

# Which school for my child?

## Introduction

At different times in every child's school life, you, as parents, are asked to decide which school you would like your son or daughter to go to. For example:

- when your child is first assessed for an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP),
- when their current EHCP is being amended, for example because they have reached the age where they need to change schools

You need to be closely involved in helping to decide what educational provision your child will need.

This information booklet is intended to help you in expressing your preference for a particular school for your child. It is for parents of children who already have a Plan and are about to change school because of their age. This is known as a phase transfer. However, most of the information will be useful in considering schools at other times.

## Where can my child go to school if he or she has special educational needs?

Most children with EHCPs will be able to go to their local mainstream school. They will be taught with children of their own age with extra help from their class teacher. They may also be helped by a Teaching Assistant or a specialist teacher. Other special help that they need can also be provided. Some children may need a more specialised education and there is a range of alternative provision, which may be suitable, including special schools.

So, you need to think about what type of school may best meet your child's needs:

- Mainstream school - with extra help or provision
- Enhanced Resource School (ERS) – this is a mainstream school with additional resources for particular children with special educational needs. Children in Enhanced Resource Schools are integrated with their mainstream friends, but have access to more specialist support and staff when appropriate and will have an EHCP.
- Special School – all children attending this type of school will have an EHCP. Some experience in a mainstream school may be part of the children's education
- Independent Special School – a private (fee-paying) school which has been approved by the Department for Education to take children with special needs.

In Derby City, each of the Enhanced Resource and Special schools provides for a particular group of special needs and age group. If you are not sure whether a particular school could meet your child's needs, you can get information about these schools from SENDIASS.

Before you start, remember that all children are individuals with individual needs. Schools are also individual with their own individual strengths and ways of working. As the parent of a child with special educational needs, you need to find a school which you think will best match the needs of your child, bearing in mind practical constraints such as transport and any other children in your family.

## **Can I choose my child's school?**

Parents have the legal right to express a preference for a particular maintained school.

You have some choice, but by law, the LA must be sure of two things:

- the preferred school is suitable for the child's age, ability, aptitude or special educational needs;
- the child's attendance at the school would be compatible with the provision of efficient education of the children with whom the child would be educated or the efficient use of resources.

## **What are your child's needs?**

Before beginning your search for a school, it is important to gather as much information as you can about your child's individual learning needs and their abilities. The more you know about your child's needs, the easier it will be to decide which school you think will suit them best.

Go through each of the individual professionals' assessments that are part of your child's Plan and the Plan itself.

Look at any other reports on your child and make your own list of all their strengths as well as their weaknesses.

Talk to the professionals who know your child and ask them what kinds of things they think you should look for in any school you go to see. Don't expect these professionals to comment on the suitability of individual schools though. They cannot make your decision for you, and may not be sufficiently familiar with all the provision available to be able to give you the most complete advice.

## **How can I find out what schools there are?**

A list of all the different schools in and around Derby is enclosed with this booklet. This list includes mainstream, Enhanced Resource, LA Special schools and Independent Schools. It has all the addresses, so you can find their exact location in relation to where you live, and the schools' telephone numbers, so you can contact them for further information.

The LA also publishes an information booklet, 'The Admissions Handbook' which is updated each year. This booklet explains how children who do not have EHCPs are admitted to school. But it does include the admission limits and approximate number of pupils at each of

the city's maintained schools, so you can see how big each school is. The booklet will be available during the Autumn Term; a copy can be obtained by either calling 01332 642727 or by using the website <http://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/> then select Primary or Secondary Admissions. The Handbooks are available as downloads at the bottom of the page.

## **What about transport?**

How your child is going to get to and from school is an important part of considering the possible alternative schools.

The LA has to apply the same rules about transport to children with EHCPs as to all other children. If you live outside the LA's walking distance, the LA will provide assistance with transport to what they regard as the nearest school able to meet your child's needs. They will be able to tell you which is the nearest school for your home address.

If you decide you want your child to go to a school that is further away, then the LA won't normally assist you with transport. They may name the school you prefer on your child's EHCP, but you will be expected to cover the transport costs. If you are not able to meet these costs, the LA will likely name the nearer school because they would consider that to be a more efficient use of their resources.

Walking distance is measured by the shortest available route and is:

- two miles for children under eight
- three miles for children aged eight and over.

There may be exceptions to the transport rules, such as if your child has difficulty walking.

## **What can I read before I visit a school?**

You could ask each school to send you one or more of these documents before you go to visit:

- their current School Prospectus or Brochure
- the most recent Governors' Annual Report to Parents
- the school's Special Educational Needs Policy
- other school policies such as their Behaviour Policy or Equal Opportunities Policy
- any OFSTED Inspectors' report on the school

Reading through the written information about a school will give you an idea of what the school is like and help you to identify particular areas you might want to ask about.

