



Admission Arrangements

iCollege is West Berkshire Councils Alternative Education Provision Service (formerly known as the Pupil Referral Unit Service - PRUS) providing education for students who have difficulty accessing mainstream education.

Admissions are by referrals through the PPP (Pupil Placement Panel). There are two panels that meet every month for primary and secondary admissions to alternative education provisions (including icollege). Additional support through the outreach services, 'managed moves' to other mainstream schools, referral to the educational psychology services and other strategies are also considered in these meetings. The panel consists of representatives (senior leaders) from all mainstream schools, the educational psychology service, the Early Help team, Youth Offending, LA Outreach services, the inclusion team within the LA and Heads or their Deputies from icollege.

Where a young person is struggling to access their learning in a mainstream school because of their complex social, emotional or mental health needs, their very poor attendance, or they are at risk of permanent exclusion from the school, the parents/carers and school can agree to make a referral for an alternative provision placement. Unless a young person has been permanently excluded they will remain on the roll of their mainstream school while they attend icollege to enable the reintegration back to that school after a period of 2 - 3 terms.

iCollege offers

- fulltime placements to support learners in achieving personal and academic success (Years 9 – 13)
- Off-site reactive provision to improve mainstream engagement (KS1 – 4)
- Bespoke packages, including core subjects, to meet individual learner needs (KS1 – 5)
- Short term proactive/pre-booked programmes to sustain mainstream engagement (KS3)

Based over four sites we have in the region of 66 pupils all of whom have varying needs and who are referred to us due to previous difficulties accessing mainstream education

The four units are:

- Inspiration (KS1 – 2) Foxglove Way, Thatcham RG18 4DH.
- Integration (KS3 – 4) 22 Highview, Calcot Reading RG31 4XD
- Intervention (Year 9 – 10) 88 Newtown Road, Newbury RG14 7BT
- Independence (Year 11 & 6th Form) Richmond House, Bath Road, Newbury RG14 1QY
- The Pod (KS2-3) 88 Newtown Road, Newbury RG14 7BT

We offer a range of qualifications and opportunities to gain valuable skills – both academic and social - which will take them forward to the next step in their learning, education or place of work. Our approach is holistic, student focussed and outcome based. West Berkshire LA also use iCollege to deliver its statutory responsibility to provide Home Education to those whose needs meet the criteria.

At all times icollege work in partnership with the young person and their parents/carers and mainstream schools to ensure that each young person is given the best opportunity to either make a successful transition back to a mainstream school or support our full time placements to achieve personal and academic success.

For information:

Primary referrals to fmiller@icollege.org.uk

Secondary referrals to jdavies@icollege.org.uk

INSPIRATION KS1& 2

Foxglove Way
Thatcham Berks . RG18
4DH

INTEGRATION KS3&4

22 Highview .Calcot
Reading .Berks . RG31 4XD
01189 416636

INDEPENDENCE Y11&KS5

Richmond House . Bath Road
Newbury . Berks . RG14 1QY
01635 48872

INTERVENTION Y9&10

88 Newtown Road .Newbury
Berks .RG14 7BT
01635 49397

The POD KS2&3

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