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Council

Special Educational Provision in Wigan

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There is a range of education provision in Wigan to meet the special educational needs of children and young people.

Our provision

1. Mainstream provision

This is education for pupils with a wide range of abilities and includes settings such as nurseries, schools, and general further education colleges. It is expected that most children and young people with additional and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) will attend a mainstream setting or school as is set out in section 33 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

Most mainstream schools are judged to be good or outstanding by Ofsted.

2. Schools outreach service

All mainstream schools in Wigan benefit from access to the school's outreach service, which offers specialist training, development and support for staff in mainstream schools so that they are better equipped to help children and young people with SEND.

3. Resourced provisions

These places are within a mainstream school and reserved for children and young people with SEND who are taught mainly within mainstream classes. They cater for types of SEND; and are usually for pupils with an education, health and care (EHC) plan. These provisions are different to special educational needs (SEN) units where pupils spend most of their time in dedicated classes with pupils with similar needs.

Of the seven resourced provision providers, all but one were judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding.

School	Ward	Age	Type of school	Type of provision	Capacity
Garrett Hall Primary School	Astley	3-11	Community School	SEMH	7
Leigh Central Primary School	Leigh	4-11	Community School	ASD & SLC	5
Marsh Green Primary School	Pemberton	2-11	Community School	All	5

Meadowbank Primary School & Children's Centre	Atherton North	3-11	Community School	ASD, SLCN & SEMH	12
Platt Bridge Community School	Abram	2-11	Academy Converter	ASD & SLCN	5
Westfield Community School	Pemberton	3-11	Community School	ASD & SLCN	5
Cansfield High School	Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North	11-16	Community school	ASD	9
Hawkley Hall High School	Worsley Mesnes	11-16	Academy converter	ASD	15

All admissions to resourced provisions in Wigan are controlled by the council in consultation with the schools' leadership teams. All enquiries about admissions must be directed to SENDSadmin@wigan.gov.uk.

4. Alternative provision

This is education arranged for pupils because of exclusion, illness, or other reasons. Both the council and schools can arrange for pupils to attend an alternative provision either on a part-time or full-time basis. This may include attending an alternative site for education purposes or in the form of tuition.

The council's commissioned provider for permanently excluded young people is Three Towers Alternative Provision Academy (TTAPA). TTAPA is also the council's provider for children unable to attend school due to medical needs.

[Find out more about TTAPA.](#)

5. Engagement centres

These offer targeted specialist educational support for young people who are having difficulties in engaging fully in their mainstream school. They provide a 12-week programme, two days a week which supplements the education offer at the pupil's current school and helps them to reintegrate back into their current mainstream school.

[Find out more about the engagement centres.](#)

6. Specialist provision

Special schools cater for pupils who have SEND with cognition and learning, communicational and interaction, social emotional and mental health, and physical/sensory needs. Special schools are specifically designed and resourced to provide a suitable education for pupils with the most complex SEND.

There are six primary and secondary maintained special schools in Wigan offering 995 places.

School	Ward	Age	Type of school	Type of provision	Capacity
Rowan Tree Primary School	Atherton North	4-11	Community special	ASD and SLD	128
Willow Grove Primary School	Ashton-in-Makerfield South	5-11	Community special	SEMH	72
Hope School	Winstanley	2-19	Community special	PMLD, SLD, PD, SI, SLCN, ASD, SLCN	200
Landgate School	Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North	4-19	Community special	SLCN and ASD	137
Newbridge Learning Community School	Abram	11-16	Community special	SEMH	88
Oakfield High School	Hindley Green	11-19	Community special	MLD and SLD	370

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