

Harbour Vale School

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Harbour Vale School.

Harbour Vale School is a pupil referral unit providing education for 53 students who have been permanently excluded, or are at risk of permanent exclusion, from mainstream schools at Key Stages 3 and 4. We also offer SEMH placements at KS4, short-term turnaround placements, and medical tuition places at both KS3 and KS4.

As part of our provision, we deliver a community-based Pathways programme for students who are not yet ready to fully re-engage with school. Pathways focuses on re-establishing engagement through core subjects, life-skills development, mental health and wellbeing support, and careers education. The programme provides a structured route back into education or onward to suitable next steps, helping students rebuild routines, social skills and confidence in learning.

We have robust processes of student induction that includes baseline and diagnostic testing upon entry, which allows staff to plan personalised learning from the moment the students arrive with us and supports positive re-integrations. Our school values and ethos are centred on students to believe in themselves, feel proud of their achievements and successes, and we aim to support learners becoming more respectful, responsible and resilient learners.

The school offers a range of intervention programmes and personalised timetables, working closely with students and their families to promote positive outcomes. Progress is monitored carefully and achievements are recognised at every stage.

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Harbour Vale joined SAST in November 2019 and has undergone significant refurbishment in recent years, including a new reception area, an additional classroom and internal modernisation work. These improvements ensure that the environment is secure, purposeful and conducive to learning.

If you are passionate about inclusive education, have experience or understanding of SEMH needs, mental health, and are committed to supporting young people with a diverse range of challenges, we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Knight
Headteacher

ABOUT HARBOUR VALE SCHOOL

We are a short stay alternative provision for students who have been permanently excluded or at risk of permanent exclusion from mainstream education, (dual registered) students who have specific medical needs and students who need SEND assessments from Year 7-11, located in Sherborne, North Dorset. We pride ourselves on having a child-centred approach and embrace the school ethos of:



Promoting responsible, respectful and resilient learners.

We provide students with the right support and interventions that allow our students to be successful, build self-confidence, become more resilient, with a broad and balanced curriculum, alongside a range of activities and opportunities that support them to re-integrate and engage back in mainstream education or a specialist school settings, or move on to college or an apprenticeship.

We provide students with the right support and interventions that allow them to be proud of their achievements and celebrate even the small wins.

Ethos and Values

- Respect - People and property and for you to have the right to be respected and be treated fairly
- Resilience - Everyone has the right to feel safe & ensure the safety of others. We should help each other, be kind and work in a team
- Responsible - Students have the right to learn & the responsibility to make the most of the opportunities given

Everyone will be treated as individuals with different goals, targets and needs

