



**Harmeny  
Education Trust**

# Day Education Service

## Information for parents and carers

We provide Residential Education and Day Education services with a specialism in outdoor education for children aged 5 to 18.

Our school is located within a 35-acre campus in Balerno, on the outskirts of Edinburgh.

Our services are responsive and shaped by the voices of our children and their needs.



### **Our vision and purpose**

Our vision is for children and young people to have the love, encouragement and nourishment they need to grow and reach their potential.

Our purpose is to provide therapeutic care and education which helps children and young people overcome trauma and adversity, discover the joy of learning, and lead happy, fulfilling lives.

## Day Placements at Harmeny School

Harmeny's Day Service supports children who have found it difficult to sustain mainstream or Additional Support for Learning (ASL) placements, including those who have experienced placement breakdowns.

We create the best environment to support and encourage children to re-engage within Curriculum for Excellence through a range of varied learning experiences.

Our multi-disciplinary team works flexibly, 52 weeks a year, offering education during core school hours and support to families during holiday periods. By building positive relationships we work in partnership with parents, carers and professionals to create a positive path forward for each child.



### What we provide:

- Small class groups (max 6) with high levels of adult support.
- Varied learning experiences that encourage positive engagement with education.
- Opportunities for success across social, emotional and academic development.
- Tools to help children build resilience.
- Relational and nurturing care, supporting children to build positive and trusting relationships.
- A sense of security for children within their family base and educational setting.

## The referral process

As a Grant-Aided Special School, Harmeny day placements are funded by the child's local authority. Referrals are made by a key professional—such as an Educational Psychologist or Social Worker—after an assessment that identifies Harmeny as the most appropriate setting for the child's needs.

We accept referrals for primary-aged children only, this allows the time needed to support the child to build the skills to engage with learning. However, young people already placed at Harmeny can continue to receive a service until their 18th birthday, as appropriate.

## Parental placement request

As a parent you have the right to make a placement request, which is a formal, recordable request to your local authority for your child to be placed in a school which is neither in their catchment area, nor the school recommended by the local authority.

If you would like to make a placement request for Harmeny, you first need an offer of a place from us. Please get in touch and we'll be happy to talk you through the process and answer any questions.

Phone: **0131 449 3938**

Email: **[referrals@harmeny.org.uk](mailto:referrals@harmeny.org.uk)**

Website: **[www.harmeny.org.uk/referrals](http://www.harmeny.org.uk/referrals)**



## Further advice for parents and carers

**Enquire**, the Scottish advice service for additional support for learning, providing independent and impartial advice to parents and carers, practitioners in education, social work and health services and to children and young people themselves.

Helpline: 0345 123 2303

Email: [info@enquire.org.uk](mailto:info@enquire.org.uk)

Website: [www.enquire.org.uk](http://www.enquire.org.uk)

**Cairn Legal**, provides specialist education legal advice relating to children with additional support needs.

Contact: Ian Nisbet Email: [ian@cairnlegal.co.uk](mailto:ian@cairnlegal.co.uk)

Website: [www.cairnlegal.com](http://www.cairnlegal.com). Tel: 0141 221 7948

**Govan Law Centre**. The GLC is an Education Law Unit which provides a range of education legal advice and advocacy.

Website: [www.govanlawcentre.org](http://www.govanlawcentre.org)

Email: [advice@edlaw.org.uk](mailto:advice@edlaw.org.uk)

**Learn more about life at Harmeny, our approach and the environment we offer at [www.harmeny.org.uk](http://www.harmeny.org.uk)**



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