You might also want to think about the values and beliefs that you and your family hold and whether they fit with those of the school. Think about your views on discipline and your religious beliefs and practices.

You should use all of this information to help you decide which schools would best suit your child.

## Visiting a school

Once you have a shortlist of possible schools, you need to arrange to visit them.

Always contact the school first to make an appointment so that you can be sure that the right staff will have time to talk to you. This might be the Headteacher or the teacher who co-ordinates arrangements for special educational needs in the school (the SENCO).

When visiting a school, try to get to talk to the staff who would be most involved with your child.

Look for a positive attitude from the staff towards the children and your child in particular.

Do you want a guided tour around the school? If so, you will get a better feel for the school if you try to visit in school hours when the children are there.

- Watch how they behave in class and around the school
- Notice how the classes are organised
- Ask to see the class or year group that your child would be in
- See what teaching methods and approaches are being used
- See what special arrangements are being made for the children with special needs
- Ask questions as they occur to you

Think carefully about whether you want to take your child with you on the first visit and discuss this with the school. It may be better to take your child at a later date. You might want to take someone else with you, such as a friend or relative. They can help in discussing your impressions afterwards and may notice things which you have missed.

Would it be helpful to talk to other parents about the school?

Do you know other parents there? The school might be able to put you in touch with other parents.

Would you like to talk to a parent governor?

### **Be prepared to explain about your child's special educational needs.**

It is a good idea to take a copy of your child's EHCP or some other summary of your child's special educational needs with you when you visit a school.

This will help the school staff in talking to you about how they could help your child.

Before you visit, make a list of all the questions you want to ask. You could use some of the ones in this booklet and add some of your own. Be prepared to ask schools some straight questions about what they would be able to provide for your child. Don't just rely on what you are told - have a good look for yourself as well.

## Things to look for:

- On your first contact with the school and during the visit, do you feel welcomed?
- Are the children looking busy and happy? Are they helpful and friendly?
- Do the classrooms look like bright and pleasant places where children can learn?
- Does the whole school look orderly and cared for and a safe place for your child?
- Are the corridor and toilet areas clean and tidy and accessible to your child?
- Are the displays current and interesting and do they seem to include work by pupils of all abilities?
- Does the staff seem interested in you and your child and in answering your questions?
- Would you like your child to spend his or her school days there?
- If your child goes with you to visit the school, how does he or she feel about being a pupil there?

School staff shouldn't tell you whether or not a place is available for your child.

The decision about places at maintained schools is made by the LA.

<b>Examples of questions you might want to ask</b>	
<b>Your questions</b>	<b>What the schools say</b>
Does the school have any experience of helping children with similar difficulties to my child?	
How many other children in the school have special educational needs? What kinds of needs do they have?	

<p>How is the school organised? Into departments? How? By age? By ability? Subject groups?</p>	
<p>How might this change as my child gets older?</p>	
<p>How often would my child change class or move around the school?</p>	
<p>How many staff are there in the school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching</li> <li>• Non-teaching</li> <li>• for supporting special needs?</li> </ul>	
<p>What training have staff had about special educational needs?</p>	
<p>What does the school do to make sure that all staff would know about my child's individual needs?</p>	
<p>How many children would be in my child's class?</p>	
<p>How would other children be helped to understand my child's special needs?</p>	
<p>How would my child be helped to make friends?</p>	
<p>When and how often are children taught out of the classroom?</p>	
<p>Is there a separate room for special needs? What equipment and resources are there?</p>	

How does the school arrange extra support for children who need it?	
Is the extra support usually provided in the classroom, individually or in small groups?	
How does the school help children to learn how to behave and make the school a happy place? Does the behaviour system reward effort as well as success?	
What is the school's experience of bullying? How would the school prevent my child from being bullied?	
How would the school make sure my child has the chance to take part in all areas of the curriculum?	
How is children's work assessed for progress?	
What happens if school staffs feel my child is not making progress?	
What would happen if I feel my child is not making progress or if I have any concerns?	
What special arrangements are there for internal exams, tests and SATs?	
(For older children – ) What public examinations are children able to take, and what is the success rate?	
How do you make sure that all children have equal opportunities to take part in school trips?	

How would my child be encouraged to take part in out-of-class or school activities such as clubs and sports events?	
How often are written reports sent home?	
How would I be involved in the individual planning for my child's special educational needs?	
How would I be kept up to date about what is happening in school?	
How are parents involved in school life?	
Does the school produce newsletters for parents?	
Is there a parents' group?	
What health or medical facilities does the school have?	
What arrangements are usually made for transport to and from school?	
How would you get to know my child before they start at your school?	
How would my child get to know your school, especially in the first few days after starting?	
(If your child has difficulty walking - ) Are all areas of the school accessible to my child, or would adaptations be necessary?	



## **After the visit**

You need to come away feeling that your child would fit in to the school and that they would be happy there.

