



## Admissions Policy

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

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Children with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) with the Bridge as the named school
2. Children without an EHCP but who the SEND Department agree have additional needs. This may include, for example, children in the looked after system.
3. Children who are on role at other local secondary schools and attend the Bridge on a part-time basis.
4. Have funding agreed by the local SEND Department
5. Have private funding, or alternative funding via the looked after child system
6. 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 make 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 direct.

Parents who wish to self-finance need to contact the school direct.

All applications will be looked at individually and specific circumstances 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 or learning 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 precedent over of 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 and admissions process is the same as for the school.

### Transitions

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