



Archers Brook

Targeting success

ARCHERS BROOK SEMH RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

2020-2025

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Archers Brook is a specialist SEMH setting for children whose needs preclude their access a mainstream provision at the time of entry. Their presenting need often limits their ability to socially communicate with peers and staff or emotionally be able to cope with the rigour of school causing high levels of anxiety and behaviour equating in a school placement breakdown. Pupils at Archers Brook may also have recognised mental health need linked to anxiety that can be supported by on site therapies, interventions and support. Due to this environment we are also able to work successfully with pupils who have associated communication and interaction needs associated with a diagnosis of Autism where a more specific ASC environment would not be suitable.

Admission Process:

Pupils are admitted to Archers Brook School through the SEN team at Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority. All pupils must have a statement or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). If a pupil is to be admitted, papers will be sent formally to the School by the SEN Team for a response. If there are no commissioned places available at the School, the SEN Team will work with the School to examine whether a place can be made available. This will be dependent on health and safety considerations around class sizes related to need.

If the SEN Team at CWAC have indicated that Archers Brook may be suitable for your child, we will be happy to show you round. This can be arranged via the School Office.

If your child does not yet have an EHCP/Statement but is in the process of being assessed for one, the SEN Team may have advised you to look around schools. We are happy to conduct tours in those particular circumstances.

We are routinely over-subscribed and, to avoid disappointment, we recommend that prospective parents have had an indication from the SEN Team that they could be offered a place at the School. If you need further guidance with this, please call the School and have a conversation, we are happy to help.

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The pupils at Archers Brook School will have an Education Health and Care Plan stating that the primary need is social, emotional and mental health needs in order to attend our main school setting.

Pupils must have a diagnosis and primary need of Autism Spectrum Condition and their individual behavioural profile judged as suited to our provision in order to attend our enhanced ASC/SEMH setting on site (The Link).

Pupils need to be able to access a class based environment without 1:1 support. At our secondary provision pupils are required to transition around the building to access the curriculum.

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The School is unable to support pupils with complex learning, medical and personal care needs.

Pupils are required to be working within two years of age expected levels. The Key Stage 2 provision is located on site. There is 1 class for a vertically set group of no more than 8, Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Pupils attending this provision will follow a broad and balanced offer linked to the National Curriculum.

Pupils attending the School will be expected to have the necessary behaviour and cognitive ability to access the academic demands of a mainstream school curriculum.

We currently offer two distinct pathways through from KS2. Our Curriculum has two pathways.

Pathway One

The **Pathway One** curriculum has been designed for learners who are working towards Entry level qualifications at KS4. This group of pupils will be working below ARE (age related expectations) in most, if not all, areas of the curriculum. But they will not be working more than 2 levels below in their core subjects.

Pathway Two

The **Pathway Two** curriculum has been designed for learners who are working towards level 2 or 1 qualifications at KS4. This group of pupils will predominately be working at ARE in most areas of the curriculum. At KS4 these pupils will have a clear Post 16 pathway to education and/or employment at level 2 or above.

Helpful contacts:

SEN Team at CWAC

- Telephone: 0151 337 6505
- Email: senteam@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- By post: SEN team, Council Offices, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

COVID-19 & Visits for Prospective Parents

We are currently unable to open the School for visits for prospective parents. Lots of information about our School can be found on our website but if you have a specific query please do email the School (admin@archersbrook.cheshire.sch.uk). We will get back to you in a timely fashion.