

Widford Lodge

PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Disability

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ADMISSIONS AND DISABLED PUPILS

We welcome all children who can make the most of the opportunities that we offer and can flourish in the caring environment of Widford Lodge School. Treating every child as an individual is important to us and we welcome pupils with physical disabilities provided that they can cope with our site.

We advise parents of children with physical disabilities to discuss their child's requirements with the School before he or she visits us for an assessment day so that we can make adequate provision for him/her. Parents should provide a copy of a medical report to support their request, for example, for large print material or other special arrangements.

ON ENTRY

Each pupil with a disability requires special consideration and treatment. If appropriate, adjustments will need to be put in place. We will discuss thoroughly with parents and their medical advisers the adjustments that can reasonably be made for their child once they have accepted the offer of a place and before he/she becomes a pupil at the school. We recognise that some disabled pupils may also require specialist support from our Learning Support Department, and we would normally discuss this issue with parents before their child enters the school. Copies of the school's SEN Policy may be downloaded from our web site.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY

Parents and prospective parents of disabled children may wish to obtain copies of the school's Accessibility Plan from the school office. This shows the ways in which we plan to make our buildings progressively more accessible to disabled pupils, parents and visitors.

The school has an active monitoring policy and will do its best to make adjustments to take account of an individual pupil's needs, within the constraints imposed by its historic buildings on a scattered site.

OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

We are able, depending on need, to arrange for children for children to use laptop computers in classes, and, for example, for large print documents to be given to those with impaired vision.

SICK BAY

Widford Lodge has a sick bay that is for the use of poorly or injured children during the school day. Form teachers are always available to discuss any pupil's health problems with parents as well as the management of any medical condition.

STAFF TRAINING

Our teaching staff receive training and guidance on the learning needs of pupils with special education needs and disabilities. All staff (including teaching and support staff) will be given training on working with disabled pupils.