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**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

Reference: ECC18073603 03 25  
Response: 10 March 2025

I can confirm that Essex County Council does hold this information, and where we are able to release this, our response is listed below.

**1 -** **Please could you provide me with information regarding all the special schools within Essex** **either currently running or planned in the future and who their intake is. Breaking down what percentage is** **specifically for children with ASD, social communication issues and/or emotional behavioural needs. I am aware** **that some of this information is already available, however, the information for planned new schools cannot be** **easily accessed.**

Please see below the list of special schools in Essex, the classification of need type they take – based on the [DfE Get Information about Schools Website](https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/). The number of commissioned numbers is based on the number ECC commission each school to take.

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| **SCHOOL NAME** | **District** | **Classification** | **Commissioned Numbers Sept-24** |
| Castledon School | Basildon | MLD | 240 |
| Cedar Hall School | Castle Point | MLD | 186 |
| Chatten Free | Braintree | ASD | 75 |
| Columbus School and College | Chelmsford | SLD | 295 |
| Edith Borthwick School | Braintree | MSD - Mod & Sev.Lrng.Diff. | 245 |
| Glenwood School | Castle Point | SLD | 246 |
| Grove House School | Brentwood | SLCN | 130 |
| Harlow Fields School and College | Harlow | MSD - Mod & Sev.Lrng.Diff. | 205 |
| Kingswode Hoe School | Colchester | MLD | 155 |
| Langham Oaks | Colchester | SEMH | 80 |
| Lexden Springs School | Colchester | SLD | 298 |
| Market Field School | Tendring | MLD | 499 |
| Oak View School | Epping Forest | MSD - Mod & Sev.Lrng.Diff. | 133 |
| Pioneer School | Basildon | SLD | 180 |
| Ramsden Hall Academy | Chelmsford | SEMH | 100 |
| Shorefields School | Tendring | SLD | 159 |
| Southview School | Braintree | PNI | 105 |
| The Endeavour | Brentwood | MLD | 172 |
| The Greenwell Academy | Harlow | SEMH | 16 |
| The Hawthorns School | Chelmsford | ASD | 50 |
| Thriftwood School | Chelmsford | MLD | 266 |
| Wells Park School | Epping Forest | SEMH | 59 |

**Planned future growth:**

* The Hawthorns School will increase to 70 places by September 2025.
* Sir Geoff Hurst School opened in February 2025 and will take 64 places from September 2025.
* Glenwood is due to take up to 270 places from September 2025.
* 150 place special school at Wolsey Park, Rochford

We do not have the breakdown of what % is specifically for children with certain need types. Following an Education, Health and Care needs assessment, the Local Authority will make a judgement as to where the needs of a child with special educational needs can best be met. If the criteria meet a special school placement, then a special school will be consulted based on what needs the school take and the location of the school to the pupil’s home address.

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