

## Knowle DGE Admissions 2025-2026

### Rationale

Knowle DGE is a Special Academy for pupils with an EHCP. Knowle DGE should be identified as an appropriate placement when it is agreed by all stakeholders that it is a positive placement where a pupil's needs can be met and they can flourish.

### Range of Provision

Students are aged between 5 years old and 19 years old and have a wide range or complexity of need including Speech Language and communication needs, Autism, Moderate Learning difficulties and low level Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs.

### Procedure:

- Parents/Carers are encouraged to make a visit to the school. You may arrange this by contacting the school office.
- If requested, key staff from the school may attend an Annual Review or carry out an observation at the young person's existing school.
- Consultation paperwork including the Educational Healthcare Plan is received by the school from the pupil's host authority requesting consideration of the pupil for admission.
- If a place is available and everyone is agreed on the suitability of the referral, the host local authority & Somerset Council is informed.
- If it is decided that the school cannot meet the child's needs the Authority is advised the reason for this decision.
- A transition programme, appropriate to the individual child, will be drawn up to support transfer. This may include:
  - Visits by key staff between schools
  - Additional visits/part-time placement to support move by child
- All pupils joining the school will have a School Entry Plan meeting. This ensures that a personalised transition is arranged to best meet the needs of each individual as well as sharing information and ensuring best practice.

Admissions to our P16 also follow the same procedure.

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