Ideally, parents should be treated as partners in a team working together with the professionals in the school for the good of your child. Your views and involvement should be equally valued. Did you come away with that impression?

You need to feel that the staff has a positive attitude towards your child and that they will make the most of your child's strengths and help them through any difficulties.

You need to be sure that the school can meet your child's particular special educational needs.

Would the school be able to support your child's strengths or interests?

If you have any doubts, you might find it helps to write these down. You can always talk to the school again about these points, asking different questions and for more information.

It is important to keep an open mind and consider several possibilities when trying to decide on a school. Talk to people who know you and your child before you make up your mind. There are advantages and disadvantages to most arrangements. For example, one school may have smaller classes but may not organise its teaching in the way that would suit your child. There may not be an 'ideal' school but there will be a 'best' one.

## **Who can I talk to for more advice?**

You can receive independent advice from the Derby City SENDIASS on 01332 641414.

## **Glossary of Special Educational Needs**

<b>ABI</b>	Acquired Brain Injury
<b>ADD</b>	Attention Deficit Disorder
<b>ADHD</b>	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
<b>ASD</b>	Autism Spectrum Disorder
<b>CD</b>	Conduct Disorder
<b>EBD</b>	Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties
<b>LD</b>	Learning Difficulties
<b>MLD</b>	Moderate Learning Difficulties
<b>OCD</b>	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
<b>ODD</b>	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
<b>PDA</b>	Pathological Demand Avoidance
<b>PMLD</b>	Profound & Multiple Learning Disabilities
<b>PTSD</b>	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
<b>SEMH</b>	Social, emotional and mental health issues
<b>SLCN</b>	Speech, Language & Communication Needs
<b>SLD</b>	Severe Learning Difficulties
<b>SPD</b>	Sensory Processing Disorder

## Schools List

Please note that we do not recommend or endorse any school whose details are listed, nor can we advise on places available at any school. The list is for information purposes only.

### Primary Schools – Enhanced Resource

#### Brackensdale ER Primary School

Address: Walthamstow Drive, Mackworth, Derby, DE22 4BS

Telephone: 01332 341171

Email: [admin@bps.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bps.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.bps.derby.sch.uk](http://www.bps.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: David Hall

SENCO: Sorcha Walmsley

Special Needs: ASD, SLCN

Age range: 4-11

School type: Enhanced resource facility for pupils with communication difficulties and/or ASD

#### Markeaton Primary School

Address: Bromley Street, Derby, DE22 1HL

Telephone: 01332 347374

Email: [admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk](http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Ian Johnson

SENCO: Emma Balfour

Special Needs: Severe visual impairment

Age range: 4-11

School type: Enhanced resource base for pupils who are blind or have a severe visual impairment

#### Reigate Park Primary Academy

Address: Reigate Drive, Mackworth Estate, Derby, DE22 4EQ

Telephone: 01332 298969

Email: [info@reigate.theharmonytrust.org](mailto:info@reigate.theharmonytrust.org)

Website: [www.reigate.theharmonytrust.org](http://www.reigate.theharmonytrust.org)

Head of Academy: Karen Ratcliff

Executive Principal: Lynn Thorne

SENCO: Sally Harrison

Special Needs: Hearing impairment

Age range: 3-11

School type: Enhanced resource facility for hearing impaired pupils

### **Springfield Primary School**

Address: West Road, Spondon, Derby, DE21 7AB

Telephone: 01332 673846

Email: [admin@springfield.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@springfield.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.springfield.derby.sch.uk](http://www.springfield.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs Joyce

SENCO: Miss Knight

Special Needs: ASD

Age range: 4-11

School type: Enhanced resource facility for pupils with a diagnosis of ASD

## **Secondary Schools – Enhanced Resource**

### **Allestree Woodlands School**

Address: Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby, DE22 2LW

Telephone: 01332 551921

Email: [the.office@woodlands.derby.sch.uk](mailto:the.office@woodlands.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.woodlands.derby.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Gemma Penny

SENCO: Lisa Mills

Special Needs: ASD, Dyslexia, Hearing impairment

Age range: 11-18

School type: Enhanced learning faculty which supports pupils with special educational and emotional needs; enhanced resource facility for hearing impaired pupils

### **Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy**

Address: Duffield Road, Darley Abbey, Derby, DE22 1JD

Telephone: 01332 557032

Email: [inclusion@saintben.derby.sch.uk](mailto:inclusion@saintben.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.saintben.derby.sch.uk](http://www.saintben.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Kevin Gritton

SENCO: Annett Johnson

Director of Learning – Enhanced Resource Base: Tessa Astill

Special Needs: Visual impairment

Age range: 11-18

School type: Enhanced resource facility for pupils with vision impairment and/or physical disability; on-site alternative education support provision for pupils at risk of exclusion

