



Capella House School Statement of Provision

Introductory statement

Capella House is a day, co-educational special school for pupils aged 4-19. The School specialises in children whose primary or main presenting needs relate to difficulties with speech, language and communication.

Pupils will be in classes of 7, with mixed age groups in the primary years and discrete year groups in KS3, 4 and post 16.

On opening, the school will admit 14 – 21 pupils. This will increase to a capacity of 72 pupils in the fourth year of operation.

The school offers:

- Specialist teaching and support staff with additional appropriate qualifications, training and experience
- A collaborative, classroom-based approach to the delivery of speech and language therapy
- Occupational therapy led by an Occupational Therapist trained in the delivery of Sensory Integration Therapy
- Access to a differentiated mainstream curriculum
- A variety of approaches to the development of literacy skills through programmes and strategies based on clinical research and best practice
- Inclusion opportunities with mainstream peers if appropriate
- A broad range of nationally recognised qualifications
- Outreach work and the sharing of good practice
- A broad range of specialist support from other professionals and staff from across the Auriga Academy Trust

Admissions to the School

Capella House School will admit pupils where the school is named by a local authority in the child's Education Health and Care Plan ('EHCP').

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

In exceptional cases, Capella House may accept referrals for pupils to be assessed for an EHCP. Such assessment places would cease at the end of the assessment process unless the assessments demonstrate that the pupil's difficulties make a permanent placement at Capella House appropriate.

Any assessment should be completed within the 20 weeks set out in the SEND Code of Practice (2014).

Children being assessed for an EHCP will be dual registered and return, full time, to their mainstream school if the LA decides not to issue an EHCP.

For further information on our school and the process for obtaining a place, contact the Head of School, Lynn Majakas on 0203 146 1441 or email lmajakas@capellahouse.richmond.sch.uk

Appeals:

If a Local Authority decides not to name Capella House on the child's Education, Health and Care Plan, or if the school is named against the parents' wishes, parents should first approach the Local Authority to discuss the decision. They may also have the right of appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (SEN and Disability) operated in accordance with the SEND Code of Practice. The application forms and guidance can be found on www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/send

Equal Opportunities:

Capella House adheres to all applicable education and equality legislation including The Education Act 1996, The Children and Families Act 2014, the SEND Code of Practice (2014) and The Equality Act 2010 and any future amendments.

Other school policies and further information can be found via the Capella House School website: www.capellahouse.org.uk