



# Brantridge School

*Live, Laugh, Learn*

Orchard Hill & Academy  
College Trust

## Local Offer School Overview 2017-18



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# Welcome

A very warm welcome to Brantridge School and thank you for considering our school. At Brantridge we accept and celebrate difference; and make a difference. We aim to live, learn and laugh together as a community.

In this brief introduction, we share our special approach and passion that is enabling our pupils and students to achieve ambitious goals and to live life to the full.



## About Our School

We are part of the Orchard Hill College and Academy Trust (OHC&AT), meeting the complex Educational, Health and Care needs of boys aged 6 to 13 typically with a primary diagnosis of Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) or Autism Spectrum Condition.

We offer up to 54 placements, either day or Residential (Monday to Friday) for 39 weeks per year, dependent on the need of the child.

Our goal is to provide a safe, happy environment where our pupils make real progress.

# Meeting Your Needs

Brantridge School supports the stated needs and Education, Health and Care plans for children and young people with a wide range of ability levels and complex special needs.

For example, our current cohort has the range of needs shown below.

<b>SEMH</b> Social, Emotional and Mental Health	<b>ASC</b> Autistic Spectrum Conditions	<b>AS</b> Asperger's Syndrome	<b>SpLD</b> Specific Learning Difficulties Dyslexia, Dyspraxia
<b>ADD</b> Attention Deficit Disorder	<b>ADHD</b> Attention Deficit & Hyperactivity Disorder	<b>SCD</b> Social Communication Difficulties	<b>AD</b> Attachment Disorder
<b>ODD</b> Oppositional Defiant Disorder	<b>PDA</b> Pathological Demand Avoidance	Emotional Vulnerability	Low self-esteem
Speech Language & communication Difficulties	Moderate Learning Difficulties	Fine and Gross Motor Difficulties	Tourette's Syndrome

However, we will consider the specific needs of any child and assess whether we are able to meet them at Brantridge School.

Each child benefits from the skills of specialist teachers, therapists and pastoral support staff as well as an in-house nurse. Our therapists work alongside teachers in the classroom as well as providing one-to-one sessions in Speech and Language and Occupational Therapies.

All our staff members, regardless of their role, are part of a team committed to securing positive outcomes and meeting the education, health and care needs for each child.

# Our Approach



At Brantridge we accept and celebrate our unique identities and respect and value each other for who we are and what we can achieve as individuals and as a community.

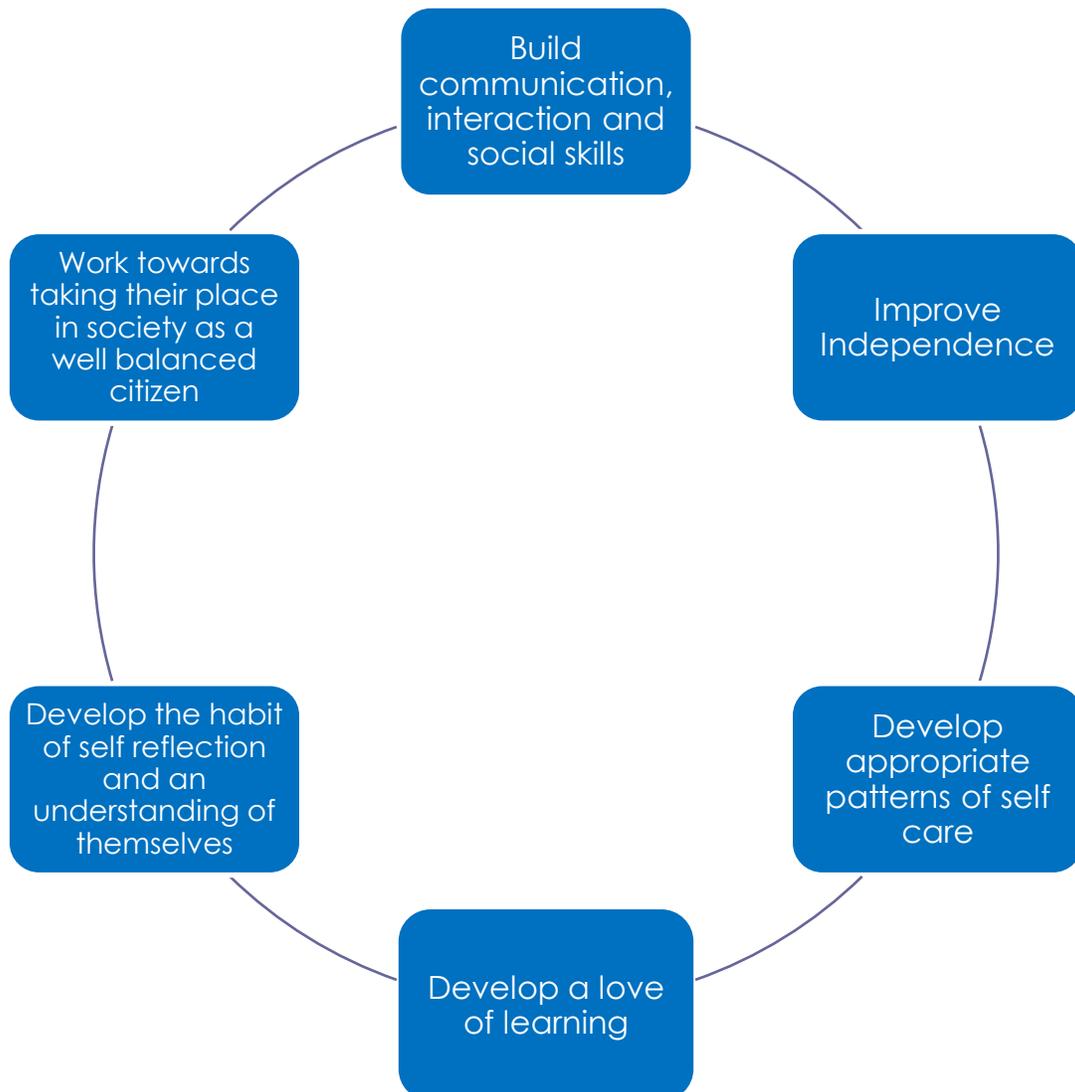
We believe passionately in a Multi-Disciplinary, 'blended' approach to meeting each child's needs, resulting in carefully managed groupings, including specialist intervention work from our in house Therapeutic and Behaviour teams.

