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## CABIN ADMISSIONS POLICY

### CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION:

- The child is Autistic, and Autism is their primary need.
- The child is cognitively able to access a mainstream curriculum (even if not currently doing so)
- It is likely there has been involvement with the Specialist Teaching Team of the relevant LA
- The child is not currently exhibiting levels of violence that would adversely affect the learning of others
- We can provide a place in their appropriate year group
- The child must have a proposed draft, or final, Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP);
- They must live within a maximum 45 min distance from the nearest Cabin

Applications are made through the Local Authority naming the Cabin, A school placement does not equate to a Cabin placement, and it is important that a Cabin Specialist Placement is requested.

### Reserve List

A reserve list will be held until the end of the Autumn term of the initial year of intake.

### Appeals

A parent will have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Independent of the Governing Body and the Local Authority.

### LIMITING ADMISSIONS:

The Admission Policy will limit the number of Cabin Places we accept in our schools.

The first limitation to Cabin places is when a school has reached its PAN of accepted places. This is most likely to happen when a phase transfer application for a Cabin place is made after the school has agreed places for mainstream students.

When places, including Cabin student's places, have exceeded the school PAN. The Cabin will state that they are unable to meet the needs of students on the basis that there would not be sufficient space in the

mainstream classes for the students and a further Teaching Assistant to be able to access mainstream, which is at the core of our offer.

The second limitation will apply to both a Cabin Place and a place at the mainstream school for a child with Autism as their primary need. When a school is below PAN or before the mainstream places are named Usually Feb. Of phase transfer.

For Cabin places we will limit places to 3.3% of a school's population. This will make it acceptable to have on average a single Cabin student in each class across our schools.

On top of these we would normally expect to have 1/128 of other students with Autism in line with the average of ASC in schools but much higher than the 1/268 of a mainstream secondary. We could be expected to double the mainstream average as we have greater experience of managing ASC students than other mainstream schools. We therefore conclude we will limit the number of non-Cabin ASC students with EHCPs to 1/64 students. 4 times greater than the average secondary school and that does not include the Cabin placements.

Overall, this would mean that each form would have 1 or 2 ASC students in their class and some streamed lessons could have 3-4 students. We believe this is the maximum we can manage without the numbers of ASC becoming incompatible with the efficient education of the rest of the school population.

If a student with ASD has already been accepted by the schools but it becomes clear that a Cabin place would be appropriate to maintain a successful Education, then a Cabin place will be applied for. This is the only scenario in which we would exceed the above numbers. The schools' overall numbers of ASD students would not be altered in this situation. It would not mean a further student with ASC could be accepted by the school.

The percentages above will be subdivided into year groups to assure that a single year group does not become 'overpopulated.' It will therefore be the policy that each year group should have a maximum of 3.3% of students per year that equates to 10-11 Cabin students at Comberton, 7-8 at St Peters 4-5 at Melbourn and 2 at Gamlingay the exact numbers will depend on each year group.

Non-Cabin ASC students with EHCPs will be limited to 5 students per year. These figures allow for some growth in ASC population percentages as more students reach secondary schools successfully.

Cabin place offers will be decided by the LA Panel on a case-by-case basis, and we will inform the LAs when the numbers are full for a particular year. We think this is manageable if worked alongside other proposals.