

School placements for vulnerable children



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The team are responsible for school placements ensuring statutory responsibilities are delivered to offer a school place to every child in Hillingdon. This includes leading on complex admissions work, permanent exclusions and advice and guidance for elective home education.

Occasionally we seek education settings for young people who may require an adapted case work approach. This could include teenage pregnancy; young people who are transitioning their gender; children from the criminal justice system or Pupil Referral Units who need to be reintegrated into mainstream education; children who are carers; children with special educational needs, disabilities or medical conditions (but without an Education, Health and Care Plan); children of Gypsies, Roma, Travellers, refugees and asylum seekers



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As set out in the School Admissions Code, all local authorities must have a Fair Access Protocol. The Protocol ensures that access to education is secured quickly for children who have no school place but for whom a place at a mainstream school is appropriate.

The Protocol also supports the safeguarding of children and young people by ensuring that they are accessing education. In addition to the Protocol the team also case manage more complex applicants who may require an alternative.

The Local Authority commission an interim full-time education provision run by The Skills Hub at one of the borough's Youth Centres. This provision consists of 20 placements on a rolling basis. The purpose of this setting is to offer immediate education for secondary aged pupils in Years 7-11 who are awaiting a placement in a mainstream school setting. Placements are expected to last up to 6 school weeks but this can be flexible.



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