Our Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and/or Disability

Cheshire College South & West

Please see the following page for information on this setting's age range and setting type

Cheshire East

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Working Together & Roles

How will I be supported to have a voice in the setting, school or college? *(IRR)*

Learners with SEND are encouraged to have a say in their support through the support plan, support reviews and tutorial reviews. A student Senate and Course Reps exist to represent the voice of the learners and learners with SEND are encouraged to be part of this process. A survey is carried out annually to obtain the views of supported learners in relation to their experience of the support they are receiving.

What opportunities are there for parents to become involved in the setting/school/college and/or to become governors?

Parents are invited to a number of College events, including parents' evenings, arts evenings, drama, dance and music productions and awards evenings. The College has twelve external Governors and so if a parent was interested in becoming a Governor they could apply for one of these positions.

What help and support is available for the family through the setting, school or college? *(IRR)*

The Learner Services Team and Entry level staff are willing to help and support parents where appropriate and also able to signpost to external agencies. If required staff are willing to complete any paperwork on behalf of a learner, their parent/carer, that is required to access services. Learners can also access advice about financial support and travel arrangements and there are a number of college buses that cover a wide geographical area.

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Inclusion & Accessibility

How will I be included in activities outside the classroom, including trips? *(IRR)*

As an inclusive College setting, we aim to ensure that all learners, regardless of need, are able to participate in extracurricular opportunities and any trips or visits that take place as part of the learner's course. We would work with the learner, parents/carer and staff leading these opportunities to ensure any barriers are removed, which may mean supporting the learner on the trip and completing any appropriate risk assessments. Activities and trips vary from course to course but further information can be obtained from Personal Tutors.

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Inclusion & Accessibility

How accessible is the setting/school/college environment?

Is the building fully wheelchair accessible? ☑

Details (if required)

Are disabled changing and toilet facilities available? ☑

Details (if required)

Do you have parking areas for pick up and drop offs? ☑

Details (if required) Further details available on request

Do you have disabled parking spaces for students (post-16 settings)? ☑

Details (if required) Disabled car parking spaces are located just outside each of the entrances available to students.

The College is committed to ensuring all learners have access to the buildings and facilities. This may be with the support of a Learning Support Assistant, through enlarged print, assistive technology, or audiological aids. If a learner uses a personal communication aid to support their SEND the Learner Services Team will ensure all appropriate staff are aware and can utilise the technology as required.

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Transition

Who should I contact about joining your setting, school or college? *(IRR)*

For information about joining a College course please contact the admissions team or if you need to discuss an issue related to a support need please contact the Learner Services Team. Information relating to entry criteria can be found in the College prospectus or on the College website – **www.ccsw.ac.uk**

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Transition

How can I (and my parent/carer(s)) arrange a visit to your setting, school or college? What is involved?

Open days are offered throughout the year and dates and times can be found on the College website – www.ccsw.ac.uk
If a learner with SEND wants to visit the College and have the opportunity to discuss their support needs they should contact the Learner Services Department.

How will you prepare and support me to join your setting, school, or college and how will you support me to move on to the next stage, or to move on to adult life? (as applicable for setting) ***(IRR)***

The Learner Services and Entry/Foundation Level Teams work with schools to aid transition and ensure information about a learner's SEND and support requirements are shared to enable appropriate support to be identified and put in place for the start of a learner's course. Transition programmes may include visits to the College, meetings with staff, and taster sessions and can be arranged as and when required. The College offers apprenticeships and all learners can be supported to have a work experience placement if appropriate. There is an Independent Living course offered within the Entry Level Department which helps learners to become as independent as possible by gaining confidence and developing skills. When learners are transitioning out of College there are a team of Careers Advisors who are able to offer advice and guidance. If a learner has an Education, Health and Care Plan there will be an annual review and part of that process will focus on the Preparing for Adulthood outcomes.

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Additional Information

What other support services are there who might help me and my family? ***(IRR)***

To access information on Cheshire East services and for information on how the Local Authority works with SEN please use the following link:
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localoffer

When was the above information updated, and when will it be reviewed?

This information was updated in June 2021 and will be reviewed in June 2022.

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Additional Information

Where can I find the Cheshire East Local Offer? *(IRR)*

From 1st September 2014, the Cheshire East Local Offer can be found at **www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localoffer**

What can I do if I am not happy with a decision or what is happening? *(IRR)*

A learner or parent/carer can raise a concern by contacting the Personal Development Tutor or a member of the Learner Services Team. Procedures for making a formal complaint are available from the College reception or the Complaints Officer.