

## **Wargrave House**

'The Autism Specialists'



'Wargrave House School continues to be an outstanding school'

OFSTED 2019

### 'Students love coming to school'

OFSTED 2014

"Wargrave House is a service that enables some very vulnerable young people to develop a sense of belonging, ownership and community that enhances their wellbeing and selfesteem which results in very positive outcomes for students and their families."

NAS Accreditation2018



# Essential Information



#### Senior Leadership Team

Robin Bush, Chief Executive Officer Stuart Jamieson, Head of Education Helen Driver, Head of Therapy & Clinical Services Gary Van Oss, Head of Finance & Business Resources Karen Tarbuck, Office & Communications Manager

Deputy Head of Education —Richard Grimmer Assistant Head — Rebecca Worsley Head of Post 16 Learning - Julliet Doherty SENCO— Andrea Smethurst Learning Disability Nurse - Samantha Holmes Family Liaison Officer —Claire Byrne Admissions Officer—Natalie Molyneux

Chair of the Board of Trustees : Steve Whalley Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees: Muir Miller Chair of Governing Body : Viv Beecroft Vice Chair of Governing Body : Phil Round Parent Representatives on the Governing Body: Viv Beecroft & Kelley Garth

#### 2021- 2022 Holidays (dates are inclusive)

October Half Term	25 October 2021—29 October 2021
Christmas	22 December 2021—4 January 2022
February Half Term	14-18 February 2022
Easter	4—18 April 2022
Whit Half Term	30 May - 3 June 2022
May Day	Monday 2 May 2022
Summer	21 July 2022

## **Admissions**

#### **Criteria for Admission**

The school and further education department provides education for up to seventy five students with autistic spectrum disorder and is approved by the Department for Education to admit young people between the ages of five and nineteen. National Curriculum Key Stage groupings are considered throughout the school. The specialist college LEAP provides education for up to 25 students aged nineteen to twenty five.

#### Diagnosis

The primary requirement for admission must be a diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder. The various advices to the Education, Health and Care Plan should provide this information.

#### **Compatible Grouping**

Consideration will be given to the best interests of students already in school/colleges when applicants are being considered for admission. A new student must be able to join an age appropriate group.

The school meets the needs of students with a broad range of ability and across the full autistic spectrum and consideration will be given to the level of ability and the pervasiveness of autism in an attempt to achieve a manageable class balance.

#### Procedure

Application, supported by a specialist is generally made via the Local Authority. Visits to the school are normally made by parents and professionals prior to an application being submitted. An assessment of suitability will be carried out by a varied team of senior staff, therapists, teachers etc.

#### Fees

Fees to cover running expenses are paid by a) Local Authorities or b) Joint funding by Local Authorities, Social Services and Health. Private funding may also be considered.

#### Withdrawal

Wargrave House requires 12 weeks notice from a Local Authority should they wish to withdraw a student from the school.

NB. A copy of the full admissions procedure is available upon request.

#### **Complaints Procedure**

Every complaint however large or small will be dealt with both confidentially and informally.

However, if complaints cannot be resolved at school/college level a clear and simple procedure is available to enable young adults and their parents/carers to raise concerns.

Information on this procedure and the name of an independent person to help resolve the complaints can be obtained from the school/college.

#### **Equality and Diversity Statement**

Wargrave House aims :

- to promote a positive self image for each child and adult;
- to develop the full potential of each individual through appropriate learning and teaching styles;
- to provide a positive learning environment accessible to all children and adults which reinforces equality of opportunity;
- to encourage everyone to act positively against any form of discrimination;
- to provide materials and resources which meet all individuals' needs, to encourage equality of opportunity;
- to acknowledge that achievement in all its diversity should be recognised and valued.

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