



A Guide to Special Schools and Resource Bases in Oxfordshire



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1. INTRODUCTION

This guide gives information on all the special schools and resource bases which are maintained by Oxfordshire County Council.

Most special schools and resource bases cater for pupils living in a particular area; however, some are county-wide provision. All pupils attending any special school or resource base in Oxfordshire will have a statement of Special Educational Needs or will be undergoing a statutory assessment of their SEN.

The decision about admission to a special school or resource base is based on clearly defined indicators. Each child is considered carefully according to their needs by a panel of experienced professionals. Parental views are taken into consideration.

Children attending special schools and resource bases may be entitled to free transport to school. (For more details about transport, there is a leaflet available).

2. SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Bardwell School

Hendon Place, Sunderland Drive, Bicester, Oxon OX26 4RZ

Tel: (01869) 242182 Fax: (01869) 243211

Email: office.7029@bardwell.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Chris Hughes

Caters for: Pupils with severe learning difficulties and profound and multiple learning difficulties, aged two to nineteen.

Catchment area: Bicester, Kidlington and surrounding villages.

Organisation: The school shares a site with a secondary school, The Cooper School and Glory Farm Primary School, a playgroup and Children's Centre. Education may take place at the special school, within mainstream groups or through a combination of activities involving both settings. The school has an assessment nursery/foundation stage.

Bardwell supports pupils with a wide range of needs including sensory impairment, communication or language disorders, cerebral palsy, autism and complex or profound learning difficulties. Provision is flexible and centres on the unique needs of every child, recognising their strengths and working to address their particular learning needs. The interagency team of teachers, support staff, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist, School Nurse and visiting Educational Psychologist promote this. Parents are involved, informed and enthusiastic partners in the school. Bardwell aims to offer high quality, relevant, responsive, effective and enjoyable education for all our pupils.

Bishopswood School

c/o Sonning Common School, Grove Road, Sonning Common, Reading, Berkshire RG4 9RJ

Tel: (0118) 9724311 Fax: (0118) 9242730

Email: office.7030@bishopswood.oxon.sch.uk Website: www.bishopswood.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Jenny Wager

Caters for: Pupils with severe learning difficulties and complex needs, aged two to sixteen.

Catchment area: Includes much of South Oxfordshire from Wallingford to Goring, Sonning Common, Henley-on-Thames and Watlington.

Organisation: Bishopswood School departments (nursery, primary and senior) are co-located on the site of three local schools. The nursery class is fully integrated with the nursery class at Valley Road Primary School, Henley. The nursery is open on three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and pupils can attend for up to 5 sessions. The primary department has a purpose built building in the centre of the site with a sensory room and sensory garden as well as an outdoor play area. The senior department is within Chiltern Edge School and has a sensory room and hydrotherapy pool. The co-location offers pupils a wide range of opportunities for formal and informal interaction. The school has good links with Henley College, which is the local college offering very appropriate courses for our pupils post 16.

- Valley Road Nursery, Henley, for pupils aged two to five
- Sonning Common Primary School, Sonning Common, for pupils aged five to eleven
- Chiltern Edge School, Sonning Common for pupils aged eleven to sixteen
- At sixteen pupils usually move onto Henley College.

Fitzwaryn School

Denchworth Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9ET

Tel: (01235) 764504 Fax: (01235) 768728

Email: office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk Website: www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Barbara Harker

Caters for: Pupils with complex moderate learning and severe learning difficulties, aged three to nineteen.

Catchment area: Includes Wantage and Faringdon and surrounding villages.

Organisation: Integration opportunities are offered throughout the school as appropriate and on a weekly basis for almost all the pupils in the lower school. The school plays an integral role in the activities offered within the Wantage partnership of schools and many pupils at Fitzwaryn School spend time working alongside mainstream peers in joint curriculum projects. The school runs a work experience programme for Key Stage 4 pupils which is further extended within The Students Centre, a post 16 provision. The school is looking forward to an extensive refurbishment programme which will offer six updated classrooms, sensory theatre, Jacuzzi and new Students Centre.

Frank Wise School

Hornbeam Close, Broughton Road, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9RL

Tel: (01295) 263520 Fax: (01295) 273141

Email: info@frankwise.oxon.sch.uk Website: www.frankwise.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Sean O'Sullivan

Caters for: Pupils with severe learning difficulties, aged two to nineteen.

Catchment area: Banbury and Chipping Norton and surrounding villages.

