

Application for a Place

Parents wishing to consider Knightsfield School as a secondary placement for their child should first contact the school to arrange a visit. This visit will normally last about an hour and a half, during which time parents will have an opportunity to look round the school and visit the mainstream link school. There will be the opportunity to see pupils at work and to ask questions about the school. If possible, parents should bring their child with them to visit the school.

Following the visit, parents, who would like their child to be considered for a place, should complete an assessment visit request form. The school will then invite the child to spend a day at the school. A number of language and listening assessments will be completed by the school audiologist. The child will also be observed working with other pupils in lessons and interacting socially. The purpose of the assessment visit is to ascertain whether the school can meet the child's needs, with particular emphasis on communication needs.

Once this assessment has taken place parents should contact their own Local Education Authority for the request to be made formally. Requests for placement for non-Hertfordshire children should be made by the Authority directly to Knightsfield School. Hertfordshire parents would normally discuss placements at the Annual Review of their child's Statement.

Placement for Hertfordshire children will be considered by Hertfordshire's SEN panel. For other Authorities the request for placement will be considered by Knightsfield directly. If an assessment visit has not taken place, the child may need to visit immediately, as the school has to respond to requests within a very short time scale.

If a placement at Knightsfield School is considered appropriate then an offer of a place will be made through the Local Education Authority and parents would be informed. If the school is not an appropriate placement for the child the reasons would be notified to the Local Education Authority.

Post 16

Places are available for hearing impaired students within the 16 to 19 Consortium. A range of AS, A level and vocational courses are offered. Students are supported by staff from Knightsfield. This support can take the form of notetakers, lip-speakers, radio aids and individual tutorials. A separate sixth form leaflet is available on request.

Students wishing to follow courses in the sixth form must meet the entry requirements for the subjects they choose. Students also have lessons at Knightsfield School to support their courses and may retake English or Maths GCSE if necessary.