



Section 41: Secretary of State Approved List

Section 41 of the Children and Families Act 2014 allows the Secretary of State by order to publish a list of approved independent educational institutions, independent special schools and post-16 institutions for the purposes of satisfying Section 38 (Preparation of an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan by local authorities) of the Act. Institutions can only be included on the list with their consent.

The list has been refreshed to include approved autumn term applicants and remove institutions who have not continued to meet the Section 41 eligibility criteria.

The Children and Families Act places specific duties upon institutions on the approved list:

- institutions on the approved list must “have regard” to the SEN Code of Practice;
- institutions on the approved list have a reciprocal duty to co-operate with the local authority on arrangements for children and young people with SEN;
- local authorities’ published local offer must refer to the institutions on the approved list;
- specific duties and rights relating to admissions, in line with maintained schools, Academies, FE colleges and non-maintained special schools:
 - a child or young person has a right to request that an institution on the approved list is named in their EHC Plan;
 - if the institution is named in an EHC Plan, the local authority is under a qualified duty to secure a place;
 - if the institution is named in an EHC Plan, the institution must admit the pupil or young person.

Local authorities should satisfy themselves with the latest education and social care inspection information when preparing the EHC plan. Section 41 approval was informed by the inspection judgement at the time of the application, which may be subject to change prior to the next termly review.

A hyperlink to the institution’s web address has been added to the trading name where this is available. It should be noted that the Section 41 approval is only applicable to the institution detailed on the list, and does not extend to other schools, or institutions within the wider group or detailed within the institutions website.

The list will be updated termly and published on GOV.UK.

Special Post 16 Institutions

Edubase reference	Host local authority	Institution Trading Name¹	Legal Name²	Approved
302/7905	Barnet	Ambitious College	Ambitious About Autism	Sept 14
343/8220	Sefton	Arden College	Speciality Care(Rest Homes) Ltd	Sept 14
309/7904	Haringey	Area 51 Education Ltd	Area 51 Education Ltd	Sept 14
352/8605	Manchester	Bridge College	Together Trust	Sept 14
888/7905	Lancashire	Beaumont College	Scope	Sept 14
330/7905	Birmingham	Calthorpe Vocational Trust	Calthorpe Vocational Trust	Dec 14
669/7904	Wales	Coleg Elidyr	Coleg Elidyr Camphill Communities	Sept 14
371/7904	Doncaster	Communication Specialist College-Doncaster	Doncaster Deaf Trust	Sept 14
893/7904	Shropshire	Condover College Ltd	Condover College Limited	Sept 14
895/7904	Cheshire East	David Lewis C	The David Lewis Centre	Sept 14
893/7906	Shropshire	Derwen College	Derwen College	Sept 14
929/7904	Northumberland	Dilston College	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	Sept 14
886/7905	Kent	Dorton College of Further Education	The Royal London Society for Blind People	Sept 14
202/7904	Camden	Elfrida Rathbone Camden - Leighton Education Project	Elfrida Rathbone (Camden)	Sept 14
394/7904	Sunderland	ESPA College	Education and Services for People with Autism Limited	Sept 14
878/7906	Devon	Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education (College)	Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education	Sept 14
865/7904	Wiltshire	Fairfield Farm College	Fairfield Opportunity Farm (Dilton) Limited	Sept 14
933/7905	Somerset	Farleigh Further Education College (Frome)	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
866/7904	Swindon	Farleigh Further Education College Swindon	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
933/7906	Somerset	Foxes Academy	Foxes Academy Limited	Sept 14
373/7904	Sheffield	Freeman College	Ruskin Mill Trust Limited	Sept 14
332/7904	Dudley	Glasshouse	Ruskin Mill Trust Limited	Sept 14
393/7008	South Tyneside	Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle	Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle Upon Tyne	Dec 14
815/8223	North Yorkshire	Henshaws College	Henshaws Society for Blind Trustee Limited	Sept 14
855/7904	Leicestershire	Homefield College	Homefield College Limited	Sept 14
830/7904	Derbyshire	Landmarks	Landmarks	Sept 14
355/7904	Salford	Langdon College	Langdon College	Sept 14
812/7904	North East Lincs	Linkage College	The Linkage Community Trust Limited	Sept 14