The school works closely in partnership with families, referring authorities and external agencies to coordinate the best possible education, care, guidance and support for our pupils.

# Waking Day Curriculum

Pupils follow a curriculum based on National Curriculum requirements which is adapted to their age, ability and individual needs. Significant emphasis is placed on developing Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening and Maths skills. In addition we aim to improve attitudes to learning and behaviour and develop appropriate social skills. The curriculum is personalised for each pupil and individual targets are set based on existing skills, knowledge and behaviour.

Our Waking Day Curriculum is consistent across both Education and Care teams and provides each pupil with the opportunity to access the whole school curriculum, including the National Curriculum together with individually planned learning programmes linked to continuous monitoring and evaluation of our interventions and progress.



# Space to Learn, Rest and Play

Brantridge School is full of tradition and character. The main house was built in the English Country House tradition and although originally the home of a wealthy family, it has been a school for over 50 years. New pupils often comment that it is just like Hogwarts! It is set in beautiful, wooded grounds which offer plenty of space for play, outdoor learning sports and recreational activities as well as a safe and therapeutic environment.



All our learning, living and play spaces are on one site creating a homely feel. The children also enjoy many escorted visits and adventures outside the school, either on educational trips or to pursue their hobbies and interests or just for fun.

The school is set in the Sussex Weald, an area of outstanding natural beauty, between the towns of Crawley and Haywards Heath. Brighton and the Sussex downs are close by. Brantridge School is well placed to draw upon a wide range of leisure, recreational and educational facilities, which are either local or within easy travelling distance between the Sussex Coast and London. It is easily accessible by road and by rail. Brantridge School is 35 miles from central London, with excellent access to the nearby M23 and M25 motorways. Trains from London leave London Bridge (45 minutes) and Victoria (50 minutes), passing through Clapham Junction and East Croydon. The nearest station is Balcombe (3 miles). Visitors arriving by train can be met and driven to school by a member of staff.



# Recap –So Why Brantridge School?

Eight good reasons to consider Brantridge School:

1. Our safe and supportive community, which celebrates difference, the individual and the community.
2. Our vision and drive for every pupil to achieve ambitious goals, enabling them to live life to the full
3. Our specialist skills in supporting children to be fully engaged, to manage their behaviour and improve their ability to communicate effectively.
4. Our passion for 'blended' Educational/Therapeutic learning.
5. Our small class sizes with high staff-pupil ratio.
6. Our residential option which provides a unique, 24-hour curriculum opportunity.
7. Our beautiful, traditional setting and grounds.
8. Our nurturing approach to developing children and engaging with families.



## Want To Find Out More?

On our website you will find some pupil and parent Questions and Answers that will tell you more about the school. If you would like to find out more, do not hesitate to contact us. We welcome visits to the school and would be happy to arrange a visit for you. We would enjoy the opportunity of welcoming you to our wonderful school community.



## Enquiries & Admissions

Families or the relevant authority may make initial contact with the school. This will be dealt with by our Admission's Officer. We will do our very best to communicate effectively and promptly in considering any enquiry or referral.

When any pupil comes to the school for a three day visit, various assessments and observations are carried out. These include therapeutic and academic assessments as well as behavioural observations. (Where appropriate medical assessments also take place.)The school will consider whether they can meet the child's needs. Their impact on the wellbeing of the existing pupils and the dynamics of the groups is also taken into account in reaching a decision.

At the end of those three days the school will then say whether they are able to offer the pupil a place.

Brantridge School has a fee structure depending on whether the pupil is day or residential and whether the pupil needs additional support above the standard Brantridge offer to access learning and to manage behaviours exhibited. Fees are a matter between the school and the pupils placing Local Authority.