

Supporting Statement for Planning



Who is ARTS EDUCATION

ARTS EDUCATION is a small Independent SEN school providing a bespoke curriculum for a range of neuro diverse young people aged 11 to 16. We are not a behavioural school. We are a very quiet, calm and nurturing school that has carefully selected the cohort of pupils to ensure that the dynamics between pupils is positive and creates an environment where those who have previously struggled making friendships can work together with experienced staff on their social communication needs as well as receive support for their SEN and educational needs.

All of our pupils have faced emotional barriers to education due to a range of factors that prominently include:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Fear of large groups
- Fear of large school buildings
- Severe bullying due to their quite nervous nature

Our school ethos is about '*Creating; Self Worth, Opportunities & Compassion*' for our students & their families, our staff, our local and wider community. We are very passionate that the basis for achieving outstanding outcomes is founded in the relationships we forge with our young people. We are advocates for young people and live our ethos of the importance of Creating: Self worth, Opportunities and Compassion through the use of an individualised holistic approach to teaching and our curriculum.

We pride ourselves with our creative curriculum. Creativity will be a golden thread woven through all aspects of our full curriculum. We believe our young learners will benefit from embedded learning experiences A.R.T.S. provides through its unique delivery of an all creative curriculum. We offer qualifications up to GCSE in all aspects of our creative subjects.

Pupil Numbers

We have a maximum capacity of 14 pupils

Staff Numbers

There are 12 members of staff

ARTS EDUCATION School Operating Times

The School will be open to pupils from September to mid July.

Our 2022/23 term dates for pupils are:

First Half Term 5th September - 21st October
Half Term Holiday 24th October - 28th October

Second Half Term 31st October - 16th December
Christmas Holidays 19th December - 3rd January

Third Half Term 4th January - 10th February
Half Term Holiday 13th February - 17th February

Fourth Half Term 20th February - 31st March
Easter Holidays 3rd April - 14th April

Fifth Half Term 17th April - 26th May
Half Term Holiday 30th May - 2nd June

Sixth Half Term 5th June - 14th July
14th July is the last day for pupils then they will be on Summer Holiday

Our daily hours of operation will be Monday to Friday
Staff will be on site between 8:00 and 16:00
Pupils will be on site between 9:00 and 14:30

Supporting Our Local Community

ARTS EDUCATION has welcomed the invitation by the Trustees of Huyton & Roby Sea Cadets to share the use of the Sea Cadet Building. ARTS is looking forward to providing the financial security sought by the Sea Cadets who have historically struggled to raise the money needed to keep the cadets and their building afloat. ARTS has already begun investing money into new IT equipment such as SMART Boards and projectors. ARTS also secured an £8,000 pot of funding for the Sea Cadets earlier this year. ARTS has also made the financial commitment to ensure that the building and the site will be kept in good order and to high cleanliness standards. This again is to help relieve the time and financial burden from the Sea Cadets as all of their staff are volunteers. With ARTS helping to look after the building in this way it will free up the time of the volunteers who run the cadets to be able to focus all their efforts on the local young people who attend the unit.

ARTS has worked closely with Knowsley Council during our journey to open our doors to the young vulnerable children of the local community. ARTS has also had the wonderful experience of working with the Knowsley Works team. Knowsley Works supports local people back into employment and training. ARTS is so happy to say that we have taken on staff members directed to us from Knowsley Works, we are so pleased to have provided the opportunity to our new staff to get back into full time employment and invest in the upskilling of local residents.

We are and will continue to look for ways in which ARTS can become part of the fabric of the local community.

We hope this supporting statement gives a sufficient overview of who we are and how invested we are in being the difference that can help shape and change young lives for the better.

Yours Faithfully

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