



Parent Information

Referral Routes for Sparkhouse Alternative Provision

Sparkhouse is a local alternative provision approved by GCC. This means the following referral routes are possible, provided you have a Gloucestershire postcode.

1. If your child is struggling to attend school, you can request a Section 19 referral to be made by your child's school to Gloucestershire County Council. The request would be for alternative provision and you can state Sparkhouse as a preference. We are on the list of approved providers. Please be aware that Section 19 referrals are only usually successful if young people are already on a My Plan or My Plant +
2. Schools can also make referrals to TALC, which is run by the Gloucestershire Education Inclusion Service (EIS) to fund short to medium term interventions to support attendance at school.
3. If your child has an EHCP, the named school can choose to commission us directly and this is something you can request as a parent, although schools do not have to agree. In this instance it is likely that we will discuss and agree which outcomes we will be able to deliver.
4. If you home educate, you can register and fund provision privately.
5. If your young person is on a school roll and attending but is finding aspects of full time school challenging, you can request a flexi-school agreement for them to have a session each week where they are not required to attend school. You could then self-fund the provision privately. Flexi-schooling agreements can only be made at the discretion of the head teacher, so they will only usually be made if the school recognises the need.

Please note: We offer a ten week programme. This enables us to plan our provision to meet specific needs and develop positive relationships. Visits and trials are possible.

If you have any further questions about this, do not hesitate to drop us an email. We are qualified in IPSEA SEN law level 3 and have a detailed understanding of Gloucestershire processes.