

Schools and colleges approved under section 41 of the Children and Families Act 2014 including Independent special schools and colleges

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Lists of all independent schools and colleges for children with special educational needs or disability (SEND), including:

- schools and colleges approved under [section 41 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#) in England and Wales
- [independent special schools in England, including non-maintained special schools \(NMSS\)](#)

NMSS are schools that the Secretary of State for Education has approved under [section 342 of the Education Act 1996](#). You can filter the lists by local authority or by type of school.

Read the [SEND code of practice for parents](#) to find out how to name one of these schools in a child's [education, health and care \(EHC\) plan](#).

Visit the [school and college performance tables](#) if you'd like to find out about special schools or colleges maintained by a local authority.

Read our guide for independent special schools and colleges interested in [applying for approval under section 41](#).

Who to contact

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