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Dear Parent,

This school list names different types of mainstreams (with units/resource bases).

Our schools' lists are designed to give you an idea of what is available in Wandsworth and other boroughs.

However, it does not include the names of every school, and we cannot guarantee that all the schools listed are suitable for your child/young person.

Please note: School details can change quickly and although we try to update our school lists every year, some details may change before then. We recommend that you look at the school's website for further information (e.g. SEND Information reports -mainstream schools) and visiting a school is usually the best way to find out if it is the right one for your child/ young person.

You can also use the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk to get further information about the school.

We recommend that you ask to speak to/make an appointment with the Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO)/Inclusion Manager) when contacting a school for the first time.

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The Wandsworth Information and Advice Support Service (WIASS) is an impartial service; therefore, we do not make recommendations about individual schools and do not endorse any of the schools on this list.

However, we will explain your rights and the LA's duties when deciding on which school/s:

If you have received your child / young person's draft EHC plan, you should contact your child's/young person's EHC Coordinator to make a request for a particular school to your local authority (LA).

The Law:

You have the right to request the following types of school/s, to be named in your child's/young person's (16-25) EHC Plan:

- A maintained school or nursery (mainstream or special school). These are schools that are funded by a Local Authority (LA)
- An Academy or free school (mainstream or special) These are schools that are funded by the Secretary of State (Government).
- Further education or sixth form college
- A non-maintained special school. These are charitable foundations and "not for profit" schools.

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- A Section 41 school. These are independent schools or specialist colleges that have been approved by the Secretary of State (Government)

The LA **must** consult the above school/s if you ask them to.

The LA **must** name one of the above school/s unless it can prove one of the following:

- It would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEN of your child's or young person's, or
- The attendance of your child or young person there would be incompatible with the efficient:
 - a) Education of others, or b) Use of resources

Independent Schools (that are not non-maintained or Section 41 schools):

While there is no automatic right to request an independent school that is not a non-maintained* (does not operate for profit) or Section 41 approved school, you can ask the LA to consider this option.

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It is important to have a confirmed offer of a place from the independent school before making a request for the LA to consult with this type of school. It is important to note that if an independent school does not offer your child / young person a place, the LA can not force admissions or name the setting in the EHC Plan.

The LA will consider whether the school can meet all of your child's special educational needs and provide a suitable education. They will also consider the cost of the placement and if there are other schools that can meet all of your child's needs.

*Non-maintained independent schools must meet certain standards and are inspected by Ofsted or the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)

Questions to consider on a school visit:

How does the SENCO communicate information about individual pupils to teachers? This is especially important at secondary school where a pupil might be taught by 13-14 different teachers in a week.

What training do teachers and support staff receive to support children with SEND?

How does the school ensure children with SEND can participate in extra-curricular activities and school trips?

How does the school involve parents in school life?

How does the school communicate with you regarding your child's progress and any concerns?

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Does the school have experience of children with the same/similar needs as your child and how did they work with them?

Are there quiet spaces or sensory areas available for your child if they need them?

What induction processes are in place for new students, particularly those with SEND?

How are difficulties with behaviour managed within the school environment?

How does the school support emotional regulation and mental health?

What is the school's approach to bullying?

What is the staff-to-student ratio, particularly in SEN classrooms / settings?

How does the school work with external specialist professionals to help your child/young person?

Other things to think about when visiting a school.

Do you feel welcome?

Do the children look comfortable/happy?

Do the classrooms look like places where children can learn?

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Does the school celebrate different cultures/different points of views?

Do the staff seem interested in you and your child?

For more information and questions, for when you are deciding on a school, please read our,

- [Looking for a primary school if your child has an EHC plan leaflet](#)
- [Looking for a secondary school if your child has an EHC plan leaflet](#)

If you have any questions about the lists or you would like more advice or information about deciding on school/s, please contact the WIASS office:

- **Helpline number: 020 8871 8065** (24-hour answer machine)
- **Email:** wiass@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Maintained Primary Schools and Units for Pupils with Speech and Language Difficulties

Wandsworth				
Smallwood Primary School Language Unit (Maintained)	4 Language Unit classes, which provide specialist teaching support for children with speech and language difficulties. Boys and Girls Ages 4 - 11 Years	Smallwood Road Garratt Lane London SW17 0TW	Tel: 020 8672 6024 Email: admin@smallwood.wandsworth.sch.uk	Website: www.smallwood.wandsworth.sch.uk



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Croydon				
Applegarth Primary School (Academy)	Enhanced Learning Provision (ELP) for speech and language. Boys and Girls Ages 3 - 11 Years	Bygrove Fieldway New Addington Croydon CR0 9DL	Tel: 01689 841 528 Email: office@applegarthacademy.org	Website: www.applegarthacademy.org
The Link Primary School (Maintained Special School)	The Link School specialises in meeting the needs of students who have Speech, Language and Communication difficulties. Boys and Girls Ages 4 - 11	138 Croydon Road Beddington CR0 4PG	Tel: 020 8688 5239 Email: office@thelinkschool.co.uk	Website: www.thelinkschool.co.uk



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Lambeth				
Wyvil Primary School (Maintained)	Language Unit For pupils with Speech and Language Impairment and Autism. Boys and Girls Ages 4 - 11 Years	22 Kennington Park Road Kennington London SE11 4AX	Tel: 0207 735 2760 Email: arboffice@wyvil.org.uk	Website: www.wyvilschool.org.uk
Merton				
Wimbledon Chase Primary School (Maintained)	Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) for pupils with speech and language difficulties. Boys and Girls Ages 4 – 11 Years	Merton Hall Road London SW19 3QB	Tel: 0208 542 1413 Email: WCPS@wimblonchase.merton.sch.uk	Website: www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk



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Southwark				
John Ruskin School (Maintained)	Language unit for pupils with speech, language and communication difficulties. Boys and Girls Ages 4 - 11 Years	John Ruskin Street Camberwell London SE5 0PQ	Tel: 020 7703 5800 Email: office@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk	Website: www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk
Richmond				
Capella House School (Special Free School)	Specialises in providing education for pupils with speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN). Boys and Girls Ages 4 – 11 Years	60 Amyand Park Road Twickenham TW1 3HE	Tel: 020 3146 9887 Email: primary@capellahouse.org.uk	Website: www.capellahouse.org.uk



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Hounslow				
Lionel Primary School Speech and Language Base (Maintained)	The Speech and Language Base provides specialized support for children with significant speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN). Boys and Girls Ages 4-11 Years	Lionel Road North, Brentford Middlesex TW8 9QT	Tel: 020 8560 5323 Email: office@lionel.hounslow.sch.uk	Website: www.lionelprimaryschool.co.uk

The following school search websites can also help you:

www.specialneedsuk.org

www.schoolsearch.co.uk (for independent schools)

www.isc.co.uk (for independent schools)