Havering Special Needs Schools & SEND Units

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A ready-reference list of specialist SEND provision serving Havering families — standalone special schools, mainstream schools with SEND Units/ARPs, and nearby out-of-borough options. Council-run placement into a Unit, ARP or special school is arranged through Havering's SEN Assessment and Placement Team via a child's EHCP, not by direct application to the school.

Special Schools in Havering

Standalone maintained special schools based in the borough.

School	Ages	Needs catered for	Link
Corbets Tey School (+ CTS @ The Avelon, Rainham, post-16)	4–19	Communication & interaction, autism, medical syndromes, physical & sensory needs	corbetsteyschool.org.uk
Forest Approach Lime Academy	4–16	Moderate learning difficulties	Home | Lime Academy Forest Approach
Lime Academy Ravensbourne	2–19	Wide range of SEND, multi-sensory approach	ravensbourneschool.org

Mainstream Schools with SEND Units / ARPs (Havering)

Mainstream Havering schools with a SEND Unit or Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) attached.

Primary

School	Places	Needs catered for	Link
Clockhouse Primary School	20	Communication & interaction	clockhouseprimaryschool.co.uk
The R J Mitchell Primary School (+ 7-place Nursery unit)	14	Communication & interaction	rjmitchellprimaryschool.com
Mead Primary School	12	Communication & interaction	meadprimary.co.uk
Nelmes Primary School	12	Communication & interaction	nelmesprimary.co.uk
St Edward's C of E Primary School	12	Communication & interaction	stedwardsprimary.co.uk
Suttons Primary School	12	Social, emotional & mental health	suttonsprimary.co.uk
Hacton Primary School	30	Hearing impairment	hactonprimary.co.uk

Secondary

School	Places	Needs catered for	Link
Redden Court School	—	SEN unit (mixed needs)	reddencourtcloud.co.uk
Hall Mead School	—	SEN unit (mixed needs)	hallmeadschool.co.uk
The Royal Liberty School	12	Communication & interaction	royalliberty.havering.sch.uk
Bower Park Academy — "The Platform"	12	Sensory impairment (deaf/hearing loss, vision impairment)	bowerpark.co.uk
The Brittons Academy (new, opening September 2026)	24	Communication & interaction	brittons.havering.sch.uk

Some units also take pupils with needs other than autism, e.g. hearing or vision impairment. This list reflects publicly available information as of September 2026 and may not be exhaustive — Havering continues to open new units as demand grows.

Nearby Specialist Schools (Neighbouring Boroughs)

Not located in Havering, but within reach for families in the borough and sometimes named on cross-borough resource lists.

School	Borough/County	Needs catered for	Link
Trinity School	Barking & Dagenham	Autism, complex needs	trinityschooldagenham.org.uk
Riverside Bridge School (formerly "Bridge")	Barking & Dagenham	Communication & emotional wellbeing, therapeutic approach	riversidebridge.com
Little Heath School	Redbridge	Autism, learning difficulties, complex needs, ages 11–19	lheath.net
Endeavour Academy	Essex	Special needs, ages 2–19	endeavour.essex.sch.uk
Woodcroft School	Essex (Loughton)	Special needs	woodcroftschool.net

Notes

- **Placement route:** parents/carers of a child with an EHCP who may benefit from a Unit, ARP or special school request a change of placement at the child's Annual Review, which then goes to the Havering SEND Unit/ARP Placement Panel.
- **New/expanding provision:** Havering's SEND and AP Strategy 2024–2028 continues to add units as demand grows — The Brittons Academy's new 24-place C&I unit was consulted on for a September 2026 start, so it's worth confirming current status directly with the school.
- **Full official list:** Havering's Family Services Hub maintains the definitive, kept-up-to-date directory of SEND Units and ARPs — familyserviceshub.havering.gov.uk.