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Specialist Schools
& Children's Homes

HELLO

Hello and a warm
welcome to Orbis
Education and Care.



At Orbis we support children, young people and adults who are diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Condition as well as a wide range of associated needs.

Our bright and welcoming specialist schools and children's homes are warm, supportive and nurturing environments where children learn, thrive and form lifelong friendships and lasting memories. Placements can be offered on an education or residential basis or a combination of the two, and on a full or part-time basis according to the needs of the individual. Contact us to find out more.

Academy Living also offers individual personal development pathways, and a range of community-based environments for young people to reinforce their life skills and gain hands-on work experience and accreditations.

Come in and have a look around!

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LEARN AT ORBIS

Our specialist schools share their grounds with registered residential children's homes of the same name. For this reason many of our children and young people both learn and live on the same site thus benefiting from a dedicated 24-hour waking curriculum. Some however receive education-only throughout the academic year and live at home or elsewhere in the school holidays.

With this we can offer a wide range of placement options: education-only throughout a 40-week academic year, care/residential-only, or a combination of the two, on a part-time or full-time basis, up to 52 weeks per year.

As no two children are the same we do not have a one-size-fits-all approach to education and care. Whilst teaching is based on the national curriculum we keep it flexible to provide individualised education that is meaningful, relevant and delivered at an appropriate level and in an appropriate way for that particular pupil.

Our curriculum

Our curriculum includes access to the Welsh National Curriculum, Agored Cymru accreditations, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, vocational programmes of study accredited by ASDAN and AQA, and independent living skills.

Our approach to learning

At Orbis, learning takes place throughout the waking day and is not confined to the classroom. Any environment, whether this be a classroom or the community, a lounge or a café, a rock climbing centre, a beach or a swimming pool, is an ideal place for learning life and independence skills. Matching learning to our pupils' interests makes everything more meaningful and interesting which makes learning fun and therefore more effective!



LIVE AT ORBIS

Care

Our highly qualified and experienced team supports children and young people with autism and complex needs to develop key life skills in line with their individual Behavioural Support Plan.

Each young person has a key worker whose role it is to support them in meetings, reviews and to link with the education team and other professionals. This ensures that care, support and the best interests of the individual remain central and consistent.

Routine and structure, as well as consistent staffing keeps anxiety at a minimum and ensures that children and young people feel safe in their surroundings, giving them the confidence to grow, learn and continue to achieve.

Our children and young people are encouraged to participate in evening and weekend activities, and the options are as broad as their interests: from cinema visits, trips to the leisure centre or to local parks, to climbing or riding centres, beaches and mountains, lakes, cafes or the community for a meal. We feel that every individual should have access to as rich and rewarding a life as their peers.

Therapies

We provide a holistic therapeutic approach to independent living. For this, a close partnership between the child, their family, professionals and our team, plays a crucial role in ensuring that the child's needs are fully supported. Central to our model of care are:

- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Positive Behaviour Support

Behaviour management

The model of care at Orbis is underpinned by Positive Behavioural Support. We take time to understand the child's complex behaviour in order to learn about its function. What does a behaviour mean and what is the child trying to communicate? Once we understand this we provide positive strategies that the child can use to cope with their surroundings better.



ACADEMY LIVING

Academy Living is a unique and progressive initiative designed to support young people and adults with autism to achieve progression in all aspects of their personal and working lives. It is proof that, when offered the right kind of support and the right opportunities, individuals with autism not only progress, but achieve and thrive in the real world.

Academy Living offers a blend of continuous learning, hands-on, real-world, life and works skills, leisure activities and optional accreditations. It is based both in the home and in the community. It offers work placements through local community partnerships or can be based at one of our high street branches of The Orb, which offer environments in which to learn and work, including a shop, café, kitchen, laundry and an office.

When we meet an individual through Orbis' Academy Living initiative, we work closely with them to identify their inherent strengths and interests: their aspirations and goals. This forms the starting point for a rich and diverse personal development pathway of learning and practice. Together, we explore those strengths and interests as fully as possible.

Academy Living is therefore a super-focussed, super-engaging approach to boosting skills and giving individuals the tools with which to identify and make the most of personal development opportunities.

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Tŷ CORYTON, CARDIFF

Tŷ Coryton is set in extensive parkland on the outskirts of Cardiff just off junction 32 of the M4. It is just a few miles from Cardiff City centre in the friendly village of Whitchurch with its rows of cafes and restaurants, its parks, shops and travel connections.

Tŷ Coryton offers a broad range of on and off-site activities, encouraging our children to contribute to and enjoy a sense of community.

