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# Choosing a school



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Choosing the most appropriate school for your child can be a difficult time, particularly when your child has additional needs. This information leaflet includes a list of the integrated resources and specialist schools in Sheffield along with details of some specialist schools out of city and some ideas about what to ask when you are looking at a potential school.

Please note this guide is for information purposes only, SSENDIAS cannot recommend any settings or be held responsible for any missing or incorrect information, we always recommend you do your own research on appropriate schools.

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### **Integrated Resources in Sheffield**

### Different types of school placement | Sheffield (sheffielddirectory.org.uk)

· · ·		0444.0040550
Hearing	Angram Bank Primary	0114 2848553
Impaired	Aged 3-11	enquiries@angrambank.co.uk
	Greystones Primary	0114 2670271
	Aged 4-11	enquiries@greystonesprimary.com
	High Storrs School	0114 2670000
	Aged 11-18	enquiries@highstorrs.sheffield.sch.uk
	Lower Meadow Primary	0114 2372700
	Aged 4-11	enquiries@astrealowermeadow.org
	Silverdale School	0114 2369991
	Aged 11-18	enquiries@silverdale.chorustrust.org
Language,	The Birley Academy	0114 2392531
Communication,	Aged 11-16	enquiries@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk
Communication	Forge Valley School	0114 2348805
Difficulties,	Aged 11-19	enquiries@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk
Interaction &	King Ecgbert School	0114 2353855
Autistic	Aged 11-18	enquiries@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk
Spectrum	Hinde House	0114 2426874
Disorders	Aged 2-16	enquiries@hindehouse.net
Distriction	Aged 2-10	enquines@finderiouse.net
	Cascade Multi Academy Trust:	0114 242 6736
		enquiries@beckprimary.co.uk
	Beck	enquiries@hucklow.sheffield.sch.uk
	Hucklow and Whiteways Primaries	enquiries@whitewaysprimary.co.uk
	Aged 2-11	
	Birley Spa Primary Academy Aged 3-11	0114 2399106 enquiries@birleyspaacademy.co.uk
	Nook Lane	0114 2341097
	Aged 7-11	enquiries@nooklane.sheffield.sch.uk
	Manor Lodge Primary	0114 2725054
	Aged 3-11	enquiries@manorlodge.sheffield.sch.uk
	Greenhill Primary	0114 2377080
	<u>Aged 4-11</u>	enquiries@greenhill.sheffield.sch.uk
	Acres Hill Community Primary	0114 2441512
	<u>Aged 3-11</u>	enquiries@acreshill.sheffield.sch.uk
	Malin Bridge Primary	0114 2341379
	Aged 2-11	office@malinbridge.chorustrust.org
	Stannington Infant	0114 2344401
	Aged 4-7	enquiries@stannington.sheffield.sch.uk



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	Hallam Primary	0114 2304430
	Aged 5-11	enquiries@hallam.sheffield.sch.uk
Learning	Arbourthorne Community Primary	0114 2398163
Difficulties &	Aged 3-11	enquiries@arbourthorne.sheffield.sch.uk
Complex	Fox Hill Primary	0114 2313469
Needs	Aged 3-11	enquiries@foxhill.sheffield.sch.uk
	Nether Green J School	0114 2302461
	Aged 2-11	enquiries@nethergreen-
		jun.sheffield.sch.uk
	Bradfield School	0114 2863861
	<u>Aged 11-16</u>	enquiries@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk
	Stradbroke Primary	0114 2399320
	<u>Aged 2-11</u>	enquiries@stradbroke.sheffield.sch.uk
	Wharncliffe Side Primary	0114 2862379
	Aged 2-11	enquiries@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk
Physical	All Saints Catholic High	0114 2724851
Difficulties	Aged 11-18	enquiries@allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk
	St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic	0114 2745597
	<u>Primary</u>	enquiries@st-tc.co.uk
	Aged 3-11	
Visual	Tapton School	0114 2671414
Impairment	Aged 11-18	enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk

### **Special Schools in Sheffield**

Archdale School (Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs)	Telephone: 0114 2726165 Email: enquiries@archdale.sheffield.sch.uk	Aged 3-11
Archdale Road S2 1PL		
Bents Green School (Autism and Communication Difficulties)	Telephone: 0114 2363545 Email: enquiries@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk	Aged 11-19
Ringinglow Road S11 7TB		
Discovery Academy (Autism)	Telephone: 0114 479 8000 Email: discoveryacademy@nexusmat.org	Aged 7-16



