



# Champion EDUCATION TRUST

## STATEMENT OF PROVISION

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## INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Lotus is a purpose built school that accommodates students who have an Education, Health and Care plan for Social, Emotional and Mental Health as their primary need. It has been carefully designed to ensure that students who have struggled accessing mainstream education are fully supported to succeed.

Our school will cater for 48 children, ranging from Year 6 to Year 11. They will have access to a number of curriculum pathways that deliver all of the core subjects, meaningful qualifications and therapeutic interventions that will help to develop and re-engage them. We will also provide students with opportunities to study off site and take part in outdoor educational activities, work experience and community based work where appropriate.

## ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

Lotus School is a special school which provides places for children in the age range 10-16 with a main presenting need of Social, Emotional and Mental Health. We are committed to providing equality of opportunities for all children, irrespective of race, gender or culture.

For a child to be admitted, the school must be named, by a local authority, in the child's Education, Health and Care plan ('EHCP').

## REQUEST FOR A PLACE

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

All requests for places will go through Blackpool Local Council. The LEAs Statutory Assessment Team Manager is responsible for placement of pupils.

## WITHOUT PREJUDICE VISITS

These visits are opportunities for parents or guardians to look at the provision of special schools within the area. Discussion about placement should not take place during the visit. The child may accompany the parent/guardian on the visit. Any parent/guardian who would like to visit Lotus should be given the opportunity. This will help them to make an informed decision regarding request for a placement to the LEA.

## FORMAL REQUEST

Occasionally a formal request for a place may be made by the LEA without a visit beforehand. No child should be offered a place before the Head teacher or senior teacher has met the child and parents or guardian, and they have seen the school. Most formal requests are made after a 'without prejudice visit'.

## EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLAN

All pupils who attend Lotus should have an Education, Health and Care plan which makes it clear the child has SEMH as their primary need. If a child has a secondary need the Senior Leadership team and LEA must feel confident that need can also be met by the school.

## ASSESSMENT PLACES

In certain exceptional circumstances a Local Authority can also refer a child to the school to be 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 set out in the [SEND Code](#). Children being assessed for an EHCP will be dual registered and return, full time, to their mainstream school if the LEA decides not to issue an EHCP.

## **ATTENDANCE**

A child who has a poor attendance record, for example less than 50% will be offered an assessment place. If the child's attendance then improves for example 90% during the term, then a place will be formally offered. This will ensure that non-attenders do not take up valuable places. Absence for genuine medical reasons will always be taken into consideration.

## **ADMISSION DATE**

When a child has been offered and accepted a place at Lotus the Head teacher will liaise directly with the parents to decide an appropriate start date and where necessary a transition period. Teaching and support staff will be given key information about the child prior to them beginning at the school.

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

Once a place has been formally offered the school will seek to engage all external agencies already involved or who need to be involved with the child.

## **SCHOOL CAPACITY**

The Lotus School currently has places for 48.

There may be situations when Lotus may not be deemed suitable. This is set out in the Code of Practice which states that when considering a child's school it must:

1. Be appropriate to the child's needs
2. Be compatible with the efficient education of other children
3. Be compatible with the efficient use of resources.

For further information on our school, and the process for obtaining a place here contact Mrs R Kenworthy, Headteacher of Lotus School.