

# Spring Lane School

## Admissions Policy

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## **Introduction**

Section 19 of the Education Act 1996 provides that – each local education authority shall make arrangements for the provision of suitable education at school for those children of compulsory school age who by reason of exclusion from school or otherwise, may not for any period receive suitable education unless such arrangements are made for them. Section 19 provision includes Pupil Referral Units.

## **Allocation of places**

## **Bury Local Authority currently commissions from Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU) 136 places across years 7-11 to meet this duty.**

These places are for:

- A) Children from Bury schools or of Bury residents who have been permanently excluded from secondary school. A permanent exclusion is when a pupil is removed from a school permanently and their name is taken off the school roll. In these cases, the Local Authority must arrange full-time education for the pupil from the sixth school day. Bury Secondary PRU is Bury's offer for permanently excluded children following the 6<sup>th</sup> day of a permanent exclusion.
- B) Children who are unable to secure a place in a Bury Secondary school or academy and are placed with Bury Secondary PRU through the In Year Fair Access Protocol.

These places are not available for parental request for a pupil to be placed directly into Bury Secondary PRU. If you feel your child would benefit from a place at Bury Secondary PRU you need to discuss the matter with your child's current school.

Maintained schools have the power to direct a pupil offsite for education to improve their behaviour and ultimately outcomes. Regulations require that the school's governing body must ensure that parents/carers are given clear information about the placement: why, when, where, and how it will be reviewed. At Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU) we offer places to schools to utilise places with us, to meet the needs of the children as a measure to reduce the risk of permanent exclusion. We also offer places within alternative provision for Bury children at risk of exclusion in Year 10 and Year 11.

We work collaboratively with the family and school to assess the pupil's needs to determine future provision. If it is determined that Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU) will offer the best outcomes for pupils in the long-term and the parents/carers agree to long-term placement with us, decisions will be made regarding future schooling in the best interests of the child.

Where admission is required as a Bury resident who is at significant risk of permanent exclusion from a Bury school, the child's current school can refer through the SEMH Schools Partnership. Initially this will involve support and advice from the SEMH Schools Partnership and if appropriate a preventative placement, within the continuum of support from Bury Secondary PRU in order to reduce the risk of exclusion will be explored, this can include:

- Outreach: Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU) staff building capacity, knowledge and strategies within schools around individuals, to prevent exclusion
- Hub Place: Short- stay Hub place (usually 6-12 weeks) across a partnership of small hubs, between Bury Secondary Schools, the Partnership and Spring Lane School to provide a smaller, targeted education setting with a view to returning to mainstream

The child will remain on the roll of the school in the hope that they may return if appropriate. This will be reviewed on a half termly basis and may include formal EHCP assessment of the pupil. Following this the pupil could be offered an extended placement at Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU). This will require joint agreement from the parent, mainstream school and Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU)

These places are commissioned by and only available to Bury Secondary schools, direct parental application is not possible. If you feel your child would benefit from a place at Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU) you need to discuss the matter with your child's current school.

## **SEND Pupils**

Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU) works closely with the Local Authority and their SEN Team to meet the needs of children in Bury who have SEN Support or an EHC for Social, Emotional, Mental Health as their primary need. As part of our commitment to meeting SEMH need in the borough, we offer places to the SEN team, where appropriate and when we assess that we can meet need. This process follows formal consultation, as per the guidelines in the SEN Code of Practice and requires full parent/carer consent.

Spring Lane School (Bury Secondary PRU) will meet the SEN Code of Practice regulations and respond to SEN consultations within 15 days of a received consultation.

## **Complaints Procedure**

Any complaints regarding this policy should be dealt with in accordance with MSPRU complaints procedure.

## **Policy Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The Headteacher and Governing Body will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

**Adopted by Spring Lane School On** .....

**Chair of Governors** .....

**Headteacher** .....

