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Wandsworth
Information,
Advice &
Support Service



The local SENDIASS, working in partnership with children and young people with SEND and their parents

Dear Parent

This school list names different types of schools (including 6th 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 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.

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

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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



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Residential Schools for Pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Bedfordshire				
Oak Bank School (Maintained)	A Residential Special School for pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties Girls and Boys Ages 9 - 19 Years	Sandy Lane Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7 8BE	01525 374559	Website: www.oakbank.beds.sch.uk Email: schooloffice@oakbank.beds.sch.uk
Surrey				
Chart Wood School	A Day/Residential School for pupils with social, emotional and behaviour difficulties Boys Ages 11 – 16 Years	Unified Academy, Chart Lane South, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 4DB	01737 215488	Website: www.unifiedacademy.org Email: info@unifiedacademy.org



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Sussex				
Brantridge School (Independent)	A Residential Special School for pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties Boys Ages 6 - 13 Years	Staplefield Place Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6EQ	01444 400228	Website: www.brantridgeschool.org Email: schooloffice@brantridge-school.co.uk
Philpots Manor School (Independent)	A Day and Residential Home for pupils with a range of Special Educational Needs including social, emotional and behavioural difficulties Boys and Girls Ages 7 - 19 Years	West Hoathly East Grinstead RH19 4PR	01342 810268	Website: www.philpotsmanorschool.co.uk Email: info@philpotsmanorschool.co.uk

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The following school search websites can also help you:

St Mary's School (Independent)	A Residential Special School for pupils with Social and Communication difficulties and/or with emotional and behavioural difficulties. Boys Ages 9 - 16 Years	St. Mary's Special School and College, Wrestwood Road, Bexhill-on-sea, TN40 2LU	01424 730740	Website: www.stmarysbexhill.org Email: admin@stmarysbexhill.org
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www.specialneedsuk.org

www.specialneedsguide.co.uk

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

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