

Independent Special Schools for Children with Additional Support Needs

Special schools provide dedicated care and education to children and young adults with additional support needs such as specific learning difficulties; physical or mental health conditions; and social, emotional and behavioural problems.

Pupils are often referred to these schools via their local authority after their support needs have been assessed by an educational psychologist and/or the social services department. Usually in such cases, the pupil's place will be funded by the local authority. Sometimes the local Health Board or the Children's Panel will also refer children to a special school. Some special schools will also consider direct approaches from parents.

The special schools listed in this leaflet are affiliated to the Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS). Parents are welcome to contact the schools for further details of the care and education they offer.

An easy reference table shows at a glance the special schools that provide care and education for children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties, and those that offer specialist provision to children with the following conditions: Autistic Spectrum Disorder; Asperger Syndrome; Tourette's Syndrome; ADHD; Hearing Impairment; Visual impairment; Motor impairment or all in reverse.

Further help and advice on choosing a school for a child with additional support needs is available from Enquire, the Scottish Advice Service for Additional Support for Learning. You can visit Enquire's website at www.enquire.org.uk, email info@enquire.org.uk or call the helpline on 0845 123 2303.

Special Schools Easy Reference Table

School	Age range	Gender	Residential	Day	Special Needs	Social/Emotional/Behavioural problems	Referral Method
The Craighalbert Centre	6 months to 9 years	Co-ed	✓	✓	Motor impairments		LA, NHS or parents
Balnacraig School	11-16 years	Co-ed	✓			✓	LA
Daldorch House School	5-21 years	Co-ed	✓	✓	Autistic spectrum	✓	LA
Donaldson's College	2-18 years	Co-ed	✓	✓	Deafness; speech and language impairment		LA
Dunedin School	10-18 years	Co-ed		✓		✓ (mild)	LA and interview
Falkland House School	10-17 years	Boys	✓	✓	Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, Tourette's	✓	LA
Harmeny Education Trust	6-12 years	Co-ed	✓	✓		✓	LA
Hillside School	10-16 years	Boys	✓			✓	LA
Linn Moor Residential School	7-19 years	Co-ed	✓	✓	Specialising in Autism and related disorders	✓	LA
Moore House Care & Education	10-16 years	Co-ed	✓	✓		✓	LA
The New School	12-18 years	Co-ed	✓	✓	Educationally fragile children		LA or parents
Oakbank School	11-16 years	Co-ed	✓			✓	LA
Parkview School	10-16 years	Boys	✓			✓	LA
The Royal Blind School	3-18 years	Co-ed	✓	✓	Visual impairment and multiple disability/visual impairment		LA or direct application
Seamab School	5-12 years	Co-ed	✓	✓		✓	LA
Spark of Genius Learning Centres	12-17 years	Co-ed		✓		✓	LA
Starley Hall School	11-17 years	Co-ed	✓	✓		✓	LA

Special Schools in membership of SCIS are listed alphabetically:

The Scottish Centre for Children with Motor impairments - The Craighalbert Centre

1 Craighalbert Way, Cumbernauld G68 0LS

Telephone: 01236 456100

Email: pa@craighalbert.org.uk

Web: www.craighalbert.org.uk

The Craighalbert Centre is the Scottish Centre for children with motor impairments. It is a co-educational, day school for children aged 0 to 10. Weekly boarding and periodic placements are offered and family accommodation is available. Admission is by referral from local authorities.

Balnacraig School

Fairmont Terrace Perth PH2 7AR

Telephone: 01738 636456

Email: secretary@balnacraig.net

Balnacraig School is an independent, co-educational school providing education and residential care for young people experiencing social, emotional and behavioural problems. The school has a capacity of 24 places, available 52 weeks of the year, although most pupils go home at weekends. Admission is via referral from local authorities.

Daldorch House School and Continuing Education Centre

Sorn Road, Catrine, East Ayrshire KA5 6NA

Telephone: 01290 551666

Email: daldorch@nas.org.uk

Web: www.autism.org.uk/nas

Daldorch is a residential and day school and continuing education centre for children and young people with an autistic spectrum disorder aged 5 - 21 years. The junior campus (5 - 16+) and the senior campus (16 - 21) are situated adjacent to each other within the entire Daldorch Estate. There is capacity for 71 places between the junior and senior campuses across 52 weeks per year. Admission is generally via referral from local authorities. Daldorch also provides an outreach service providing training, assessment, consultancy and direct support to young people with autism, families and professional across Scotland.

Donaldson's College

Preston Road, Linlithgow West Lothian EH49 6HZ

Telephone: 01506 841 900

Talk By Text / Textphone: 01506 841 902

Email: info@donaldsons.org.uk

Donaldson's College is Scotland's national residential and day school providing education, supported therapy and care for pupils aged 2.5 to 19 years who are deaf or have severe speech and language difficulties. Admission is via referral from local authorities.

Dunedin School Co-operative

Liberton Bank House, 5 Nether Liberton Lane, Edinburgh EH16 5TY

Telephone: 0131 672 2638

Email: staff@dunedin.edin.sch.uk

Web: www.dunedin.sch.uk

Dunedin School caters for children who benefit from being taught in a small group because of educational, social, emotional and mild behavioural difficulties. Where appropriate, pupils are prepared for examinations. A co-educational, day school for children and young people aged 10 to 18 years of age. Dunedin has a capacity of 20 places. Admission is via referral from local authorities and by interview.

