



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:

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: wiaass@wandsworth.gov.uk



Day and Residential Schools for Pupils with Visual Impairment

Middlesex				
RNIB Sunshine House School (Independent – Charitable Trust)	A Residential Special School for blind and partially sighted children with significant learning difficulties and disabilities Boys and Girls Ages 2 - 14 Years	33 Dene Road Northwood Middlesex HA6 2DD	01923 822538	Website: www.rnib.org.uk Email: sunshinehouse@rnib.org.uk



Wandsworth				
Linden Lodge School (Maintained Day and Residential)	A Specialist Day and Boarding School for pupils with a visual impairment or who are multi- disabled with a visual impairment. Also supports pupils with profound and multiple learning difficulties and dual sensory impaired Girls and Boys Ages 2 - 19 Years	61 Princes Way Wimbledon Park London SW19 6JB	020 8780 2712	Website: www.lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk Email: info@lindenlodge.wandsworth.sch.uk

Wandsworth Visual Impairment (VI) Service advises on specialist schools for children and young people with visual impairments and on specialist provision for visually impaired pupils in mainstream schools.

Contact details for the Wandsworth Visual Impairment Service are: Telephone: 020 8871 7707

Other boroughs have their own VI Services. Contact details for these can be found on the relevant Local Authority website.

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The following school search websites can also help you:

www.specialneedsuk.org

<http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/> (has links to Ofsted reports)

www.education.gov.uk/edubase

www.findmyschool.co.uk

www.specialneedsguide.co.uk

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

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