly. Likewise, parents who wish to self finance need to contact the school directly.

All applications will be looked at individually and specific circumstances will be taken into account.

The Bridge retains the right to refuse admission to applications if they feel they are not able to meet the child's social, emotional, learning or medical needs, or who they feel may not fit socially or emotionally with the existing student body. The welfare and needs of existing students will always take precedence over those of new applicants.

**Sixth Form Admissions**

We welcome students from other schools into the Bridge Business Centre in Barnard's Green, Malvern. The entry criteria are the same as those for the school. See entry criteria above.

**Transitions**

Children and young people's needs will be considered on an individual basis and a transition programme agreed, which takes into account their levels of confidence and past experiences, with the parents/carers and the referring authority.

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