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Park Grange Road		
S2 3FQ		
Heritage Park Foundation	Telephone: 0114 2456305	Aged 7-16
School	Email: holgate_enquiries@hphm.org	Agearia
(Behavioural, Social and	Email: holgate_criquines@riphin.org	
Emotional Difficulties)		
Emotional Difficulties)		
Norfolk Park Road		
S2 2RU		
Holgate Meadows	Telephone: 0114 2456305	Aged 6-16
Foundation School	Email: holgate_enquiries@hphm.org	Ageu 0-10
(Behaviour, Social and	<b>Linali.</b> holgate_enquines@nphint.org	
Emotional Difficulties)		
Emotional Difficulties)		
Lindsay Road		
S5 7WE		
Mossbrook Primary	Telephone: 0114 2372768	Aged 4-11
(Autism and	Email: enquiries@mossbrook.sheffield.sch.uk	/ gou + 11
Communication		
Difficulties)		
Dimodition		
Bochum Parkway		
S8 8JR		
Rowan School	Telephone: 0114 2350479	Aged 4-11
(Autism and	Email: enquiries@rowan.sheffield.sch.uk	
Communication		
Difficulties)		
4 Durvale Court		
Dore		
S17 3PT		
Seven Hills	Telephone: 0114 2743560	Aged 11-19
(Learning Difficulties and	Email: enquiries@sevenhills.sheffield.sch.uk	
Complex Needs)		
Granville Road		
S2 2RJ		
Talbot Specialist School	Telephone: 0114 2507394	Aged 11-19
(Learning Difficulties and	Email: enquiries@talbot.sheffield.sch.uk	
Complex Needs)		
Lees Hall Road		
S8 9JP		



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Woolley Wood Primary (Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs)	Telephone: 0114 2327160 Email: enquiries@woolleywood.sheffield.sch.uk	Aged 3-11
Chaucer Road S5 9QN		

### Independent Special Schools in Sheffield

Brantwood Specialist School (Autism, Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs) 1 Kenwood Bank S7 1NU	Telephone: 0114 2589062 Email: enquiries@brantwood.rmt.org	Aged 7-19
Paces Sheffield (Cerebral Palsy and Motor Disorders)	Telephone: 0114 2845298 Email: office@pacesschool.org.uk	Aged 11-18
Paces Campus Pack Horse Lane High Green S35 3HY		

### **Specialist Schools and Integrated Resources in Surrounding Areas**

### **Barnsley -** Synergy - Enquiry (servelec-synergy.com)

Greenacre School (Severe and Complex Needs) Keresforth Hill Road, Barnsley, S70 6RG	Telephone: 01226 287165 Email: greenacre@greenacre-school.co.uk	Aged 3-19
Park House School (Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs)	Telephone: 01226 744 870 Email: jennieallport@keys-group.co.uk	Aged 7-17
Wentworth Way, Tankersley, Barnsley S75 3DH		
Springwell Special Academy (Social, Emotional, Mental Health Needs)	Telephone: 01226 291133 Email: springwell@springwellacademies.co.uk	Aged 5-16

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St Helen's Boulevard, Carlton	
Road, Barnsley, S71 2AY	

### Derbyshire - Special Schools - Derbyshire Local Offer

Alderwasley Hall School (Autism and Communication Difficulties) Alderwasley, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 2SR	Telephone: 01629 822586 Email: alderwasley.info@senadgroup.com	Aged 5-20
Alfreton Park Community Special School (Severe and Complex Learning Difficulties) Alfreton Park, Wingfield Road,	Telephone: 01773 483330 Email: info@alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk	Aged 2-19
Derbyshire, DE55 7AL <u>Ashgate Croft Special School</u> (Moderate and Complex Learning Difficulties and Autism) Ashgate Road Chesterfield Derbyshire	Telephone: 01246 275111 Email: acsinfo@learnerstrust.org	Aged 4-19
S40 4BN Bennerley Field School (Learning Difficulties, Communication and Interaction Needs) Stratford Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 8QZ	Telephone: 0115 932 6374 Email: info@bennerleyfields.derbyshire.sch.uk	Aged 2-16
Eastwood Grange School (Social, Emotional, Mental Health Needs and Autism) Milken Lane, Ashover, Derbyshire, S45 0BA	Telephone: 01246 590255 Email: <u>EastwoodGrange@AsprisCS.co.uk</u>	Aged 5-18
Holbrook School for Autism (Autism and Learning Disabilities)	Telephone: 01332 880208 Email: info@holbrookautism.derbyshire.sch.uk	Aged 4-19