### **The Bemrose School**

Address: Uttoxeter New Road, Derby, Derbyshire, DE22 3HU

Telephone: 01332 366711

Email: [admin@bemrose.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bemrose.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.bemrose.derby.sch.uk](http://www.bemrose.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Neil Wilkinson

SENCO: Anne-Marie Kearney

Special Needs: ASD

Age range: 3-19

School type: Enhanced resource facility for pupils with communication difficulties including ASD/ Aspergers

## **Primary Special Schools**

### **Ivy House School**

Address: Moorway Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 2FS

Telephone: 01332 777920

Email: [admin@ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk](http://www.ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Gary Coffey

SENCO: Gary Coffey

Special Needs: Complex learning, physical, sensory and health needs

Age range: 2-19

School type: Maintained special school

### **St Giles School**

Address: Hampshire Road, Derby, DE21 6BT

Telephone: 01332 343039

Email: [admin@stgiles.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stgiles.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.stgiles.derby.sch.uk](http://www.stgiles.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Clive Lawrence

SENCO: Laura Taylor

Special Needs: ASD, MLD, SLD

Age range: 4-11

School type: Special school

## **Secondary Special Schools**

### **Ivy House School**

Address: Moorway Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 2FS

Telephone: 01332 777920

Email: [admin@ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk](http://www.ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Gary Coffey

SENCO: Gary Coffey

Special Needs: Complex learning, physical, sensory and health needs

Age range: 2-19

School type: Maintained special school

### **St Andrew's Academy**

Address: St Andrew's View, Breadsall Hilltop, Derby, DE21 4EW

Telephone: 01332 832746

Email: [admin@standrews.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@standrews.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.standrewsacademy.co.uk](http://www.standrewsacademy.co.uk)

Principal: Suzanne Pennington

Special Needs: ASD, SLD

Age range: 11-19

School type: Maintained special school with residential placements

### **St Clare's School**

Address: Rough Heanor Road, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 9AZ

Telephone: 01332 511757

Email: [admin@stclares.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stclares.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.stclaresschool.co.uk](http://www.stclaresschool.co.uk)

Headteacher: Megan Stratton

Special Needs: ADHD, ASD, Hearing impairment, MLD, Physical impairment, SLCN, Visual impairment

Age range: 11-16

School type: Community special school

### **St Martins School**

Address: The Derwent Campus, Bracknell Drive, Alvaston, Derby, DE24 0BT

Telephone: 01332 571151

Email: [admin@stmartins.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmartins.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk](http://www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk)

Headteacher: Debbie Gerring

SENCO: Laura Crawford

Special Needs: MLD

Age range: 11-19

School type: Community special school

### **The Kingsmead School**

Address: Brighton Road, Alvaston, Derby, DE24 8TE

Telephone: 01332 477160

Email: [senco@kingsmead.derby.sch.uk](mailto:senco@kingsmead.derby.sch.uk)

Website: [www.kingsmead.derby.sch.uk](http://www.kingsmead.derby.sch.uk)

Executive Headteacher: Mike Pride

Special School Provision Coordinator: Huw Lloyd

SENCO: Elizabeth Rogers

Special Needs: ASD, EBD, LD

Age range: 11-16

School type: Community school with The Hub for pupils with ASD, or ASD traits; PRU; Castle Education Centre for hospital/ medical referrals

## **Special Schools - Derbyshire**

### **Alfreton Park Community Special School**

Address: Alfreton Park, Wingfield Road, Alvaston, Derbyshire, DE55 7AL

Telephone: 01773 832019

Email: [info@alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Cheryl Smart

Special Needs: ASD, PMLD

Age range: 2-19

School type: Community special school

### **Ashgate Croft School**

Address: Ashgate Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 4BN

Telephone: 01246 275111

Email: [info@ashgatecroft.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashgatecroft.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.ashgatecroft.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.ashgatecroft.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Claire Jones

Special Needs: ASD, MLD, SLD

Age range: 4-19

School type: Area special school

### **Bennerley Fields School**

Address: Stratford Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 8QZ

Telephone: 0115 932 6374

Email: [info@bennerleyfields.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@bennerleyfields.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.bennerleyfields.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.bennerleyfields.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Ann Harrison

SENCO: Fliss Hayden

Special Needs: LD, SLCN

Age range: 2-16

Specialist facilities: Special school

### **Holbrook School for Autism**

Address: Portway, Holbrook, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 0TE



Telephone: 01332 880208

Email: [info@holbrookautism.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@holbrookautism.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.holbrookautism.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.holbrookautism.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Sam Bayliss

Special Needs: ASD, LD

Age range: 4-19

School type: Special school with residential units

### **Holly House School**

Address: Church Street, Old Whittington, Chesterfield, S41 9QR

Telephone: 01246 450530

Email: [info@hollyhouse.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@hollyhouse.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.hollyhouse.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.hollyhouse.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Iain Williams

