

**Outcomes
First
Group.**

**ACORN EDUCATION
AND CARE**

**Admissions Policy
Buzz Learning**

General

Northumberland County Council is the main admissions body for learners attending this school though children may also be admitted from other local authorities.

When parents/ carers choose this school for their child, a referral must be made by the local authority's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Team.

The decision about which school a child will be placed at is normally taken at the completion of the child's Education Health and Care Plan meeting (EHCP) or at the EHCP review meeting, with the child's parents/ carers, the child's current education provider, representatives from the local authorities' SEND team and other relevant people. There is full consultation between the parents/ carers and all agencies involved with the child.

Requests for a school place

If this school is judged to be appropriate for the child, the LA's SEND Team make a formal request for the school to consider a place for the child.

The school's Head with members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will fully assess the request to ensure, as far as is practicable, that there is a good match between the needs of the child, what the school can offer and the needs of the school community as a whole.

To explore further, the Head will gather additional information from the child's current educational provider and any other agencies involved with the child. She will then meet with the parents/ carers of the child and then with the child if she considers that the placement is appropriate.

The Head or other member of the SLT may negotiate with the LA for a trial period of up to 4 weeks if appropriate, i.e., if it's felt that additional time is required to judge the suitability of the placement. Alternatively, a start date on roll may be agreed without a trial period.

To date, the school has not had any requests for a place for a learner for whom English is an additional language; any requests of this nature will be fully and properly considered.

The school roll

School learners at Buzz are aged 11 to 16 years old, all have special educational needs and/ or disabilities and all have a current Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The EHCP describes the child's needs and how these should be met.

Children may be admitted to the school throughout the school year where this is practicable.

Where a child's special educational needs and/ or disabilities are identified or develops further after the child has started on roll, the school will endeavour to support the child with the appropriate resources and facilities. If the Head, after consulting with the SLT or whole governing body if possible, believes this is not in the best interest of the child and the school community as a whole, the school reserves the right to withdraw the child's place at the school. In such instances, the school will support parents/ carers in finding alternative arrangements.

Further guidance

Parents/ carers are welcome to contact the Head directly on 01670 852244 or gemma@buzzlearning.co.uk

Further guidance from Northumberland County Council can be found at [Northumberland County Council - Admission arrangements](#)