Falkland House School

Falkland Estate, Falkland, Cupar Fife KY15 7AE

Telephone: 01337 857268

Email: admin@falklandhouseschool.org

Web: www.falklandhouseschool.org

Falkland House School is an independent residential school for boys aged 10 to 16 who are having difficulty in coping with mainstream schooling because of social, emotional and specific learning difficulties. Admission is via referral from local authorities.

Harmeny Education Trust Ltd

Mansfield Road, Balerno Edinburgh EH14 7JY

Telephone: 0131 449 3938

Email: admin@harmeny.org.uk

Web: www.harmeny.org.uk

Harmeny Education Trust provides residential, day care and education, specialising in working with children who have significant additional support needs which impact on their social, emotional and behavioural development. Harmeny supports families and carers to help children grow up within a secure, nurturing and protective environment, within the structures of family and community.

Hillside School

Aberdour, Fife KY3 0RH

Telephone: 01383 860731

Email: smith_a@hillsideschool.co.uk

Web: www.hillsideschool.co.uk

Hillside School provides residential care and education for boys who display social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. Up to 40 places, all residential, are available for boys aged 10 to 16. Admission is via referral from local authorities.

Linn Moor Residential School

Peterculter, Aberdeen AB14 0PJ

Telephone: 01224 732246

Email: linn.moor.school@vsa.org.uk

Web: www.vsa.org.uk/linnmoor

Linn Moor provides integrated residential care and education for up to 25 children and young people aged 5 to 18 years. Some day placements are also available within the school. We support students who have moderate, severe or complex needs, specialising in autism and related disorders. A large multi-disciplinary team is dedicated to providing consistency through a 24 hour curriculum, informed by pupil potential and national guidance. Admission is via referral by local authorities.

Moore House Care and Education

Edinburgh Road, Bathgate, West Lothian EH48 1EX

Telephone: 01506 652312

Email: info@moorehouse.org.uk

Web: www.moorehouse.org.uk

Moore House Care and Education offers residential care and education for young people aged 10 to 16 with social, emotional and behavioural problems. A co-educational school, 32 residential places and 12 day places are available to children aged 10 to 16. Admission is via referral by local authorities.

The New School

Butterstone, Dunkeld, Perthshire PH8 0HJ

Telephone: 01350 724216

Email: info@thenewschool.co.uk

Web: www.thenewschool.co.uk

The New School offers mainstream education for educationally fragile children. The school is co-educational and has 40 boarding pupils and 10 day pupils, aged 12 to 18. Admission is via assessment by the school and/or by referral from local authorities.

Oakbank School

Midsocket Road, Aberdeen AB15 5XP

Telephone: 01224 313347

Email: Linda.gerrard@oakbank.aberdeen.sch.uk

Oakbank School provides residential care and education for adolescents with special educational needs who display social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. A co-educational school, Oakbank has 40 pupils, aged 12 to 18. A close support unit provides specialised care for children aged 9 to 14 year of age. Admission is via referral by local authorities.

Parkview School

309 Blackness Road, Dundee DD2 1SH

Telephone: 01382 667903

Email: office@parkview-school.co.uk

Parkview provides residential care for boys with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. 24 places are available to boys aged 10 to 16 and admission is via referral by local authorities.

Royal Blind School

Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh EH16 5NA

Telephone: 0131 667 1100

Email: office@royalblindschool.org.uk

Web: www.royalblindschool.org.uk

The Royal Blind School is a day and residential school for boys and girls with visual impairments. Around 100 pupils, aged 2 to 18 attend the school. Admission is via application direct to the school or by referral from local authorities. The Royal Blind School has a separate unit – Canaan Lodge – which provides specialist care for Multiply Disabled Visually Impaired (MDVI) children, admission to which is via referral from local authorities.

Seamab School

Rumbling Bridge, Kinross KY13 0PT

Telephone: 01577 840307

Email: anne@seamab.org.uk

Seamab school offers residential care for boys and girls of primary age who have social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. 17 places are available for pupils aged 5 to 12 and admission is via referral from local authorities.

Spark of Genius Learning Centres

35 Moss Street, Paisley, Renfrewshire PA1 1DL

Telephone: 0141 587 2710

Email: admin@sparkofgenius.co.uk

Web: www.sparkofgenius.co.uk

Full-time education is provided for young people from S1 to S5 who are unable to maintain a placement in a mainstream school due to challenging behaviour. The school has 100 day pupils, boys and girls, aged between 12 and 17. Admission is via referral by local authorities.

Starley Hall School

Aberdour Road, Burntisland, Fife KY3 0AG

Telephone: 01383 860314

Email: info@starleyhallschool.co.uk

At Starley Hall, education and care is provided for children aged 10 to 18 who have a wide range of social and emotional difficulties. A proportion of the pupils have a Record of Needs and staff are experienced in working with children who have special educational needs, learning difficulties, and syndromes such as Aspergers, Tourettes, and ADHD. Starley Hall provides residential and day care and admission is by referral from local authorities.

Scottish Council of Independent Schools

21 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7PE

Telephone: 0131 220 2106

Email: info@scis.org.uk Web: www.scis.org.uk