Special Needs: EBD, SEMH

Age range: 7-14

School type: Residential special school

### **Peak Special School**

Address: Buxton Road, Chinley, High Peak, Derbyshire, SK23 6ES

Telephone: 01663 750324

Email: [info@peak.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@peak.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.peak.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.peak.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Headteacher: John McPherson

Special Needs: PMLD, SLCN, Challenging behaviour linked to associated learning difficulties

Age range: 3-19

School type: Special school academy

### **Swanwick School and Sports College**

Address: Hayes Lane, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 1AR

Telephone: 01773 602198

Email: [info@swanwicksportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@swanwicksportscollege.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.swanwicksportscollege.co.uk](http://www.swanwicksportscollege.co.uk)

Headteacher: Chris Greenhough

Special Needs: EBD, Hearing impairment, MLD, Physical impairment, SEMH, SLCN, SLD,  
Visual impairment  
Age range: 5-16  
School type: Area school and sports college

## **Special Schools - Leicestershire**

### **Keyham Lodge School**

Address: Keyham Lane, Leicester, LE5 1FG  
Telephone: 0116 241 6852  
Email: [keyhamoffice@klms.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:keyhamoffice@klms.leicester.sch.uk)  
Website: [www.keyhamlodgeschool.co.uk](http://www.keyhamlodgeschool.co.uk)  
Executive Headteacher: Chris Bruce  
SENCO: Mark Sampson  
Special Needs: ADHD, ASD, Attachment disorder, CD, LD, ODD  
Age range: 9-16  
School type: City special school which is part of a federation

## **Special Schools - Nottinghamshire**

### **Brackenfield School**

Address: Bracken Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 4DA  
Telephone: 0115 973 3710  
Email: [enquiries@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
Website: [www.brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Mrs Turner  
Special Needs: ADHD, ASD, LD, Physical impairments, SEMH, Sensory impairments, SLCN  
Age range: 4-16  
School type: Area special school

### **Stanton Vale School**

Address: Thoresby Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 3NP  
Telephone: 0115 9729 769

Email: [info@stantonvale.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@stantonvale.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.stantonvale.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.stantonvale.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Special Needs: PMLD, SLD

Age range: 2-19

School type: All age special school

### **Stubbin Wood School**

Address: Common Lane, Shirebrook, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG20 8QF

Telephone: 01623 742795/ 01623 742450 (Nursery)

Email: [info@stubbinwood.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@stubbinwood.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.stubbinwood.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.stubbinwood.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Sarah Baker

SENCO: Carie-Ann Wiltshire

Special Needs: ASD, PMLD, SLD

Age range: 2-19

School type: Area special school

### **Westbury School**

Address: Chingford Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 3BT

Telephone: 0115 915 5858

Email: [admin@westbury.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westbury.nottingham.sch.uk)

Website: [www.westburyschool.co.uk](http://www.westburyschool.co.uk)

Principal: Marcus Wells

Special Needs: SEMH

Age range: 7-16

School type: Special school academy

## **Special Schools - Staffordshire**

### **Cicely Haughton School**

Address: Westwood Manor, Mill Lane, Wetley Rocks, Staffordshire, ST9 0BX

Telephone: 01782 550202

Email: [office@cicely.manorhall.academy](mailto:office@cicely.manorhall.academy)

Website: [www.cicelyhaughton.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.cicelyhaughton.staffs.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Paul Spreadbury

Head of Care: Karen Rutter

Special Needs: SEMH

Age range: 4-11

School type: Special school academy with residential placements

### **Loxley Hall School**

Address: Stafford Road, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8RS

Telephone: 01889 723050

Email: [office@loxley.manorhall.academy](mailto:office@loxley.manorhall.academy)

Website: [www.loxleyhall.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.loxleyhall.staffs.sch.uk)

Headteacher: David Bownds

Special Needs: EBD, SEMH

Age range: 11-16

School type: Special school academy with residential placements

### **The Fountains High School**

Address: Bitham Lane, Stretton, Burton upon Trent, DE13 0HB

Telephone: 01283 247580

Email: [enquiries-high@fountains.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries-high@fountains.staffs.sch.uk)

Website: [www.fountainsfederation.co.uk](http://www.fountainsfederation.co.uk)

Executive Headteacher: Sarah Gilraine

Headteacher: Jackie Percy

Enhanced Learning Provision: Dawn Lloyd

SENCO: Abigail Carr

Special Needs: SEND

Age range: 11-19

School type: Community special school

### **The Fountains Primary School**

Address: Bitham Lane, Stretton, Burton upon Trent, DE13 0HB

Telephone: 01283 247600

Email: [enquiries-primary@fountains.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries-primary@fountains.staffs.sch.uk)

Website: [www.fountainsfederation.co.uk](http://www.fountainsfederation.co.uk)