Organisation: The school has ten chronologically based classes (Family Groups), organised into primary and senior school sections together with an Assessment Nursery for two to four year olds. The school offers weekly curricular based inclusion opportunities within local primary and secondary schools for all its pupils aged five to sixteen. Therefore, inclusion is an educational opportunity for all our pupils.

Iffley Mead School

Iffley Turn, Oxford, OX4 4DU
Tel: (01865) 747606 Fax: (01865) 711134
Email: office.7018@iffley-mead.oxon.sch.uk

- Headteacher: Kay Willet
- Caters for: Pupils with complex moderate learning difficulties, aged five to eighteen.
- Organisation: The school has two phases, primary and secondary. Five Curriculum Heads co-ordinate the delivery of the National Curriculum. The school has a strong vocational tradition in Years 9, 10 and 11 and links with Oxford College of Further Education and runs work experience programmes.

John Watson School

Littleworth Road, Wheatley Oxon OX33 1NN
Tel: (01865) 452725 Fax: (01865) 452724
Email: office.7011@john-watson.oxon.sch.uk Website: www.john-watson.oxon.sch.uk

- Headteacher: Sally Withey
- Caters for: Pupils with severe learning difficulties, aged two to nineteen.
- Catchment area: Includes the towns of Thame, Wheatley, Watlington, Chinnor, Benson, Ewelme and surrounding villages, Risinghurst and part of Oxford City (Barton Estate).
- Organisation: The school is co-located with the Wheatley mainstream schools and offers integrated provision for all pupils on roll. Wheatley Nursery School is a fully inclusive attached nursery and shares the headteacher of John Watson School; primary aged pupils share the campus of Wheatley CE Primary School and secondary pupils are based at Wheatley Park comprehensive school in new purpose built accommodation, completed July 2006.

Kingfisher School

Radley Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3RR

Tel: (01235) 555512 Fax: (01235) 554051

Email: headteacher.7032@kingfisher.oxon.sch.uk Website: www.kingfisherschool.co.uk

Headteacher: Steve Gillow

Caters for: Pupils with severe learning difficulties, aged two to nineteen.

Catchment area: Abingdon, Didcot, Wallingford and surrounding villages as well as Cumnor.

Organisation: The school occupies recently extended and improved buildings in Abingdon and has integrated provision at St Swithun's School, Kennington for children aged 3-11 years.

Mabel Prichard School

Cuddesdon Way, Oxford, OX4 6SB

Tel: (01865) 777878 Fax: (01865) 775218

Email: office.7020@mabel-prichard.oxon.sch.uk Website: www.mabel-prichard.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Jane Wallington

Caters for: A mixed day school for severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties.

Catchment area: Oxford City

Organisation: The school has two sites both co-located onto mainstream schools. The upper school for Key Stages 3 and 4 is based at Oxford Academy. The lower school for Key Stages 1 and 2 is based at Orchard Meadow Primary School. Orchard Meadow and Mabel Prichard Schools share an Integrated Foundation Stage Unit for children aged between two and five years of age. The school links with Oxford Academy affording many opportunities for shared in-service training for staff and cross curricular links and integration opportunities for pupils.

Northern House School

South Parade, Summertown, Oxford, OX2 7JN

Tel: (01865) 557004 Fax: (01865) 511210

Email: headteacher.7016@northern-house.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Vacancy

Caters for: Pupils aged five to eleven, with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties.

Catchment area: Oxfordshire

Organisation: Pupils are organised into 11 classes. The school has developed an extensive programme of reintegration in which children are filtered back initially through a network of local schools into the child's neighbourhood school.

Northfield School

Knights Road, Blackbird Leys, Oxford, OX4 5DQ

Tel: (01865) 771703 Fax: (01865) 773873

Email: office.7031@northfield.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mark Blencowe

Caters for: Pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties.
The school has a 12 bed residential unit, which is open weekdays and term time.

Organisation: The school delivers the full range of National Curriculum subjects both at KS3 and 4 and offers additional vocational areas of study for KS4 students such as driving, Duke of Edinburgh, motor vehicle studies and construction. At KS3 music is delivered by external providers who incorporate the use of ICT in the delivering of music technology and drumming.

The school has an extensive programme of behavioural management based around rewards and sanctions along with support systems to encourage the students to manage their own behaviour and conduct. We have a full time police officer, ESW and psychiatric nurse based at the school.

Springfield School

The Bronze Barrow, Cedar Drive, Witney Oxon OX28 1AR

Tel: (01993) 703963 Fax: (01993) 708796

Email: office.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk Website: www.springfield.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Emma Lawley

Caters for: Pupils with severe learning difficulties, aged two to sixteen.

