



National Star

Realising the aspirations
of people with disabilities

Overview of the assessment process for National Star College

Application forms

Once you have registered for an assessment, we will send you a set of assessment forms to complete and return to us. We will also contact your current school, health care professionals and your Connexions / Careers / Transition Officer (if you have one) to ask them to provide information about you, your needs and your transition plans. Upon receipt of the completed forms, we will review the information and then contact you to discuss an assessment date.

Assessments

All members of the teams that you meet at your assessment are experienced in working with learners, and they will gather information so that we understand what support you would need for your studies, life skills, personal care and therapies. It will also help us to establish what specialist equipment you might need to make sure that you have everything you need at college.

Residential assessments

We will ask you to arrive in the early afternoon on the first day, and you will be ready to depart at lunchtime of the second day. You will meet specialist staff and receive support from our teams to attend all your sessions. Please bring someone with you who knows you well, such as a parent, carer or keyworker, as they will also meet with our specialist assessment team. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide accommodation for those accompanying, but they could book one of our lovely StarGlamping pods.

Day assessments

You will be invited to come in for a day assessment. On the day, you will participate in an activity, meet specialist staff and receive 1:1 support from a member of our team who will accompany you to each session. Lunch and / or refreshments will be provided. Please bring someone with you who knows you well, such as a parent, carer or keyworker, as they will also meet with our specialist assessment team.

Assessment outcomes

The assessment team will meet for moderation to decide the outcome of your assessment, and we will contact you shortly after your visit. The outcome will be one of the following:

- A conditional placement offer that will be subject to funding being agreed. If you are applying from England, you may also need your Education Health and Care Plan amended or, if you're from Wales, a Section 140. We can provide support and advice on this. We will ask you to confirm your acceptance of the conditional placement offer so that we can liaise with your Local Authority to start the funding application process.
- Sometimes we may require further information from your current or previous education providers - or other professionals who have worked with you - before making a decision on offering a place. We will keep you informed of contact and ensure we are able to make a decision quickly.
- In the event that National Star College is unable to offer a placement, a senior manager will contact you to explain the reasons for this decision. Should you wish to appeal against this decision, please refer to the Appeals Procedure.