

Admissions Statement:

Bromley Trust Academy is a primary and secondary Alternative Provision provider that supports pupils living in Bromley, who have been permanently excluded from mainstream schools, are at risk of permanent exclusion or are pupils who have arrived in Borough and due to un-assessed needs, require a period of assessment before moving to the most appropriate provision.

There are three ways a pupil can be referred to BTA for admission. These are detailed below:

- Permanent Exclusion

When a pupil who resides within Bromley is excluded on a permanent basis from a primary/ secondary school.

- Core Panel Referral

If a pupil is at risk of permanent exclusion, the primary/ secondary school may make a referral to the Core Panel for respite provision. Core Panel is a multi-professional and multi-agency inclusion panel with a breadth of expertise that has the key aims of preventing the exclusion of children and young people; and to prevent children and young people from being persistently absent from school. Respite provision is time restricted and on average lasts for a period of 12 weeks. The pupil remains on the roll of the school making the referral for the duration of the placement and returns to the school when it is completed.

- Fair Access Panel

When a pupil is new to Bromley, and a school place is sought via the local authority, the Fair Access Panel (a panel composed of experienced local head teachers and representatives from the Local Authority) will consider the most appropriate school for that child. If further information is required prior to that decision being made, a pupil may be referred to BTA for a time restricted assessment place.

The Admissions Process:

Once a referral has been made to BTA, we recognise that this might be a worrying time. We will contact the parent/ carer as soon possible to arrange an interview and tour of the school. During the interview, expectations are made clear about the school and a detailed discussion takes place regarding the needs of the pupil. Admissions paperwork will then need to be completed prior to a start date being offered.

Will my child stay at BTA permanently?

As an alternative provision academy, we hope that the stay at BTA is a relatively short one. Many pupils are re-integrated back into mainstream schools whilst others are supported into more specialised environments. At all times, the needs of the individual child are at the centre of our thinking and full consultation with parents/carers, schools and the local authority takes place.