Catchment area: West Oxfordshire

Organisation: **Springfield main site** (on the Madley Park estate)
The school moved to this purpose built accommodation in 2003 where it shares a site with Madley Brook Community Primary School.
The Springfield pupils based here range in age from 2 to 11. There are 7 classes on this site including an integrated nursery for the youngest pupils, shared with the primary school. All pupils participate in integrated activities.

Wood Green School

In 2005 a purpose built facility was opened on this site for the secondary aged Springfield School pupils. Currently there are 5 classes based here. There are good links between Springfield and Wood Green Schools which provide inclusive opportunities.

All education at Springfield School relates to the needs of the individual pupils.

Woodeaton Manor School
Woodeaton, Oxford, OX3 9TS
Tel: (01865) 558722 Fax: (01865) 311561
Email: office.7002@woodeaton.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Anne Pearce

Caters for: Secondary aged pupils with emotional and social difficulties aged between eleven and nineteen.

The school has a respite residential facility.

Catchment area: Oxfordshire

Organisation: Pupils are taught in small classes and all classes have dedicated Teaching Assistants. Specialist teaching exists in all National Curriculum subjects. In Key Stage 4, a range of accredited courses are available in National Curriculum and Vocational subjects. Opportunities for integration exist and happen with parents'/carers' consent.

3. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES (SENSS)

The Wheatley Centre, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, Oxford OX33 1PH
Tel: (01865) 456702 Fax: (01865) 456710
Email: diane.floyd@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Head of Service: Vacancy

SENSS is a pupil focused service which delivers a range of specialist services and provision for children and young people with identified special educational needs.

SENSS offers a range of interventions, advice and support to; individual children/young people, parents, school staff and other supporting agencies who are associated with pupils identified as having:

- Hearing Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Language & Communication Difficulties
- Specific Learning Difficulties or Dyslexia
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Physical Disabilities
- Down's Syndrome and Complex Medical Needs

This support is provided for children/young people aged 0-19 attending schools and settings which are maintained by Oxfordshire County Council. In addition, pupils in Key Stages 3-4 may receive additional specialist support through the 'Connexions' service.

Focus of the service

SENSS has a responsibility to assess children and young people who have been identified as possibly having special educational needs as defined under the DfES's 2001 Code of Practice.

If appropriate the SENSS will offer/provide:

- Individual teaching to a pupil/group of pupils.
- Placement in a specialist resource base for children unable to attend their local mainstream setting.
- Advice and support to meet a child's identified Special Educational Needs.
- Assistance with the planning/advice on the use of additional support.
- Contributing to the organisation and delivering of specialist programmes.
- Support for the monitoring and evaluation of a child's progress, achievement and attainment.
- Where appropriate, and subject to agreement, provide additional systemic support through In-Service Training (INSET).
- SEN ICT can provide advice for pupils who have particular ICT needs because of their Special Educational Need.

The overall leadership and management of the SENSS rest with the Head of Service, Mark Geraghty. The Head of Service takes a countywide responsibility for the strategic management of each of the specialist teams.

Hearing Impairment Support Service

The Cherwell School, South Site, Marston Ferry Road, Oxford OX2 7EE
Tel: (01865) 515966 Fax: (01865) 311684

Specialist Team Manager: Nicky Ereaut

Central/North Resource Bases

Primary

New Marston Primary School, Copse Lane, Headington, Oxon OX3 0AY
Tel: (01865) 761560 Fax: (01865) 742944

Secondary

The Cherwell School, South Site, Marston Ferry Road, Oxford OX2 7EE
Tel: (01865) 558719 Fax: (01865) 311165

South/East Resource Bases

Primary

Rush Common County Primary School, Hendred Way, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 2AW
Tel: (01235) 531070 Fax: (01235) 535863

Secondary

Larkmead School, Faringdon Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1RF
Tel: (01235) 531070 Fax: (01235) 544866

Language & Communication Support Service

The Wheatley Centre, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, Oxford OX33 1PH
Tel: (01865) 456702 Fax: (01865) 456710

Integrated Team Manager: Anne Keating

Central/North Resource Bases

Primary

Queensway County Primary School, Queensway, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9NF
Tel: (01295) 275927 Fax: (01295) 269247

Secondary

The Warriner School, Bloxham, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4LJ
Tel: (01295) 720777 Fax: (01295) 721676

The Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, Oxon OX20 1LP
Tel: (01993) 814741

South/East Resource Bases

Primary

Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 5HB
Tel: (01235) 521720 Fax: (01235) 521720

Secondary

Fitzharrys School, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1NP
Tel: (01235) 535542 Fax: (01235) 530376

Autism Support Service

The Wheatley Centre, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, Oxford OX33 1PH
Tel: (01865) 456702 Fax: (01865) 456710

Specialist Team Manager: Alison Blaylock

Caters for: Children whose needs fall along the autistic continuum.

