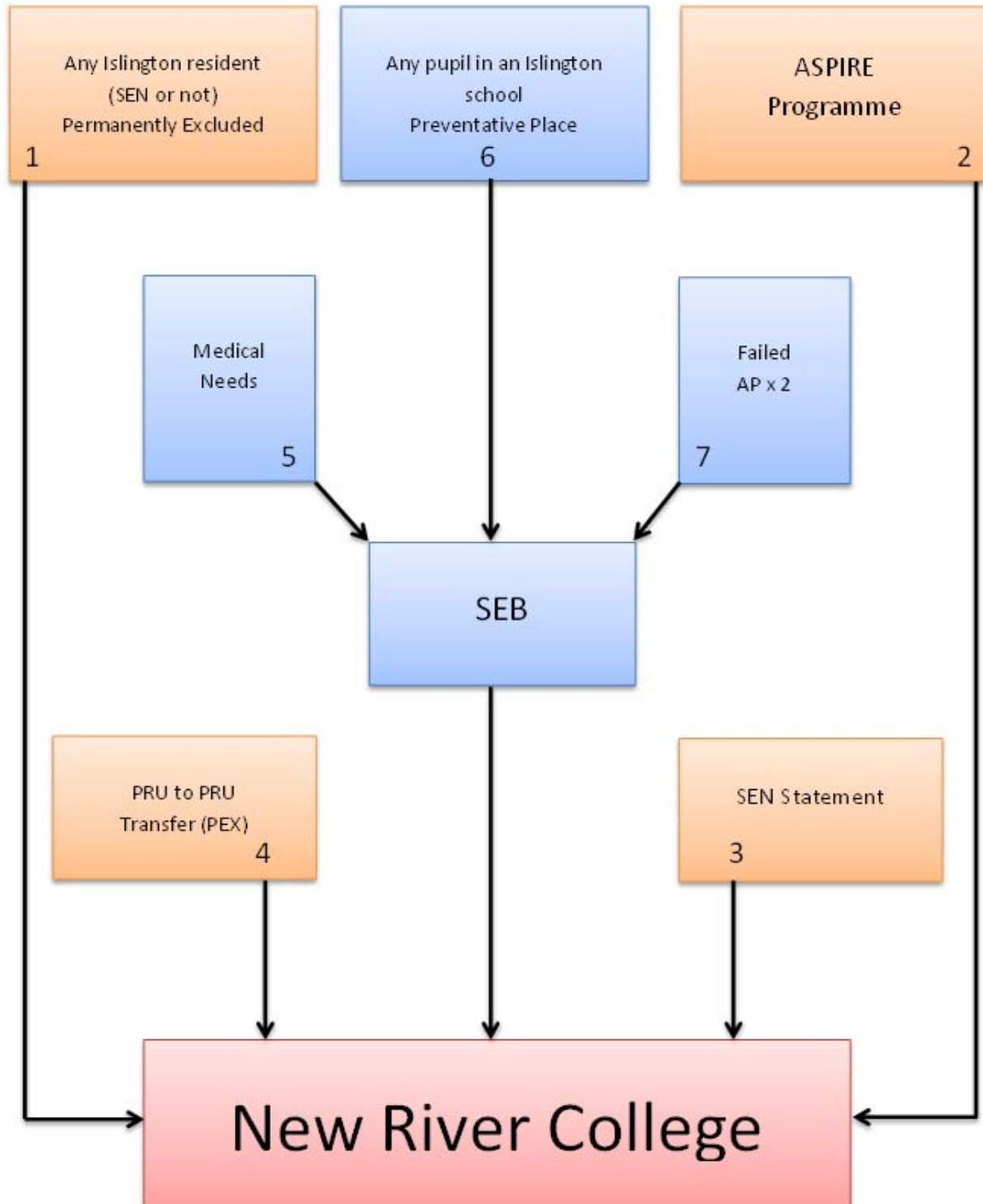


ADMISSIONS

Pupils can be referred to New River College in a number of ways. The diagram below shows the 7 principle routes via which a young person can be admitted to New River College. These routes can be either direct (1-4) or indirect via the Securing Education Board (SEB) (5-6).



1. Any Islington Resident (SEN or not) Permanently Excluded

Any pupil who is permanently excluded from an Islington school is automatically referred by the Local Authority to New River College (NRC). Following this referral, a place at the appropriate NRC site will be arranged within six days. The pupil in question will attend NRC for at least the period during which the formal exclusion process is carried out and beyond, should the decision to permanently exclude be upheld.

2. ASPIRE Programme

The ASPIRE Programme is open to pupils in Islington secondary schools, where teaching staff have concerns over the pupil's behaviour and feel that there may be risk of permanent exclusion in the future. The schools will be informed of the deadline for applications to the programme, which is typically for a 10 week period in any given term. The aim of the ASPIRE Programme is to continue a pupil's education whilst providing support around behaviour, in order to equip them with the necessary skills for a successful return to mainstream education.

All candidates must be interviewed by the Deputy Head and the Aspire Lead Mentor, a member of NRC's Outreach team, with their parent/carer and a member of school staff before the programme commences.

3. SEN Statement

In cases where a school of any type feel that they are not best placed meet the educational needs of a pupil with either a Statement or EHCP the Local Authority, after an annual review, is able to ask NRC to consider whether the needs of the pupil can be met. It will then be decided, in consultation with the SEN team at the Local Authority, whether NRC is able to provide the necessary support for the pupil in question. Where the referral is approved a place at the appropriate NRC site will be found as soon as possible.

4. PRU to PRU Transfer (PEX)

Pupils who have being permanently excluded from mainstream education and are already receiving their education at a Pupil Referral Unit outside of the London Borough of Islington can be referred to NRC if they are to become resident in the borough. Following notification from the Local Authority a PRU to PRU transfer will be arranged and place at the appropriate NRC site will be found.

5. Medical Needs

Pupils with either short term or long term medical needs which prevent them from attending their mainstream education provider are referred to the Securing Education Board (SEB), the

body responsible for administering Islington Council's Fair Access Protocol. SEB meetings take place on a monthly basis and will consider referrals on a case-by-case basis. Where it is agreed that a pupil's medical needs are preventing them from attending school and the relevant medical evidence is in place, they will be referred to NRC Medical and will either receive teaching at the Lodge, Elthorne Road, or home tuition. Pupils receiving education from NRC Medical in either capacity will be assessed on a regular basis and will return to their home school if and when they are able to do so.

6. Any pupil in an Islington School – Preventative Place

Pupils in Islington schools who are at risk of permanent exclusion, or have on-going behavioural challenges, can be referred by their home school to SEB, which will then decide whether a short-term preventative place at NRC is appropriate in order to address concerns over the pupil's behaviour and facilitate a return to mainstream as soon as possible. Unlike the ASPIRE programme, this type of referral has no initially fixed time-period and must go through SEB rather than via a direct link to NRC.

7. Failed AP x 2

As an alternative to mainstream education, pupils within the London Borough of Islington can be placed in an Alternative Provision (AP) to receive their education. In cases where two such placements have broken down the pupil can be referred to NRC via the Securing Education Board.