

Applications & criteria for admission:

If you have reached the decision that you would like to apply for a place at Wilds Lodge, please contact the local authority and request them to share the relevant paperwork to admissions@wildslodgeschool.com. Please note the following eligibility criteria (and refer to the admissions policy for full details).

- Wilds Lodge School having space in an appropriate class/peer group. Wilds Lodge School does not hold a waiting list, as it is felt this may hinder the process of pupils being placed at another suitable provision, and potentially remaining out of education.
- The pupil must have a proposed draft, or final Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- Details of the pupils' Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs are outlined in their EHCP.
- The pupil, academically, is ideally working towards their expected levels and showing readiness to learn. However Wilds Lodge School recognises that some pupils are not always ready to learn, and our priority is to nurture and encourage in order to improve their readiness.
- That all those with parental responsibility are in support of the placement and in agreement with the strategies and ethos of the school. Continued support of those with parental responsibility and partnership with Wilds Lodge School is essential for the success and viability of any placement.
- That the pupil is local authority funded.
- The student lives within a reasonable distance of the school. Government guidance states that the travel distance from home to school as a general rule should not exceed 45 minutes for primary and 75 minutes for secondary students. Wilds Lodge School appreciates that due to the limited nature of SEN provision that longer journey times may be unavoidable, and so will not necessarily preclude a referral. Also, journey times may be longer for boarding placements, as travel will only be at the start and end of each school week.

After an application has been made through the local authority, Wilds Lodge School will contact you to discuss the next steps or give an outcome if the application cannot be taken forward at this time.

Meet the Admissions Team:

We have a team of friendly, dedicated staff ready to help you through each step of the process from initial enquiry through to placement and transition to Wilds Lodge School. So why not give us a call and see how we can help your young person today!

Alex Hazell
Admissions Manager

Mary Rennie
Head of Family Liaison

Paul Clair
Head of Education

Matt Fogg
Head of Care

Should a formal request for placement be made, students' papers will be reviewed to ensure criteria is met and we will arrange for a day or boarding assessment to be undertaken, if appropriate, and produce an assessment report detailing the placement offer and fees, if appropriate.

Once a placement has been agreed by the local authority, we will develop and implement a comprehensive transition plan working closely with class staff and parent/carers to ensure a successful transition to the school.

Why not see what Wilds Lodge has to offer for yourself by viewing our virtual tour.

For further information about any part of our admissions process please see our admissions policy or contact a member of the admissions team.