Executive headteacher: Sarah Gilraine

Head of School: Nicola Price

Special Needs: SEND

Age range: 2-11

School type: Community special school

## **Special Schools - Walsall**

### **Oakwood School**

Address: Druids Walk, Walsall Wood, Walsall, WS9 9JS

Telephone: 01543 452040

Email: [postbox@oakwood.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@oakwood.walsall.sch.uk)

Website: [www.oakwood.walsall.sch.uk](http://www.oakwood.walsall.sch.uk)

Executive Headteacher: Kate Bargh

Head of School: Jackie King

Special Needs: ASD, Complex medical needs, Hearing impairment, Physical impairment, PMLD, SEMH, Sensory impairment, SLCN, SLD, Visual impairment

Age range: 3-11

School type: Community special school

## **Independent Special Schools - Derby**

### **High Grange School**

Address: Hospital Lane, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 0DR

Telephone: 01332 412777

Email: [admission@highgrangeschool.co.uk](mailto:admission@highgrangeschool.co.uk)

Website: [www.highgrangeschool.co.uk](http://www.highgrangeschool.co.uk)

Principal: Gavin Spicer

Headteacher: Philip McBride

Special Needs: ASD and associated learning, communication, sensory and behavioural difficulties

Age range: 5-19

School type: Residential and day placements

### **Royal School for the Deaf Derby**

Address: 180 Ashbourne Road, Derby, DE22 3BH

Telephone: 01332 362512

Email: [enquiries@rsdd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rsdd.org.uk)

Website: [www.rsdd.org.uk](http://www.rsdd.org.uk)

Headteacher: Helen Shepherd

SENCO: Louise White

Special Needs: Hearing impairment

Age range: 3-19

School type: Residential and day placements

## **Independent Special Schools - Derbyshire**

### **Alderwasley Hall School and Sixth Form**

Address: Alderwasley, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 2SR

Telephone: 01629 822586 (lower site) / 01629 823364 (upper site)

Email: [alderwasley.info@senadgroup.com](mailto:alderwasley.info@senadgroup.com)

Website: [www.senadgroup.com/alderwasley](http://www.senadgroup.com/alderwasley)

Headteacher: Sara Forsyth

Special Needs: ABI, Asperger's Syndrome, SLCN

Age range: 5-19

School type: Residential and day placements

### **Eastwood Grange School**

Address: Milken Lane, Ashover, Derbyshire, S45 0BA

Telephone: 01246 590255

Email: [eastwoodgrange@porygroup.com](mailto:eastwoodgrange@porygroup.com)

Website: [www.porychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/eastwood-grange-school-derbyshire/](http://www.porychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/eastwood-grange-school-derbyshire/)

Headteacher: Stuart Lees

Special Needs: Abuse, ADD, ADHD, ASD, Asperger's, Attachment Disorder, CD, Neglect, OCD, ODD, PDA, Trauma

Age range: 5-18

School type: Independent specialist day school

### **Jasmine House School**

Address: Heanor, Derbyshire

Telephone: 01773 305029

Email: [mattstorey@smoothstonecare.co.uk](mailto:mattstorey@smoothstonecare.co.uk)

Website: [www.jasminehouseschool.co.uk](http://www.jasminehouseschool.co.uk)

Principal: Matt Storey

Head of Care: Paul Emmerson

Head of Education: Ali McGregor

Special Needs: ASD, MLD, SLD and associated challenging behaviours

Age range: 11-18

School type: Residential and day placements with an integrated package of health, care, education and therapy

### **Longdon Park School**

Address: Park Hill, Hilton Road, Egginton, Derbyshire, DE65 6GU

Telephone: 01283 733195

Email: [longdonparkschool@acorncare.co.uk](mailto:longdonparkschool@acorncare.co.uk)

Website: [www.longdonparkschool.co.uk](http://www.longdonparkschool.co.uk)

Headteacher: Chris Groom

Special Needs: ADD, ADHD, ASD and associated behaviours

Age range: 7-18

School type: Independent specialist day school

### **Pegasus School**

Address: Caldwell Hall, Main Street, Caldwell, Derbyshire, DE12 6RS

Telephone: 01283 761352

Email: [pegasus.info@senadgroup.com](mailto:pegasus.info@senadgroup.com)

Website: [www.senadgroup.com/pegasus](http://www.senadgroup.com/pegasus)

Headteacher: Kerry Jefferson

Special Needs: ASD, SEMH, SLD, therapy needs

Age range: 8-19

School type: Residential and day placements

### **The Linnet Independent Learning Centre**

Address: 107 Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley, South Derbyshire, DE11 9JE

Telephone: 01283 213989

Website: [www.lewischarltonltd.org.uk/thelinnetindependentlearningcentre](http://www.lewischarltonltd.org.uk/thelinnetindependentlearningcentre)

Executive Headteacher: Malcolm Kerridge

Special Needs: EBD, Significant Attachment Disorder

Age range: 7-16

School type: Independent special school for boys

## **Independent Special Schools - Leicestershire**

### **Dovetree School**

Address: Ferness Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0TB

Telephone: 01455 243918 (Out of term: 01539 566081)