Whilst the school offers an engaging and flexible curriculum tailored to the learning needs of the individual our home is divided into separate communal flats, each with separate bedrooms, and with kitchen and lounge areas. Every child is encouraged to take an active role in personalising their own bedrooms as well as their collective communal spaces.

With education, care and our in-house therapy teams linking closely together Tŷ Coryton offers a 24-hour waking curriculum of learning, life skills and leisure.

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'The decision to send my child to Tŷ Coryton was the best decision ever. Her teacher and support staff are amazing with her, I couldn't have wished for a more suitable placement.'

Parent

'Thank you for providing a safe and secure environment for our young man. He would go on his knees to beg me not to send him to school, but now gets up fresh, bright and early, and goes to his new school with a smile on his face and a spring in his step!'

Parent

'I just want to say a huge thank you for your support. I am fully aware of how hard the staff at Tŷ Coryton work. You have gone over and above what is expected in meeting xxxx needs. It has been a pleasure working with you and your staff team.'



Tŷ BRONLLYS, BRECON

Tŷ Bronllys is nestled at the foot of the Brecon Beacons National Park a few miles outside of Brecon, among fields and rolling hills and with stunning views of the surrounding landscapes.

Tŷ Bronllys offers an idyllic country living experience, where children enjoy open spaces, fresh air and a range of outdoor pursuits. Set within acres of fields, allotments and play areas, including a play barn and a wooded outdoor activity area, our learning village comprises of a community of state-of-the-art pods where children learn together with their peers in small classes. With a warm homely feel, Tŷ Bronllys is where children and carers alike leave their coats and wellies by the door.

Whilst the school offers an engaging and flexible curriculum tailored to the learning needs of the individual our home is divided into 10 separate bedrooms, with communal kitchen and lounge areas. Every child is encouraged to take an active role in personalising their own bedrooms as well as their collective communal spaces.

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'A fantastic, well-run school. The staff do all they can and more on a daily basis. They have a brilliant relationship with my son and I can't thank them all enough. Just amazing. Thank you!' Parent

'I am amazed at the development in R's verbal communication. R actually asked me questions yesterday which is the first time ever. Thank you for all you have personally done for R. I know you do the same with the other young people at Tŷ Bronllys' Social Worker

Tŷ GALAN, PORTH

Tŷ Galan is a 3-bed residential home for children and young people between the ages of 8 and 19 with complex needs associated with autism. Tŷ Galan can be accessed for a residential placement in conjunction with a school placement.

Located in a quiet residential street in Porth the home has been entirely refurbished and modified. Each young person has a modern and spacious room which they are invited to personalise to their own tastes and preferences. Communal areas also encourage young people to spend time together. Art, crafts, games, homework or just chatting and making friends are all encouraged, while excellent transport links place Tŷ Galan within easy reach of local amenities and the high street of Porth.

Placements are designed to offer a caring and supportive environment for children and young people to feel safe and comfortable whilst being central to their own developmental pathways. In-house clinical support is available and is offered on an assessed and agreed basis, whilst Active Support and Positive Behavioural Support principles underpin everything we do, providing a person-centred joined-up approach to care.

We implement a 24-hour curriculum in which learning and skills reinforcement do not stop when the school day ends.

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SUMMERGIL HOUSE, PRESTEIGNE

Summergil House is located in 18 acres of fields and woodland on the Herefordshire-Powys border and is a specialist school and home that offers a joined-up approach to education, care and in-house therapeutic support for children and young people up the age of 19 with complex needs associated with autism.

The education curriculum is stimulating, engaging and meaningful and is designed to meet individuals' specific needs, as well as their interests and aspirations. The school includes classrooms, a sports hall, hydrotherapy pool, sensory room, a dining area and kitchen, whilst outdoor classrooms, a polytunnel, chicken coops and a large play area, and long woodland walks that criss-cross throughout the entire site, provide a range of activities and areas in which to have fun, or just wander and relax.

Residential areas are spacious, modern and bright and can be adapted and personalised to the individual's taste. As with all of Orbis' homes and schools, the model of care at Summergil House is underpinned by Active Support and Positive Behavioural Support principles with a deep clinical understanding of autism. This allows us to create tailored placements for children with complex needs and support them towards becoming adults with confidence and life and independence skills.

