

Admission Arrangements

We keep the admissions process as simple as possible in order to include the young people we aim to support and those supporting them.

Young people can independently apply for Roots and Shoots, or with the support of their family. Other professionals may also be involved at this point.

In other cases the Local Authorities may consult formally by sharing details of the young person.

In either of these cases we will aim to provide an onsite tour for the young person in order to see if they wish to formally apply. In some situations we will organise an Initial Assessment and where time allows an onsite taster session so the applicant can trial at least one of our sessions.

Where young people cannot attend a visit we would question the ability of them to attend a future course. We appreciate that a visit may not be possible in all situations and would request a phone conference and/or a virtual tour.

Student visits are offered for individual young people and their parents, carers or supporting professionals. We believe this is essential as part of a thorough application process. The visits are informal and aimed at offering young people a chance to see the physical site, meet staff, students and get a feel for the 'life at Roots and Shoots'.

During COVID we are not offering Open Days.

Once an applicant has been assessed the Education Team will make a full decision about whether:

Roots and Shoots can meet the applicants personal ambitions and learning needs
The young person being enrolled will not negative impact other existing students
The young person does not have a direct impact on the health and safety of themselves or other students and staff.

Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

In situations where two students apply at the same time priority will be given to the students who is able to or has attended a tour first. In some cases priority will be given to students who are or have previously attended our School Links courses due to this acting as a taster for their application to the full time courses.