



Grow 19

Admissions criteria for Grow 19

Grow 19 admission criteria is as follows:

Grow 19 is a Specialist Post-19 Institution for 18 to 25-year-old learners. Grow 19 offers study programmes that provide individualised learning experiences. These develop key employability and life skills for learners with a range of significant learning needs, including communication and interaction (C&I). Learners may have associated conditions such as an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC), epilepsy or other health needs. Learners are likely to require a flexible level of support to meet their assessed needs.

Grow 19 provides day placements that are funded by a Local Authority (LA). The admission of learners with EHCPs to Specialist Post-18 Institutions is a decision for the LAs who have statutory responsibility for arranging learners provision where appropriate.

Grow 19 is based in East Malling, Kent within The East Malling Centre, and therefore caters primarily, but not exclusively, for Kent Local Authority. Parents are encouraged to work closely with the LA representative at the start of the transition process, thus flagging potential admissions well in advance.

The admission criteria for Grow 19 include:

- *Learners are only eligible for a place if they have an Education, Health and Care Plan or Statement and Grow 19 has been identified as a suitable placement named in the learner's EHCP.*
- *Learners that have been identified as vulnerable and not able to access mainstream education but have communication and interaction or cognition and learning as a primary special education need.*
- *Learners are only eligible if Grow 19 is suitable as a provision for the learner*
- *Learners are able with support, to develop key employability or/and life skills*
- *Learners are willing and able to attend 100% of the programme, (excluding reasonable medical or emergency absence)*

In addition

- *The nature of the learner's needs and previous educational experience are not detrimental to the safety and well-being of all learners educated at Grow 19.*

- *The nature of the learner's needs and previous educational experience are not detrimental to the safety and well-being of other centre users.*
- *Learners needs and educational requirements cannot be met in mainstream provision.*

All places are subject to availability of funding and higher needs funding eligibility criteria. Staff at Grow 19 will assess learners who are referred in their existing provision (if possible) before their place is confirmed to ensure that the Centre is able to meet their needs. Formal risk assessments may be necessary to identify the medical or care needs of an individual learner to determine suitability and/or compatibility with the needs of existing learners. Learners and their parents will be given the opportunity to visit Grow 19 before being admitted.

Refusal of Admission

The Grow 19 Board of Directors and Trustees reserve the right to refuse admission in the following cases:

- Places are fully subscribed and admitting learners over this number would be incompatible with the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources
- The provision would be inappropriate for the needs of the learner
- Admission of a learner would compromise the Health and Safety of learners and/or staff within the provision
- Admission or would seriously compromise or disrupt the education of learners already within the provision
- Admission of a learner would seriously compromise the Health and Safety of other Centre users on site