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Portway, Holbrook, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 0TE		
Holly House School (Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs)	Telephone: 01246450530 Email: info@hollyhouse.derbyshire.sch.uk	Aged 7-14
Church Street North, Old Whittington, Chesterfield Derbyshire, S41 9QR		
Peak School (Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties)	Telephone: 01663 750324 Email: info@peak.derbyshire.sch.uk	Aged 3-19
Buxton Road Chinley, High Peak SK23 6ES		

### Doncaster -

Local Offer - Schools and Alternative Provision - City of Doncaster Council

Bader Academy (Communication and Interaction Difficulties) Chappell Avenue, Edenthorpe, Doncaster. DN3 2EW	Telephone: 01302 433003 Email: baderacademy@nexusmat.org	Aged 5-19
Coppice School (Severe Learning Difficulties and Autism) Ash Hill Road, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN7 6JH	Telephone: 01302 844883 Email: coppiceschool@nexusmat.org	Aged 3-19
Doncaster School for the Deaf (Deafness) Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6AY	Telephone: 01302 386733 Email: secretary@ddt-deaf.org.uk	Aged 4-19
Heatherwood School (Severe Learning Difficulties, Complex Physical and Medical Needs)	Telephone: 01302 322044 Email: heatherwood@nexusmat.org	Aged 3-19



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Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6HQ		
Pennine View School (Moderate Learning Difficulties)	Telephone: 01709 864978 Email: enquiries@nexusmat.org	Aged 7-16
Old Road, Conisbrough, Doncaster, DN12 3LR		

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Stubbin Wood School (Severe Learning Difficulties and Autism)	Telephone: 01623 742 795 Email: info@stubbinwood.teameducation.org	Aged 2-19		
Common Lane, Shirebrook Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG20 8QF				



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### Rotherham - Schools - Rotherham SEND Local Offer

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Abbey School (Moderate and Complex Learning Difficulties)	Telephone: 01709 740074 Email: abbeyschool@nexusmat.org	Aged 7-16
Little Common lane, Kimberworth, Rotherham, S61 2RA		
Hilltop School (Severe Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs)	Telephone: 01709 813 386 Email: hilltopschool@nexusmat.org	Aged 2-19
Larch Road, Maltby, Rotherham, S66 8AZ		
Kelford School (Severe Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs)	Telephone: 01709 512088 Email: kelfordschool@nexusmat.org	Aged 2-19
Oakdale Road, Kimberworth, Rotherham S61 2NU		
Milton School (Moderate Learning Difficulties and Autism)	Telephone: 01709 570246 Email: office@miltonschool.org.uk	Aged 5-16
Storey Street, Swinton, S64 8QG		
Newman School (Physical Disabilities, Autism, Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs)	Telephone: 01709 828262 Email: office@newmanschool.co.uk	Aged 2-19
East Bawtry Road, Rotherham, S60 3LX.		
Willows School (Learning Difficulties, Autism, emotional and behavioural difficulties)	Telephone: 01709 542539 Email: admin@thewillowsschool.co.uk	Aged 7-19
Locksley Drive, Thurcroft, Rotherham, S66 9NT.		



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### Independent Special Schools in Surrounding Area

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Abbeywood School	Telephone: 01709 916900	Aged 10-18
(Social, Emotional and Mental	Email: abbeywood@witherslackgroup.co.uk	_
Health Needs)		
Rother Way, Bramley,		
Rotherham, S66 8QN		
Alderwasley Hall School	Telephone: 01629 822586	Aged 5-19
(Autism, Pathological	Email: Alderwasley.info@senadgroup.com	Agoa o To
Demand Avoidance and	g	
Developmental Language		
Disorder)		
Alderwasley Hall School,		
Belper, DE56 2SR		
Alfreton Park Community	Telephone: 01773 832019	Ared 2.40
Special School	Email address:	Aged 2-19
(Severe Learning Difficulties)	enquiries@alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk	
Alfreton Park, Alfreton,		
Derbyshire, DE55 7AL		
Dawn House School	<b>Telephone:</b> 01623 795361	Aged 4-19
(Speech, Language,	Email: enquiries@dawnhouse-	
Communication Difficulties	ican.notts.sch.uk	
and Autism)		
Helmsley Road, Rainworth,		
Nottinghamshire, NG21 0DQ		
Eastwood Grange School	Telephone: 01246 590255	Aged 5-18
(Autism, Social, Emotional	Email: eastwoodgrange@priorygroup.com	
and Mental Health needs)	5 5 F - 75 F	
Milken Lane, Ashover,		
Chesterfield, S45 0BA		
	Telephone: 01020 410777	
High Grange School	Telephone: 01332 412777	Aged 8-19
(High Functioning Autism)	Email: admission@highgrangeschool.co.uk	
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Hospital Lane, Derby,		
DE3 0DR		