Central/North Resource Bases

Primary

St Nicholas Primary School, Raymund Road, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 0PJ
Tel: (01865) 726956

Secondary

The Cherwell School, South Site, Marston Ferry Road, Oxford, OX2 7EE

Tel: (01865) 316712 Fax: (01865) 316712

The Cherwell School, North Site, Marston Ferry Road, Oxford OX2 7EE

Tel: (01865) 559918 Fax: (01865) 559918

The Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, Oxon OX20 1LP

Tel: (01993) 814741

South/East Resource Bases

Primary

St Andrew's CE Primary School, Station Road, Chinnor, Oxon OX39 4PU

Tel: (01844) 354827 Fax: (01844) 354827

Secondary

Lord Williams's Lower School, Towersey Road, Thame, Oxon OX9 3NW

Tel: (01844) 218412

Lord Williams's Upper School, Oxford Road, Thame, Oxon OX9 2AW

Tel: (01844) 218800 Fax: (01844) 218800

Physical Disability Support Service

(previously Ormerod School site), Waynflete Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 8DD

Tel: (01865) 742379 Fax: (01865) 762005

Specialist Team Manager – Clive Peters

Early Years Facility

(previously Ormerod School site), Waynflete Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 8DD

Tel: (01865) 742379 Fax: (01865) 762005

Resource Base

Secondary

The Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, Oxon OX20 1LP

Tel: (01993) 814741

4. SPECIAL UNITS IN MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS

Berinsfield County Primary School

Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 7LZ

Tel: (01865) 340420 Fax: (01865) 343619

Headteacher: Ms A Knight

Caters for: Pupils with moderate learning difficulties, aged five to eleven.

Catchment area: Berinsfield and neighbouring villages.

Carterton Community College

Upavon Way, Carterton, Oxon, OX18 3BU
Tel: (01993) 841611 Fax: (01993) 843710

Headteacher: Niall McWilliams
Caters for: Pupils with complex learning difficulties, aged eleven to sixteen.
Catchment: West Oxfordshire

Wood Green School

Woodstock Road, Witney, Oxon OX8 6DX
Tel: (01993) 702355 Fax: (01993) 774961

Headteacher: Cynthia Savage
Caters for: Pupils with complex moderate learning difficulties, aged eleven to sixteen.
Catchment area: West Oxfordshire

5. PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS

Meadowbrook College (Pupil Referral Unit)

The Harlow Centre, Raymund Road, Marston, Oxford OX3 0PG
Tel: (01865) 253198 Fax: (01865) 253199
Email: office.1106@pruis.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Andrew Creese
Caters for: Pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties
Provision: PRUIS provides a speedy and flexible short term intervention to pupils who have been or are at high risk of permanent exclusion. Full-time provision is available for KS 4 students.
Catchment area: Oxfordshire

“Formate alternative te ketij publikimi ofrohen me kërkesa. Kjo përfshin dhe gjuhë të tjera, me shkronja të mëdha, shkronja për të verbërit, kasete degjimi, disk kompjuteri ose email.”

Albanian

আগনি যদি অনুরোধ করেন অহলে এই পুস্তিকাটি বিকল্প উৎসে, যেমন, অন্য কোনও ভাষায়, বড় হরফে, ব্রেইলে, অডিও-ক্যাসেটে, কম্পিউটারের ডিস্কে বা ইমেলের মাধ্যমে পেতে পারেন।

Bengali

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Chinese

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Hindi

“ਇਸ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਬਦਲ ਤੇ ਕੋਰ ਰੂਪਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਵੀ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ। ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਕੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵਿਚ, ਵੱਡੇ ਛਾਪੇ ਤੇ, ਬ੍ਰੇਲ ਵਿਚ, ਸੁਣਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਟੇਪ ਤੇ, ਕੰਪਿਊਟਰ ਡਿਸਕ ਜਾਂ ਈ ਮੇਲ ਤੇ।”

Punjabi

“اس کتاب کے بغیر کسی تبدیلی کے بغیر اس کی کاپیاں دیگر زبانوں میں، بڑے فونٹ میں، برایل میں، آڈیو کاسیٹ پر، کمپیوٹر ڈسک پر یا ای میل کے ذریعے دستیاب کی جاسکتی ہیں۔”

Urdu

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