

Providing an Impartial Service to Children and Young People (aged 0-25) with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities and their Parents or Carers

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 <u>www.ofsted.gov.uk</u> 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.

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

The Law:

You have the right to request the following types of school or college 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

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The LA must name one of the above schools 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 <u>not</u> a non-maintained or Section 41 school.

If you have any questions about the lists or you would like more advice or information about schools, please contact the WIASS office.

Telephone: 020 8871 8065 (Call back line-24 hour answering message)

Email: wiass@wandsworth.gov.uk

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## Residential Schools for Pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Bedfordshire						
Oak Bank School	A Residential Special School for pupils with emotional and	Sandy Lane Leighton Buzzard	01525 374559	Email: schooloffice@oakbank.beds.sch.uk		
(Maintained)	behavioural difficulties	Bedfordshire LU7 8BE		www.oakbank.beds.sch.uk		
	Girls and Boys Ages 9-19 years					
Sussex		<u> </u>				
Brantridge School	A Residential Special School for pupils with social, emotional, and	-	01444 400228	Email: schooloffice@brantridge- school.co.uk		
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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	Email: reception@philpotsmanorschool.co.u k www.philpotsmanorschool.co.uk
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	Maynards Green Heathfield East Sussex TN21 0BT	01435 812278	Email: Office@sm@sabden.org.uk www.sabden.org.uk



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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)

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