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### **Checklist for visiting schools**

### Before you visit

It might be a good idea to get hold of the following documents before your visit.

### • The school prospectus

All schools have to produce a prospectus, you can usually access this on the school's website or phone the school and ask them for a copy before your visit.

- Any school policies you are interested in i.e. Special Educational Needs Policy, Behaviour Policy etc. Reading through school policies should give you an idea of what the school is like and will also help you think of any questions you might want to ask or anything you would like to find out more about.
- The school's latest OFSTED Report This can be found on the OFSTED website: <u>www.ofsted.gov.uk</u>. This will give you an overall picture of the school.

### Things to consider

- When would you like to visit? It is better to arrange a visit during school hours when children will be in the school.
- Will you be taking your child with you? It might be a good idea to arrange for someone to look after your child if possible. You could always arrange a further visit with your child at a later date.
- If possible, you may want to visit the school with someone else with whom you can discuss the visit later on, e.g. a friend or relative.
- Arrangements; is the school easy to get to?
- If possible, try to arrange to meet the staff who would be involved with your child, i.e. the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), teachers and teaching assistants.



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- Do you want a guided tour of the school?
- Will you have the opportunity to talk to other parents who have children at the school?

### **During the visit**

Some questions that you might want to ask during the visit:

- What is the general structure and timetable for the school day?
- How many children will be in your child's class?
- How many members of staff would be in your child's class?
- How does the school support children with Special Educational Needs?
- Does the school have experience of teaching children with similar Special Educational Needs to your child?
- How does the school feel about 1:1 support?
- Are all areas of the school accessible to your child? Are any adaptations required?
- How will your child be supported outside of lesson time? What are the arrangements for playtimes/breaks and lunchtimes?
- What extra activities does the school provide at lunchtime and after school?
- How does the school deal with difficult behaviour?
- How is bullying dealt with at school?
- How does the school help children to mix and make friends?
- How does the school involve parents in their children's learning?
- How does the school communicate with parents?
- How would parents contact individual teachers or teaching assistants? When can parents talk to their child's teacher?
- What opportunities are there for parents to get involved with the school and other parents?



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- What will you have to provide for your child? For example, uniform, stationery, money for trips, events and extra activities etc.
- Is the school happy for you to telephone them with any subsequent questions or to make a second visit before you make your mind up?



### After the visit

Once you have visited the school, it is important to take time to reflect on what you have seen and heard. It is a good idea to discuss your thoughts and feelings with someone else.

### Things to consider..

- Did you feel welcome at the school?
- Did the children seem happy, friendly and involved in their school work?
- Do you think that your child would be happy at the school?
- Did the school answer all your questions? If not, were they happy for you to get back in touch at a later date?
- Did the school seem appealing and well organised? e.g. was the children's work on display in the corridors and reception?
- Was the outdoor space interesting and cared for? Did it look like somewhere that your child would enjoy spending time?

**Useful Contacts** 

### IPSEA:- https://www.ipsea.org.uk/

IPSEA offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

**Good Schools Guide:** <u>https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/</u> The Good Schools Guide is an online search engine allowing you to search for information and reviews of schools across the country. It also has a range of articles offering advice and information around special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

Ofsted: https://www.gov.uk/find-ofsted-inspection-report Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. They inspect services providing education and skills for learners of all ages. You can use the link above to search for recent Ofsted reports for schools across the country

### Contact: https://contact.org.uk/

Contact is a national charity for disabled children and can provide information, advice and support on a number of different topics either via their website or freephone helpline.











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## **Further links**

Directory | Sheffield (sheffielddirectory.org.uk) - search for a school

<u>Choosing a school for your child with special educational needs and/or disabilities |</u> <u>Sheffield (sheffielddirectory.org.uk)</u>

Links to other Local Authority Local Offers | Sheffield (sheffielddirectory.org.uk)