Redbridge Special Needs Schools & SEND Units

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

Special Schools in Redbridge

Standalone maintained special schools based in the borough.

School	Ages	Needs catered for	Link
Hatton School and Special Needs Centre	3–11	Autism and complex/severe learning difficulties	hattonspecialschool.co.uk
Little Heath School	11–19	Autism, wide range of learning difficulties, complex needs	lheath.net
Newbridge Academy (Lower & Upper sites)	2–19	Severe and complex learning difficulties	newbridge.redbridge.sch.uk
New Rush Hall School	5–16	Social, emotional & mental health (SEMH)	newrushhallschool.co.uk

Mainstream Schools with SEND Units / ARPs (Redbridge)

Mainstream Redbridge schools with an Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) or SEN unit attached.

Primary

School	Places	Needs catered for	Link
Roding Primary School	35	Hearing impairment (Deaf Provision)	rodingprimary.co.uk
Mayespark Primary School	12	Autistic spectrum disorder	mayesparkprimaryschool.org.uk
Cranbrook Primary School	14	Autistic spectrum disorder	cranbrookprimaryschool.com
Redbridge Primary School (new, from 2027)	—	Autism and speech/language needs	redbridgeprimary.org.uk

Secondary

School	Places	Needs catered for	Link
Caterham High School	23 + 28	Hearing impairment (23) and autistic spectrum disorder (28)	ecaterham.net
Seven Kings High School	17	Physical disabilities	sevenkings.school

School	Places	Needs catered for	Link
Beal High School — Beacon Communication Department	48	Speech, language & communication needs	bealhighschool.co.uk
The Forest Academy	37	Speech, language & communication needs	theforestacademy.org
Oaks Park High School (new, from 2027)	—	Hearing impairment	oakspark.co.uk

Redbridge currently provides around 214 ARP places across 8 mainstream schools, with 2 further ARPs (Redbridge Primary and Oaks Park High) in development. This list reflects publicly available information as of September 2026 and may not be exhaustive.

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, which is then considered by Redbridge's SEN placement process.
- **New/expanding provision:** Redbridge Council is expanding ARP capacity, with new units planned at Redbridge Primary School (autism and speech/language) and Oaks Park High School (hearing impairment) — worth confirming current status directly with the school.
- **Full official list:** Redbridge's Family Services Directory & Local Offer maintains the definitive, kept-up-to-date directory of special schools and SEN units — find.redbridge.gov.uk.