

Expertise in special educational needs



 **St Piers
School**

Introducing the new St Piers School

Brand new for 2016, St Piers School is a unique facility designed specifically for students with specialist educational needs and is the perfect space to enable them to reach their full potential.

Our vision is to provide equal access and opportunities to all students.



“ We cannot thank the incredible teaching team at St Piers enough. The school has been – and continues to be – a life changing experience for our daughter. ” *parent*



The new St Piers School, based on a beautiful 65 acre campus in Lingfield, rural Surrey, offers an ideal environment for students to enjoy the very best opportunities. We offer day and residential placements providing the highest quality educational services with a home-from-home experience to students aged five to 19 years of age.

St Piers students often have highly specialist medical and health needs. Our education, health, care and therapy teams work alongside each other to ensure the students reach their optimum level of achievement, by minimising the impact of health conditions on their schooling.

Our staff excel in teaching students with a range of conditions including:

- ADHD
- acquired brain injury
- autistic spectrum disorder
- behavioural difficulties
- epilepsy
- moderate learning difficulties
- non-weight bearing
- profound and multiple learning difficulties
- severe learning difficulties





Designed with our students in mind

The student-centred design of the new school has created an exceptional environment to best manage the students' conditions enabling them to develop and reach their goals.

- Each classroom has its own secure outdoor space enhancing opportunities for learning through play and group activities outside.
- The new swimming pool in the Peter Harrison Foundation Aqua Centre is inclusive for all students. The pool is fully tracked enabling non-weight bearing students to be safely lowered into the water. The space has been designed with infinity features and diffused window panels to minimise reflections and ripples, creating a calming experience.
- The go-kart track adds a social and fun element to learning.
- The James Lewis Food Technology Studio has adjustable tables and worktops, where all of the students can enjoy the experience of learning life skills together.
- The Imaginarium uses state-of-the-art technology to create sceneries, which transport our students to different environments through their imagination.
- A sensory integration suite within the school allows students to have immediate access to therapy.
- The building has a unique natural ventilation system to ensure a steady and stable room temperature, whether summer or winter.
- Curved corridors create a calming environment for our students who live with autism.





“ I like all the cupboards in my classroom. It keeps the classroom nice and tidy. I love the Da Vinci room where we do our artwork. ”

student


“ St Piers School has transformed our son. He is more independent, has learned extremely well, his conversation has improved in both content and intelligibility. ”

parent

Creative Arts

We aim to enhance and support areas of the curriculum whilst encouraging confidence and self-esteem, in students, through a unique approach of the Creative Arts department. Our very experienced teachers use music, dance

and drama within a thrilling setting to promote environmental, aesthetic and cultural awareness. Creativity allows students to learn through an alternative method, which is not bound by the restrictions of language and social conventions.

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a red t-shirt, is sitting in a wheelchair and reaching out to touch the nose of a large, realistic lion sculpture. The lion has a thick, golden-brown mane and a friendly expression. The background is dark with some green and brown lighting, suggesting an indoor museum or exhibit space. In the bottom left corner, there are three white star-shaped outlines of varying sizes.

“ Creative Arts at St Piers is magical, they make everyone relax and enjoy themselves whilst gaining life skills and self-esteem. ”

Parent

How we measure outcomes

St Piers School allows our students to learn and make progress in a space that encourages positive behaviour, which is reflected in the outcomes achieved. Each student will have their individual goals outlined in an Education, Health and Care Plan which incorporates:

- safety
- health
- resilience
- self-esteem
- emotional intelligence
- control
- relationships
- achievement
- preparation for adulthood

Superb facilities across campus

Students benefit from a wealth of experiences and opportunities outside the classroom across our 65 acre campus, including:

- a variety of residential houses to suit students of all abilities
- the Neville Childhood Epilepsy Centre offers an on-site specialist health service
- a wide range of sporting opportunities including a sports hall, gym and brand new for 2016, an outdoor gym and multi-use games area
- access to a working farm and horticultural department
- hydrotherapy pool
- low-ropes course
- sensory rooms
- soft play area
- boating lake
- close links to the local community



Admissions and further information

To visit our school, book onto an open day, find out more about our facilities or to speak to a member of our team about a place for your child, please contact the Education Liaison Service:

Call **01342 831348**

Email education@youngepilepsy.org.uk

Visit school.youngepilepsy.org.uk

What are Non-Maintained Special Schools?

There are over 70 Non-Maintained Special Schools (NMSS) approved by the Secretary of State for Education under Section 342 of the Education Act 1996 as independent special schools. To become approved, NMSS have to be non-profit making, have demonstrated that they operate to a level at least equivalent to state maintained special schools and their day to day running is controlled by a governing body, the articles and instruments of which will be agreed by the Secretary of State.

To keep NMSS status, schools must comply with the Non-Maintained Special School Regulations. Local education authorities are permitted to fund students to attend NMSS and, almost without exception, their students are funded through the public purse. NMSSs cater for students with extreme and/or low incidence difficulties and provide very specialist schooling.

Non Maintained Special Schools (England) Regulations 2015

Approval under section 342 of the Education Act 1996

St Piers School is operated by Young Epilepsy, a national charity with nearly 120 years expertise in neurological conditions.

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