



New Siblands School Admissions Policy Statement

New Siblands School is a Special School for children and young people with severe learning difficulties (SLD) and profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD). Despite not being an autism – specific setting, some of our pupils have autism in addition to learning difficulties. The school has a strong inclusion ethos. Pupils learn in mixed ability groups. New Siblands is not necessarily an appropriate setting for students with autism who have high sensory issues.

It is a maintained school under Local Authority control and does not have authority over its admissions, this resides with South Gloucestershire Council. However, due to the nature of its Special School status and mindful of the need to deliver on educational outcomes for children with a variety of complex needs, the Board of Governors, through partnership with the Local Authority, will endeavour to maintain class sizes of a maximum of **8 pupils per class** across the whole school. As year group specific cohorts are not usually 8 students, New Siblands seeks to educate young people in groups of a maximum of 8 students that may be from mixed age groups. This is complex, particularly in the 6th Form as there are 3 year-groups; therefore the school manages classes differently year on year, whilst aiming to maintain the principle of learning in groups of 8 students. A tutor group may have additional students.

Nursery/ Foundation class: 8
Key Stage 1 (Primary): 8
Key Stage 2 (Primary): 8
Key Stage 3 (Secondary): 8
Key Stage 4 (Secondary): 8
Post 16 (mixed age): 8

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Signed: David Tubb, Chair of Governors

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