Email: [dovetree@witherslackgroup.co.uk](mailto:dovetree@witherslackgroup.co.uk)

Website: [www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/dovetree-school](http://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/dovetree-school)

Headteacher: Paul Hostead

Special Needs: ADD, ADHD, ASD, Asperger's Syndrome, Attachment difficulties, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, OCD, ODD, PDA, SEMH, SPD, Tourette's Syndrome

Age range: 8-18

School type: Independent special school with therapeutic support

### **Gryphon School**

Address: Quorn Hall, Meynell Road, Quorn, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 8BQ

Telephone: 01509 414338

Email: [quornhall@gryphonschool.com](mailto:quornhall@gryphonschool.com)

Website: [www.gryphonschool.com](http://www.gryphonschool.com)

Headteacher: Mr L Matts

Special Needs: ASD, MLD, SEMH

Age range: 6-17

School type: Independent special school

### **Lewis Charlton Learning Centre**

Address: The Haven, North Street, Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Leicestershire, LE65 1HU

Telephone: 01530 560775

Email: [enquiries@lewischarltonschool.org](mailto:enquiries@lewischarltonschool.org)

Website: [www.lewischarltonltd.org.uk/lewischarltonschool](http://www.lewischarltonltd.org.uk/lewischarltonschool)



Executive Headteacher: Malcolm Kerridge

Special Needs: SEMH

Age range: 11-16

School type: Independent special school with therapeutic support

### **Sketchley School and Forest House**

Address: Manor Way, Sketchley, Burbage, Leicestershire, LE10 3HT

Telephone: 01455 890023

Email: [sketchleyschool@priorygroup.com](mailto:sketchleyschool@priorygroup.com)

Website: [www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/sketchley-school-and-forest-house-leicestershire/](http://www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/sketchley-school-and-forest-house-leicestershire/)

Special Needs: ASD

Age range: 8-19

School type: Independent special school

### **The Grange Therapeutic School**

Address: 15-17 Somerby Road, Knossington, Leicestershire, LE15 8LY

Telephone: 01664 454264

Email: [office@knossington.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:office@knossington.rutland.sch.uk)

Website: [www.thegrangetherapeuticschool.co.uk](http://www.thegrangetherapeuticschool.co.uk)

Headteacher: Ollie Sharp

Special Needs: ADHD, Anxiety, ASD, OCD, PTSD

Age range: 7-18

School type: Residential and day placements

### **Trinity College**

Address: Moor Lane, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 1BA

Telephone: 01509 218906

Email: [enquiries@horizoncare.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@horizoncare.co.uk)

Website: [www.horizoncare.co.uk/our-schools/trinity-college](http://www.horizoncare.co.uk/our-schools/trinity-college)

Headteacher and SENCO: Tracy Jenkins

Special Needs: ADD, ADHD, ASD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, EBD, Learning difficulties, OCD, SEMH, SLCN

Age range: 7-16

School type: Independent special school

## **Independent Special Schools – Northamptonshire**

### **Cambian Potterspury Lodge School**

Address: Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 7LL

Telephone: 01908 542912

Website: [www.cambiangroup.com/specialist-education/our-schools/asperger-schools/potterspury-lodge-school/](http://www.cambiangroup.com/specialist-education/our-schools/asperger-schools/potterspury-lodge-school/)

Special Needs: Asperger's Syndrome, challenging behaviour and complex needs

Age range: 8-18

School type: 38 week residential school

## **Independent Special Schools - Nottinghamshire**

### **Dawn House School**

Address: Helmsley Road, Rainworth, Nottinghamshire, NG21 0DQ

Telephone: 01623 795361

Email: [enquiries@dawnhouse-ican.notts.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@dawnhouse-ican.notts.sch.uk)

Website: [www.dawnhouseschool.org.uk](http://www.dawnhouseschool.org.uk)

Principal: Jenny McConnell

Special Needs: Asperger's Syndrome, SLCN

Age range: 4-19

School type: Residential and day placements

### **Hope House School & Vacation Centre**

Address: Barnby Road, Newark on Trent, Nottinghamshire, NG24 3NE

Telephone: 01636 700380

Email: [enquiries@hopehouseschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hopehouseschool.co.uk)

Website: [www.hopehouseschool.co.uk](http://www.hopehouseschool.co.uk)

Principal: Terri Westmoreland

Special Needs: ASD

Age range: 5-19

School type: Small independent specialist school with residential home

### **Sutherland House School**

Address: Bath Street, Sneinton, Nottingham, NG1 1DA

Telephone: 0115 960 9263

Email: [schoolreferrals@autismeastmidlands.org.uk](mailto:schoolreferrals@autismeastmidlands.org.uk)

