



**Harmeny
Education Trust**

Residential and Education Service

Harmeny's Residential Education Service offers specialist education, 52 weeks a year, to children, aged 5-18, who have experienced early years trauma through abuse, neglect and family disruption. Referrals are accepted for children up to P7 age, with the option of continuing care and learning up to S6.

As a Grant Aided Special School, we provide services for children and their families referred from across Scotland. The majority of children who come to Harmeny are placed on a planned basis and, whilst we do not offer placements on an emergency/crisis basis, we recognise there are certain circumstances where a fast-tracked process might be appropriate.

Through working with children in a highly relational and therapeutic way, our aim is to build on their strengths and develop the skills, resilience and behaviours to enable them to return to the community and lead happy, fulfilling lives. We offer holistic and bespoke learning programmes, in line with Curriculum for Excellence, from BGE through to Senior Phase. Our approach is a whole school one, with our highly integrated education and care teams offering rich opportunities for children to learn and grow within and beyond the classroom.



Our location and campus

Our school is located in a beautiful 35-acre estate in Balerno, on the outskirts of south-west Edinburgh, at the foot of the Pentland Hills. It is accessible by bus and car to all major transport links.

Our five residential cottages (four x 6 bedded and one x 5 bedded) include a spacious lounge, kitchen/dining area, play and study areas. Individual bedrooms are personalised as a place to feel secure, and our cottage for older young people includes en-suite facilities. Our purpose-built, modern primary and secondary learning spaces include a range of classrooms and specialist facilities for PE, Music, Science, Design and Technology, Food and Nutrition, and a Library / ICT space.

What makes us different

- We are constantly innovating in order to meet the needs of local authorities.
- Our inspection reports highlight a strong relational approach, innovative assessment and planning and a very caring ethos.
- Our AALA licenced outdoor learning service provides adventurous and environmental activities, including mountain biking, water sports, camping, hillwalking and bushcraft skills.
- Our strengths-based and trauma informed approaches are enhanced by a range of therapists, a systemic approach to working with families, and life story work.
- We support children to develop interests in the community and deliver our curriculum in partnership with local secondary schools and colleges, third and business sectors.
- We carefully plan young people's transitions, including the option of attending a local mainstream school as a stepping-stone back into the community.