



A bit about the School

Beech Lodge School is a small independent co-educational school for children between the ages of 7 and 17yrs, who have been failed by mainstream education and have needs that are difficult to meet in a conventional school setting.

The school opened in January 2013 with only 5 pupils and is now full to current capacity (10 full time, 2 part time pupils). Our current cohort are between the ages of 9 and 14 and we have a burgeoning waiting list.

We currently have 4 full time staff and 12 peripatetic staff including Dyslexia Specialist, Educational Psychologist, OT, SaLT, Forest School Practitioner, Art, Music, Yoga etc.

As part of our Development Programme we are looking to expand our teaching staff in line with increased pupil numbers in September 2014 and our move to larger premises in the coming year. It is an exciting opportunity to be part of a successful and growing school.

We are not a Free School. We are a privately funded not-for-profit organisation with charitable status. Our children are funded privately or by their LEA's.

We are not a Special School and are not an Autism-specific school, we take a range of children with mild to moderate social, emotional and learning difficulties.

We provide:

- An environment where children are happy, accepted and understood with empathy and good humour.
- An alternative and nurturing educational experience that is different from and additional to that found in mainstream school

- An appropriate curriculum delivered at the right level with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy delivered by good quality staff who help our children make excellent and demonstrable progress.
- An ongoing and thorough assessment of the children's needs in consultation with Specialists, Therapists and external providers to ensure that the right provision is put in place.
- A suitably rigorous and regularly monitored programme to prepare our children for the next stage in life whether that is a return to mainstream school, a place at college, access to work or an apprenticeship.

The Beech Lodge Child

We fondly refer to a typical Beech Lodge child as being a 'square peg' in the round hole of mainstream education. We are proud to give our children the 'square hole' in which to truly fit.

- All of our children have been failed by mainstream education and have needs that are difficult to meet within a conventional school setting and who do not require a special school place.
- Nearly all of our children have mild or moderate sensory, social & emotional difficulties or specific learning difficulties.
- Often they have social difficulties, but that behaviour frequently masks other issues.
- None of our children have aggressive or violent behaviour or require constant 1-1 supervision.