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933/7907	Somerset	Lufton College	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	Sept 14
305/7904	Bromley	Nash College	Livability	Sept 14
916/7904	Gloucestershire	National Star College	National Star Foundation	Sept 14
885/7904	Worcestershire	New College Worcester	New College Worcester	Sept 14
310/7904	Harrow	Nisai Virtual Academy Ltd	Nisai Virtual Academy Limited	Sept 14
357/7904	Tameside	Works 4 U Support Services	Norman Mackie & Associates Limited	Sept 14
663/7904	Denbighshire	Pengwern College	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	Sept 14
384/7904	Wakefield	Pennine Camphill Community	The Pennine Camphill Community Limited	Sept 14
391/7905	Newcastle Upon Tyne	Percy Hedley College	The Percy Hedley Foundation	Sept 14
878/7905	Devon	Oakwood Court College	Phoenix Learning Care Limited	Sept 14
891/7904	Nottinghamshire	Portland College	Portland College	Sept 14
330/7904	Birmingham	Queen Alexandra College	Queen Alexandra College	Sept 14
936/7905	Surrey	Queen Elizabeth Foundation Brain Injury Centre	Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People	Sept 14
861/7904	Stoke-on-Trent	Regent College	Shelton Care Limited	Sept 14
855/7905	Leicestershire	RNIB College Loughborough	Royal National Institution of Blind People	Sept 14
356/7900	Stockport	Royal College Manchester	Seashell Trust	Sept 14
874/7904	Peterborough	Sense Speciality College	Sense, The National Deafblind and Rubella Association	Sept 14
919/7904	Hertfordshire	St Elizabeth's College	The Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liege	Sept 14
846/7904	Brighton & Hove	St John's School and College (College)	St John's School & College	Sept 14
916/7906	Gloucestershire	St Martin's Centre	The English Dominican Congregation (Stone) Charitable Fund	Sept 14
861/7905	Stoke-on-Trent	Strathmore College	Strathmore College Limited	Sept 14
850/7904	Hampshire	The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy	The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy	Sept 14
845/7904	East Sussex	The Mount Camphill Community Limited	The Mount Camphill Community Limited	Sept 14
936/7904	Surrey	The Orpheus Centre	The Orpheus Centre Trust	Sept 14
884/7905	Herefordshire	The Royal National College for the Blind	The Royal National College for the Blind	Sept 14
394/7905	Sunderland	Thornbeck College	North East Autism Society	Sept 14
850/8225	Hampshire	Treloar College	Treloar Trust	Sept 14
866/7906	Swindon	Uplands Educational Trust Learning Centre	Uplands Educational Trust	Dec 14
342/7904	St Helens	Wargrave House LEAP College	Wargrave House Limited	Sept 14

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878/7907	Devon	WESC Foundation	WESC Foundation	Sept 14
886/7904	Kent	Westgate College	The John Townsend Trust	Sept 14
916/7905	Gloucestershire	William Morris Camphill Community Ltd	William Morris (Camphill) Community Limited	Sept 14
936/7907	Surrey	Young Epilepsy	The National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy	Sept 14

Independent Special Schools (England and Wales)

DfE Registration	Local Authority	Institution Trading Name ¹	Legal Name ²	Approved
830/6016	Derbyshire	Alderwasley Hall School	SENAD Limited	Sept 14
909/6048	Cumbria	Appletree School	Appletree Treatment Centre Limited	Sept 14
661/6022	Wales	Aran Hall School	Aran Hall School Limited	Sept 14
937/6092	Warwickshire	Arc School Church End	OS Education Limited	Sept 14
937/6011	Warwickshire	Arc School Napton	OS Education Limited	Sept 14
937/6012	Warwickshire	Arc School Ansley	OS Education Limited	Sept 14
356/6025	Stockport	Ashcroft School	The Together Trust	Sept 14
937/6008	Warwickshire	Avon Park School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
840/6013	Durham	Aycliffe School	North East Autism Society	Sept 14
888/6057	Lancashire	Beacon Reach	Beacon Reach	Sept 14
811/6012	East Riding of Yorkshire	Beverley School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
352/6045	Manchester	Birch House School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
830/6009	Derbyshire	Bladon House School	SENAD Limited	Sept 14
889/6013	Blackburn with Darwen	Brambles East School	Beechkeys Limited	Dec 14
815/6041	North Yorkshire	Cedar House School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
878/6062	Devon	Chelfham Kilworthy House	Priory Education Services Limited	Dec 14
878/6039	Devon	Chelfham Senior School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
931/6125	Oxfordshire	Chilworth House School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
931/6000	Oxfordshire	Chilworth House Upper School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
850/6090	Hampshire	Clay Hill	Priory Education Services Ltd	Sept 14
850/6017	Hampshire	Coxlease School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
681/6087	Wales	Craig y Parc School	Scope	Sept 14
893/6017	Shropshire	Cruckton Hall School Limited	Cruckton Hall Limited	Dec 14
888/6104	Lancashire	Cumberland School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
878/6053	Devon	Devon Progressive School	New Horizon Centre LTD	Dec 14
878/6213	Devon	Devon School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
881/6032	Essex	Doucecroft School	Autism Anglia	Dec 14
315/6081	Merton	Eagle House School, Mitcham	Eagle House (Mitcham) Limited	Sept 14
319/6074	Sutton	Eagle House School, Sutton	Eagle House (Mitcham) Limited	Sept 14