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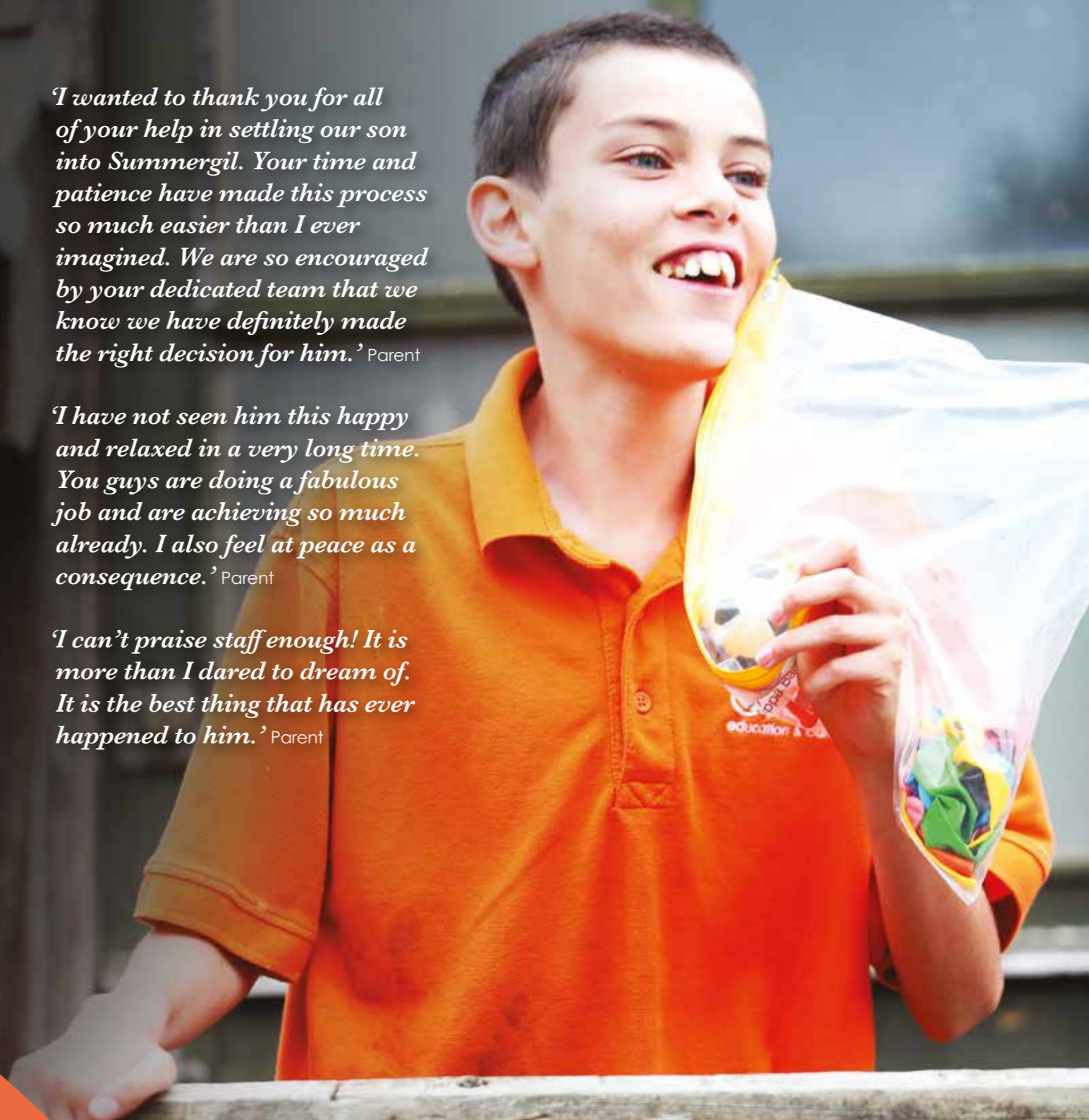
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'I wanted to thank you for all of your help in settling our son into Summergil. Your time and patience have made this process so much easier than I ever imagined. We are so encouraged by your dedicated team that we know we have definitely made the right decision for him.' Parent

'I have not seen him this happy and relaxed in a very long time. You guys are doing a fabulous job and are achieving so much already. I also feel at peace as a consequence.' Parent

'I can't praise staff enough! It is more than I dared to dream of. It is the best thing that has ever happened to him.' Parent



DAN Y COED, SWANSEA

Dan y Coed is a state-of-the-art specialist school and home for children and young people with complex needs associated with autism and/or a learning disability.

Dan y Coed is located just a few second's walk from the long stretches of golden sand that are typical of the Swansea coastline, and just minutes from the vibrant city centre, castles, parks and hidden coastal coves and secluded bays.

