

# TYPES OF SCHOOL SETTING

The majority of children and young people with SEND are educated in mainstream settings. Some schools or settings may raise concerns about meeting the needs of pupils with SEND; however, mainstream education cannot be refused by a local authority on the grounds that it is not suitable. If parents express a preference for a mainstream school, then the school must demonstrate that there are no reasonable steps to prevent incompatibility with the efficient education of others. Where a parent or young person wants mainstream education, and it would not be incompatible with the efficient education of others, the local authority has a duty to secure that provision.

In some cases, children with SEND will attend a special school. Attendance at a special school is dependent on the child or Young Person having an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The Local Authority manages admissions to special schools for pupils with an EHCP and will work with parents to identify which setting is most suitable to deliver the provision within Section F of the EHC Plan.

There are several special schools and specialist provisions within Southend, catering for different needs and age ranges.

## SPECIAL SCHOOLS

### **Kingsdown School - Snakes Lane, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6XT**

Commissioned places - 120

For children aged 3 to 14 who have severe learning difficulties (SLD), profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), physical disabilities and associated learning difficulties. The majority of pupils have communication difficulties.

[kingsdownschool.org/](http://kingsdownschool.org/)

### **The St Christopher School - Mountdale Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 4AW.**

Commissioned places - 235

For children aged from 3 to 19 with communication and interaction difficulties and cognition and learning difficulties. Secondary age pupils must have a diagnosis of Autism and/or ADHD.

[www.thestchristopherschool.co.uk/](http://www.thestchristopherschool.co.uk/)

### **Lancaster School - Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, SS0 0RT.**

Commissioned places – 100

Lancaster is a special school for students aged 14 – 19 with severe learning difficulties (SLD), profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), physical disabilities, medical conditions and associated learning difficulties. The majority of pupils have communication difficulties.

[www.lancaster.southend.sch.uk/](http://www.lancaster.southend.sch.uk/)

### **St Nicholas School - Philpott Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 4RL.**

Commissioned places – 92

For young people aged from 11 to 16 with moderate learning difficulties (MLD) and other associated difficulties, such as Autism.

[www.stnicholas-school.co.uk/](http://www.stnicholas-school.co.uk/)

### **Sutton House Academy -Wentworth Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 5LG**

Commissioned places – 60

For children aged 5-16 years, who have social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

[www.suttonhouse.org.uk/](http://www.suttonhouse.org.uk/)

## **AUTISM RESOURCE BASES**

An Autism Resource Base (ARB) is an enhanced provision within a mainstream school that caters for autistic children. They have specially trained staff who support the children in the ARB. The children will spend some time in a mainstream class or with mainstream peers, aiming to increase the amount of time they can integrate into the wider school community.

### **Temple Sutton Primary School ARB - Eastern Avenue, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS2 4BA**

Commissioned places – 12

[www.templesutton.org.uk/](http://www.templesutton.org.uk/)

### **Hamstel Infant School ARB - Hamstel Road, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS2 4PQ**

Commissioned places – 6

[www.hamstelinfants.co.uk/](http://www.hamstelinfants.co.uk/)

### **Blenheim Primary School ARB – School Way, Leigh on Sea, Essex, SS9 4HX**

Commissioned places – 12

[www.blenheimprimary.co.uk/](http://www.blenheimprimary.co.uk/)

# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE RESOURCE BASE

A Speech and Language Resource Base (SLRB) is an enhanced provision within a mainstream school that caters for children with specific language disorders. They have specialist trained staff who support the children in the SLRB. The children will spend some time in a mainstream class or with mainstream peers, aiming to increase the amount of time they can integrate into the wider school community.

## **Fairways Primary School - The Fairway, Leigh on Sea, Essex, SS9 4QW**

Commissioned places – 15

[www.fairways.southend.sch.uk/](http://www.fairways.southend.sch.uk/)

# LEARNING RESOURCE BASES

A Learning Resource Base (LRB) is an enhanced provision within a mainstream school that caters for children with additional learning needs. They have specialist trained staff who support the children in the LRB. The children will spend some time in a mainstream class or with mainstream peers, aiming to increase the amount of time they can integrate into the wider school community.

## **Shoeburyness High School - Caulfield Road, Shoeburyness, Essex, SS3 9LL**

Commissioned places – 18

[www.shoeburynesshigh.co.uk/](http://www.shoeburynesshigh.co.uk/)

## **Chase High School - Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, SS0 0RT**

Commissioned places – 12

[www.chasehigh.org/](http://www.chasehigh.org/)

# ALTERNATIVE PROVISIONS

## **Victory Park Academy – Wentworth Road, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS2 5LG**

For children aged 5-16 years. Victory Park Academy is a pupil referral unit providing education to pupils who have experienced difficulty in attending mainstream school.

[www.victorypark.org.uk/](http://www.victorypark.org.uk/)