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881/6059	Essex	Essex School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
938/6217	West Sussex	Farney Close School Limited	Farney Close School Limited	Sept 14
909/6051	Cumbria	Fell House School	Appletree Treatment Centre Limited	Sept 14
850/6058	Hampshire	Grateley House School	Cambian Asperger Syndrome Services Limited	Sept 14
805/6002	Hartlepool	Hartlepool School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
893/6106	Shropshire	Higford School	New Options (3) Limited	Dec 14
830/6003	Derbyshire	High Grange School	Rushcliffe Specialists Schools (Mikleover) Ltd	Dec 14
850/6031	Hampshire	Hill House School	Cambian Autism Services Limited	Sept 14
886/6123	Kent	Hope View School	Carmichael Education Limited	Sept 14
860/6040	Staffordshire	Hopedale School	Hopedale Children and Family Services Limited	Sept 14
810/6004	Kingston upon Hull City of	Horton Education and Care	Horton Establishments Ltd	Dec 14
307/6339	Ealing	Insights Independent School & Skills Academy	Insights ESC Limited	Dec 14
936/6579	Surrey	Jigsaw Trust	The Jigsaw Trust	Dec 14
888/6041	Lancashire	Keyes Barn School	Beechkey's Limited	Dec 14
306/6089	Croydon	Kingsdown Secondary School	Kingsdown Secondary School [Mcrae Residential Care Services Limited]	Sept 14
925/6034	Lincolnshire	Kisimul School	Kisimul Group Limited	Dec 14
341/6082	Liverpool	Lakeside School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
855/6020	Leicestershire	Lewis Charlton Learning Centre	Lewis Charlton Limited	Dec 14
938/6267	West Sussex	LVS Hassocks	The Licensed Trade Charity	Sept 14
931/6015	Oxfordshire	LVS Oxford	The Licensed Trade Charity	Dec 14
825/6011	Bucks	MacIntyre School	MacIntyre Care	Sept 14
933/6089	Somerset	Marchant-Holliday School Limited	Marchant-Holliday School Limited	Sept 14
933/6185	Somerset	Mark College	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
873/6008	Cambridgeshire	Meldreth Manor School	Scope	Sept 14
803/6009	South Gloucs	NAS Anderson School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
933/6195	Somerset	Newbury Manor School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
928/6067	Northamptonshire	Northampton School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
933/6200	Somerset	North Hill House School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
885/6040	Worcestershire	Norton College	Crucible Education Limited	Dec 14
208/6001	Lambeth	Octavia House Schools	Octavia House Schools Limited	Sept 14

