

DISABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

Colchester English Study Centre asks for all students to declare any special needs or disabilities as part of their enrolment application.

We consider each application on an individual basis through open discussion between the Head of Studies and Accommodation Team, and will make every effort to welcome disabled students where we are able to meet their needs. Colchester English Study Centre reserve the right to assess each student's needs and make an informed judgment about the ability of the school to fully meet those needs.

Each individual will be looked at on a case by case basis, taking into account matters such as:

- Support requirements (technological, human, other)
- Teaching skills/qualifications required of the teacher(s)
- Suitability of the building

After discussion, a decision will be made on whether we can accommodate the student by making any reasonable adjustments in order to meet their needs. Any relevant documentation will be stored securely and kept confidential. *(See also our Special Educational Needs Policy)*

Colchester English Study Centre is located across in a period building which is over three floors, accessible only by stairs. At the moment, the Centre has no wheelchair access or disabled toilet facilities. Due to the older style of architecture and historic nature of the buildings, significant changes are not structurally possible. Additionally, we are currently restricted by availability of suitable homestay provision.

We want to welcome students and provide good quality teaching in well-suited facilities, so that students can have a positive experience. If, after considering all reasonable adjustments, the school feels that it cannot meet a student's needs, it reserves the right to decline admission.

We will continue to look for ways to increase access to education for disabled students:

- by increasing the extent to which disabled students can participate
- by seeking to increase availability of suitable home stay provision

The Management Team will review the proposals annually.