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Dear Parent

This school list names different types of schools (including 6<sup>th</sup> forms within a school).

Our schools' lists are designed to give you an idea of what is available in the local area.

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 (SEN Policy/Information report) and visiting a school is usually the best way to find out if it's the right one.

You can also use the Ofsted website [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://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, or with the Headteacher when contacting a school for the first time.

**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:

For example,

**The Law:**

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## You have the right to request the following types of school/s or college/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.
- 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/colleges 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 the child or young person, or
- The attendance of the 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):

You can ask the LA to consider **(this is not a right)** a request for an independent school that is **not** a non-maintained or Section 41 school.

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If you request the LA to consult an independent school, please ensure you have a **confirmed** offer of a place.

**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:** [wiaas@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:wiaas@wandsworth.gov.uk)



## Primary and Secondary Special Schools for Pupils with Physical Disabilities, PMLD and/or Complex Medical Needs

<b>Wandsworth</b>				
<b>Greenmead School</b>  <b>Maintained Special School</b>	The school specialises in educating pupils with severe physical disabilities including those with profound and multiple learning difficulties and complex health needs.  <b>Boys and Girls</b> <b>Ages 2 - 11 Years</b>	147 Beaumont Road London SW19 6RY	<b>020 8789 1466</b>	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:admin@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk">admin@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk">www.greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk</a>
<b>Croydon</b>				
<b>St Giles School</b>  <b>Maintained</b>	A special community school for children with physical difficulties and complex medical needs across the ability range from MLD to PMLD.  <b>Boys and girls</b> <b>Ages 4 - 19 Years</b>	Pampisford Road South Croydon Surrey CR2 6DF	<b>020 8680 2141</b>	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:office@st-giles.croydon.sch.uk">office@st-giles.croydon.sch.uk</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.st-gilesschool.co.uk">www.st-gilesschool.co.uk</a>

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<p><b>Rutherford School</b>  <b>Independent</b></p>	<p>Special School for children with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities including physical disabilities, sensory impairments and complex medical needs. <b>Boys and Girls</b> <b>Ages 3 - 19 Years</b></p>	<p>1A Melville Avenue South Croydon CR2 7HZ</p>	<p><b>020 8688 7560</b></p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.rutherford.school.org.uk">www.rutherford.school.org.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rutherford@rutherford.school.org.uk">rutherford@rutherford.school.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>East Sussex</b></p>				
<p><b>Chailey Heritage School</b>  <b>Non-maintained - Chailey Heritage Foundation</b></p>	<p>Day and boarding special school for children with complex physical disabilities, high health needs, sensory impairments and associated learning difficulties.  <b>Boys and Girls</b> <b>Ages 3 - 19 Years</b></p>	<p>Haywards Heath Road North Chailey Lewes BN8 4EF</p>	<p><b>01825 724 444</b></p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.chf.org.uk">www.chf.org.uk</a></p>



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<b>Kingston</b>				
Bedelsford School Maintained	A special School for children who have a wide range of physical disabilities, including profound and multiple learning difficulties and complex health issues.  <b>Boys and Girls Ages 2 - 16 Years</b>	Grange Road Kingston Upon Thames KT1 2QZ	<b>020 8546 9838</b>	<b>Email: <a href="mailto:info@bedelsfordschool.org">info@bedelsfordschool.org</a></b>  <b>Website: <a href="http://www.bedelsfordschool.org">www.bedelsfordschool.org</a></b>

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<b>Lambeth</b>				
<b>Livity School</b>	Special day school for children with:	35 Adare Walk London SW16 2PW	<b>020 8769 1009</b>	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:admin@thelivity.lambeth.sch.uk">admin@thelivity.lambeth.sch.uk</a>
<b>Maintained</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties</li> <li>• Complex Medical Needs</li> <li>• Severe Cognition and Learning Difficulties</li> </ul> <p>Many pupils have additional Disabilities including sensory impairments, Autism / Communication and Interaction Difficulties, Physical Disabilities and other medical needs including Epilepsy</p> <p><b>Boys and Girls</b> <b>Ages 2 - 11 Years</b></p>			<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.thelivityschool.co.uk">www.thelivityschool.co.uk</a>

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<b>Surrey</b>				
<b>St Piers School</b>	A Special day or boarding School for children and young people with a range of neurological disorders including epilepsy.	Young Epilepsy St Pier's Lane Lingfield Surrey RH7 6PW	<b>01342 831348</b>	<b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:education@youngepilepsy.org.uk">education@youngepilepsy.org.uk</a>
<b>Non-Maintained - Young Epilepsy</b>	<b>Boys and Girls Ages 5 - 19 Years</b>			<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.stpiers.org.uk">www.stpiers.org.uk</a>

The following school search websites can also help you:

[www.specialneedsuk.org](http://www.specialneedsuk.org)

[www.schoolsearch.co.uk](http://www.schoolsearch.co.uk) (for independent schools)

[www.isc.co.uk](http://www.isc.co.uk) (for independent schools)