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888/6094	Lancashire	Oliver House School	Priory New Education Services Limited	Sept 14
343/6134	Sefton	Olsen House School	Olsen House Limited	Sept 14
935/6083	Suffolk	On Track Education Centre Mildenhall	On Track Education Services Limited	Dec 14
928/6073	Northamptonshire	On Track Education Centre Northampton	On Track Education Services Limited	Dec 14
878/6060	Devon	On Track Education Centre Totnes	On Track Education Services Limited	Dec 14
873/6041	Cambridgeshire	On Track Education Centre Wisbech	On Track Education Services Limited	Dec 14
885/6039	Worcestershire	Our Place Schools Limited	Our Place Schools Limited	Dec 14
894/6003	Telford and Wrekin	Overley Hall School	Overley Hall School Limited	Dec 14
845/6007	East Sussex	Owlswick School and Home	Mayne Enterprises Limited	Dec 14
830/6024	Derbyshire	Pegasus School	SENAD Limited	Dec 14
888/6050	Lancashire	Pontville School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
869/6014	West Berkshire	Prior's Court School	Prior's Court Foundation	Sept 14
841/6006	Darlington	Priory Hurworth House School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
679/6014	Wales	Priory Talocher School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
835/6016	Dorset	Purbeck View School	Cambian Autism Services Limited	Sept 14
884/6011	Herefordshire	Queenswood School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
919/6215	Hertfordshire	Radlett Lodge School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
212/6405	Wandsworth	Rainbow School	Beyond Autism	Sept 14
888/6032	Lancashire	Red Rose School	The Lancashire Centre for SP.L.D (Dystexia) Limited	Dec 14
888/6020	Lancashire	Rossendale School Limited	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
884/6006	Herefordshire	Rowden House School Ltd	Rowden House School Limited	Sept 14
860/6024	Staffordshire	Rugeley School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
936/6590	Surrey	Papillon House School	Papillon House School Limited	Sept 14
815/6036	North Yorkshire	Scarborough School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
926/6133	Norfolk	Sheridan House School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
803/6000	South Gloucs	Shelling School Thornbury	Camphill Communities Thornbury Limited	Sept 14
855/6026	Leicestershire	Sketchley School and Forest House	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
933/6203	Somerset	Somerset Progressive School	New Horizon Centre Limited	Dec 14
933/6211	Somerset	Somerset School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
850/6030	Hampshire	Southlands School	Cambian Asperger Syndrome Services Limited	Sept 14

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916/6004	Gloucestershire	Southwick Park School	Cambian Autism Services Limited	Dec 14
936/6584	Surrey	Stepping Stones School Hindhead	Stepping Stones School Hindhead	Sept 14
885/6024	Worcestershire	Sunfield Children's Homes Limited	Sunfield Children's Homes Limited	Sept 14
889/6111	Lancashire	The Brambles School	Beechkey's Limited	Dec 14
852/6004	Southampton	The Bridge	Autism Hampshire	Sept 14
893/6107	Shropshire	The Evolution Centre	Reflexion Care Group limited	Dec 14
835/6033	Dorset	The Forum School	Cambian Autism Services Limited	Sept 14
886/6046	Kent	The Helen Allison School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
334/6010	Solihull	The Island Project	The Island project	Dec 14
830/6033	Derbyshire	The Linnet Independent Learning Centre	Lewis Charlton Limited	Dec 14
846/6043	Brighton and Hove	The Lioncare School	Seafields Limited	Dec 14
309/6070	Haringey	The London School for Children With Cerebral Palsy	The Peter Rigby Trust	Dec 14
850/6005	Hampshire	The Loddon School	The Loddon School Company	Sept 14
886/6079	Kent	The New School at West Heath	West Heath 2000	Sept 14
359/6000	Wigan	The Parks School	Inspire Training and Education Services	Dec 14
212/6041	Wandsworth	The Priory Lodge School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
886/6108	Kent	The Quest School for Autistic Children	The Quest School for Autistic Children	Dec 14
370/6004	Barnsley	The Robert Ogden School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
307/6064	Ealing	The Sybil Elgar School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
359/6009	Wigan	Tyldesley School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
936/6592	Surrey	Unsted Park School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
878/6007	Devon	Vranch House	Devon & Exeter Spastics Society	Dec 14
888/6048	Lancashire	Westmorland School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
909/6054	Cumbria	Whinfell School	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	Sept 14
909/6053	Cumbria	Wings School (Cumbria)	Wings Education Limited	Sept 14
873/6033	Cambridgeshire	Wisbech School & Vocational Centre	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
909/6027	Cumbria	Witherslack Hall School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
857/6005	Rutland	Wilds Lodge School	W L Property Limited	Dec 14
881/6031	Essex	Woodcroft School	Woodcroft School Limited	Dec 14

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936/6593	Surrey	Woodstock House	Kisimul Group Limited	Dec 14
893/6025	Shropshire	Young Options	Young Options College Limited	Dec 14
861/6004	Stoke-on-Trent	Young Options Pathway College Stoke	Young Options College Limited	Dec 14

¹ Trading name: the name which the institution operates and uses publicly.

² Legal name: the name registered with Companies House and/or the Charity Commission.