Barking & Dagenham Special Needs Schools & SEND Units

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A ready-reference list of specialist SEND provision serving Barking and Dagenham families — standalone special schools and mainstream schools with Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) attached. Council-run placement into a special school or ARP is arranged through Barking and Dagenham's SEN team via a child's EHCP, not by direct application to the school.

Special Schools in Barking & Dagenham

Standalone maintained special schools based in the borough.

School	Ages	Needs catered for	Link
Trinity School	3–19	Complex SEND, autism and associated needs	trinityschooldagenham.org.uk
Riverside Bridge School	—	Communication & emotional wellbeing, therapeutic approach	riversidebridge.com
Pathways School	6–16	Social, emotional & mental health (SEMH)	pathways.ekotrust.org.uk
Mayesbrook Park School	11–16	Social, emotional & mental health (SEMH) / alternative provision	mayesbrookparkschool.org.uk

Mainstream Schools with Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP)

Barking and Dagenham runs a large network of ARPs in mainstream schools, grouped below by the need each one caters for. Places shown are as published in the council's ARP information booklet and may have changed — confirm current numbers with the school or the council's SEN team.

Early Years

School	Places	Need type
Godwin Nursery ARP	16	Assessment (multi-need)
Valence Nursery ARP	16	Assessment (multi-need)

Primary — Autism Spectrum Condition

School	Places
Becontree Primary School	12
Eastbrook Primary School	24
George Carey Church of England Primary School	18
Grafton Primary School	12
John Perry Primary School	12
Manor Longbridge Primary School	12

School	Places
Monteagle Primary School	36
Ripple Primary School (Westbury site)	24
Rose Lane Primary School	12
Thomas Arnold Primary School	30
Valence Primary School	18

Primary — Complex / Moderate Learning, SEMH, Sensory & Communication

School	Places	Need type
Acorns at Ripple	16	Social, emotional & mental health
Campbell Primary School	16	Social, emotional & mental health
Dorothy Barley Junior School	12	Complex / moderate learning
Richard Alibon Primary School	20	Complex / moderate learning
Ripple Primary School (Suffolk Rd site)	6	Complex / moderate learning
St Peter's Catholic Primary School	12	Complex / moderate learning
Eastbury Primary School	12	Deaf / sensory
Five Elms Primary School	20	Deaf / sensory
Hunters Hall Primary School	6	Speech, language & communication

Secondary

School	Places	Need type	Link
Barking Abbey School	30	Autism spectrum condition	barkingabbeyschool.co.uk
Barking Abbey School	—	Complex / moderate learning	barkingabbeyschool.co.uk
Jo Richardson Community School	24	Autism spectrum condition	
Sydney Russell School	8	Autism spectrum condition	
Trinity School (Living & Learning Centre)	—	Autism (severe & complex)	trinityschooldagenham.org.uk
Eastbury Community School	24	Deaf / sensory	
Eastbrook Secondary School	30	Speech, language & communication	

School	Places	Need type	Link
Dagenham Park CofE School	45 (+10 post-16)	Moderate learning	
The Warren School	—	Complex / moderate learning	

Places and provisions are drawn from the council's published ARP booklet and may not reflect the most recent changes — always confirm current availability directly with the school or council.

Notes

- **Placement route:** parents/carers of a child with an EHCP who may benefit from a special school or ARP request a change of placement at the child's Annual Review, considered through Barking and Dagenham's SEN placement process.
- **Scale of provision:** Barking and Dagenham runs one of the largest ARP networks of the three boroughs, with over 20 mainstream schools hosting a resourced provision, alongside 2 early years assessment nurseries and several standalone special schools.
- **Full official list:** Barking and Dagenham's SEND Local Offer maintains the definitive, kept-up-to-date directory of schools and SEND provision — localoffer.lbbd.gov.uk.