Website: [www.autismeastmidlands.org.uk/family-child-services/sutherland-house-school](http://www.autismeastmidlands.org.uk/family-child-services/sutherland-house-school)

Headteacher: Ann Stewart

Special Needs: ASD

Age range: 3-19

School type: Independent specialist day school

### **Wings School Notts**

Address: Kirklington Hall, Main Street, Kirklington, Newark, NG22 8NB

Telephone: 01636 817430

Email: [wingsnotts@kedlestongroup.com](mailto:wingsnotts@kedlestongroup.com)

Website: [www.kedlestongroup.com/Our-Schools-Homes/Residential-Schools/Wings-School-Notts/Home](http://www.kedlestongroup.com/Our-Schools-Homes/Residential-Schools/Wings-School-Notts/Home)

Principal: Andy Cutts-McKay

SENCO: Laura Jackson

Special Needs: ADHD, ASD, Attachment Disorder, Childhood trauma, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, SEMH, Specific learning difficulties

Age range: 9-17

School type: Independent therapeutic residential and day school

## **Independent Special Schools - Staffordshire**

### **Bladon House School**

Address: Newton Solney, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, DE15 0TA

Telephone: 01283 563787

Email: [bladon.info@senadgroup.com](mailto:bladon.info@senadgroup.com)

Website: [www.senadgroup.com/bladon](http://www.senadgroup.com/bladon)

Headteacher: Shally Saleri-Palmer

Special Needs: ASD, EBD, MLD, SLCN, SLD

Age range: 5-19

School type: Residential and day placements

### **Longdon Hall School**

Address: Longdon Green, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 4PT

Telephone: 01543 491051

Email: [enquiries@longdonhallschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@longdonhallschool.co.uk)

Website: [www.longdonhallschool.co.uk](http://www.longdonhallschool.co.uk)

Headteacher: Daniel Pallett

Special Needs: EBD

Age range: 7-18

School type: Residential and day placements

### **Maple Hayes Hall**

Address: Abnalls Lane, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 8BL

Telephone: 01543 264387

Email: [office@dyslexia.school](mailto:office@dyslexia.school)

Website: [www.dyslexia.school](http://www.dyslexia.school)

Principal: Dr Neville Brown

Headteacher: Dr Daryl Brown

Special Needs: Dyslexia, Specific learning difficulties

Age range: 7-17

School type: Independent specialist school

### **Rugeley School**

Address: Blithbury Road, Blithbury, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 3JQ

Telephone: 01889 504400

Email: [rugeleyschool@prioritygroup.com](mailto:rugeleyschool@prioritygroup.com)

Website: [www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/rugeley-school-staffordshire/](http://www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/rugeley-school-staffordshire/)

Headteacher: Lisa Price

Special Needs: ASD, MLD, SLD

Age range: 5-19

School type: Independent specialist school with attached children's homes

### **Strathmore College**

Address: Unit 7, Imex Centre Technology Park, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, ST4 8LJ

Telephone: 01782 647380

Email: [strathmorecollege@prioritygroup.com](mailto:strathmorecollege@prioritygroup.com)

Website: [www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/strathmore-college-stoke-on-trent/](http://www.priorychildrensservices.co.uk/find-a-location/strathmore-college-stoke-on-trent/)

Principal: Kate Ward

Special Needs: ASD, Down's Syndrome, SEMH, SLCN

Age range: 16-25

School type: Independent special college with bespoke study programmes for young people

### **The Roaches School (Lower)**

Address: Lower Roach End Farm, Meerbrook, Staffordshire, ST13 8TA

Telephone: 01298 25224

Email: [nickyw@roachesschool.net](mailto:nickyw@roachesschool.net)

Website: [www.roachesschool.net](http://www.roachesschool.net)

Headteacher: Nicky Woolley

Special Needs: EBD, SEMH

Age range: 7-12

School type: Independent residential special school/ therapeutic centre

### **The Roaches School (Upper)**

Address: Satis House, Tunstall Road, Knypersley, Stoke-on Trent, Staffordshire, ST8 7AB

Telephone: 01782 523479

Email: [roachesschool@caretodayparallelpresents.net](mailto:roachesschool@caretodayparallelpresents.net)

Website: [www.roachesschool.net](http://www.roachesschool.net)

Headteacher: Deb Jackson

Special Needs: EBD, SEMH

Age range: 12-16

School type: Residential and day placements

## **Independent Special Schools - Warwickshire**

### **Avon Park School**

Address: St Johns Avenue, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV22 5HR

Telephone: 01788 524448 (Out of term: 01539 566081)

Email: [dovetree@witherslackgroup.co.uk](mailto:dovetree@witherslackgroup.co.uk)

Website: [www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/avon-park-school](http://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/avon-park-school)

Headteacher: Robert James

Special Needs: ADHD, ASD, Asperger's Syndrome, SEMH

Age range: 6-16

School type: Independent special school

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