Dan y Coed offers specialist education and care on a term-time only or 52-week basis, and as with all of Orbis' homes and schools, our model carefully blends learning, life skills and leisure, supported by our in-house therapy team.

Children are matched according to their abilities and their social compatibility in both education and their homes, to ensure that each child has access to a peer group.

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PRIORITY CHILDCARE, SOUTH WALES

Part of Orbis Education and Care since April 2021, Priority Childcare is a group of eleven homes for children who have needs associated with emotional, behavioural and social difficulties.

Children living with us are likely to have experienced developmental trauma or may have felt neglected and unloved at critical points in their lives. Many have lost the ability to trust adults and have further lost the confidence in their own ability to deal with the challenges life brings.

Priority Childcare offers a group of small welcoming homes, ranging from solo occupancy accommodation to homes with six rooms comprising of solo flats with a communal house. Our homes are staffed by supportive teams of experienced carers, where children can build trusting relationships that make them feel safe, secure and cared for. Children are supported to learn to value themselves and others, and to understand and manage their emotions. At the same time, children are supported to have fun, make friends and rediscover their self-confidence.

Priority Childcare services can offer medium to long term homes for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 19. Children also benefit from our specialist education provision which can take place either on-site or at our newly opened school.

Our 11 homes are located in South Wales: in Swansea, Merthyr Tydfil, Bridgend, Llanelli and Neath.

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CWTCH FACH, PORTH

Cwtch Fach is nestled deep within the Rhondda Valley, in the small community town of Porth. The home is a two-bedroom residential home for children between the ages of 8 and 19 with complex needs associated with autism.

Located on a quiet residential street, the home is at the heart of the Porth community, with a wide range of local amenities on offer for our individuals. From splashing in the pool at the local leisure centre to enjoying a gentle stroll on the Taff Trail, there's no shortage of great activities on offer within the town.

As one of our latest homes, Cwtch Fach has undergone a significant refurbishment and has been tailored to suit the needs of the individuals we support. Equipped with a beautifully spacious living room and kitchen, there is plenty of room for our individuals to relax and unwind. A patioed outdoor space provides some room for the young people to enjoy the fresh air.

With Orbis' Academy Living shop, The Orb, located just a stone's throw away, young people can access work placements and volunteering opportunities with the support of the fantastic Academy Living team.

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CWTCH MAWR, CARDIFF

Cwtch Mawr is a spacious two-bedroom residential bungalow in the town of Rumney, east of the city of Cardiff. The home provides care and support for children and young people up to the age of 19 with complex needs associated with autism.

The home features a stunning living room that provides ample space for countless activities and games for our individuals to enjoy, two bedrooms equipped with ensuite facilities for added privacy and a spacious outdoor area at the rear of the home. A special addition to the home is a fully equipped classroom which provides space for our young people to learn in the comfort of their own home with our fantastic support team.

Just a short drive away is the bustling city centre of Cardiff, where young people can enjoy a wide range of shops, take part in activities and explore the rich history of the city. Closer to home, the service is within reach of a wealth of local amenities such as a local leisure centre and Parc Tredelerch.

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FAQs

ABOUT ORBIS EDUCATION AND CARE

Where do I start?

You are welcome to contact us at Orbis for further information about our services. You can contact our referrals team on 02920 029922 or by email at referrals@orbis-group.co.uk.

Can I visit an Orbis home or school?

Yes. Please contact the referrals team who can arrange a date for you to visit. All visits have to be arranged in advance.

What types of placement do you offer?

We offer school placements, residential care placements, or a combination of the two. This can be on a term-time or 52 week basis.

How are placements funded?

Placements are funded by the local authority via a combination of health, education and social services funding depending on the child's needs and the type of placements being sought. For this reason the placements request itself has to be received by Orbis from your social worker, health or education authority contact.

Do you charge for an initial assessment?

Following a referral from the placing authority, we conduct an initial assessment of your child's needs to ensure we can support them in our home or school and offer an appropriate peer group. There is no cost for this initial assessment.

Do you support challenging behaviour?

Our in-house therapy team comprises of Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy and Positive Behaviour Support. Our behaviour specialists work to understand the functions of behaviour. By understanding this they are able to put in place strategies for the individual to proactively use in order to help them understand and engage with their surroundings whilst reducing anxiety.

How is the Orbis academic year structured?

We do things slightly differently in our schools. Our academic year is 40 weeks rather than 38 and our summer breaks are usually 2 weeks instead of 6 or 7. We find this works better for children who need routine and structure.

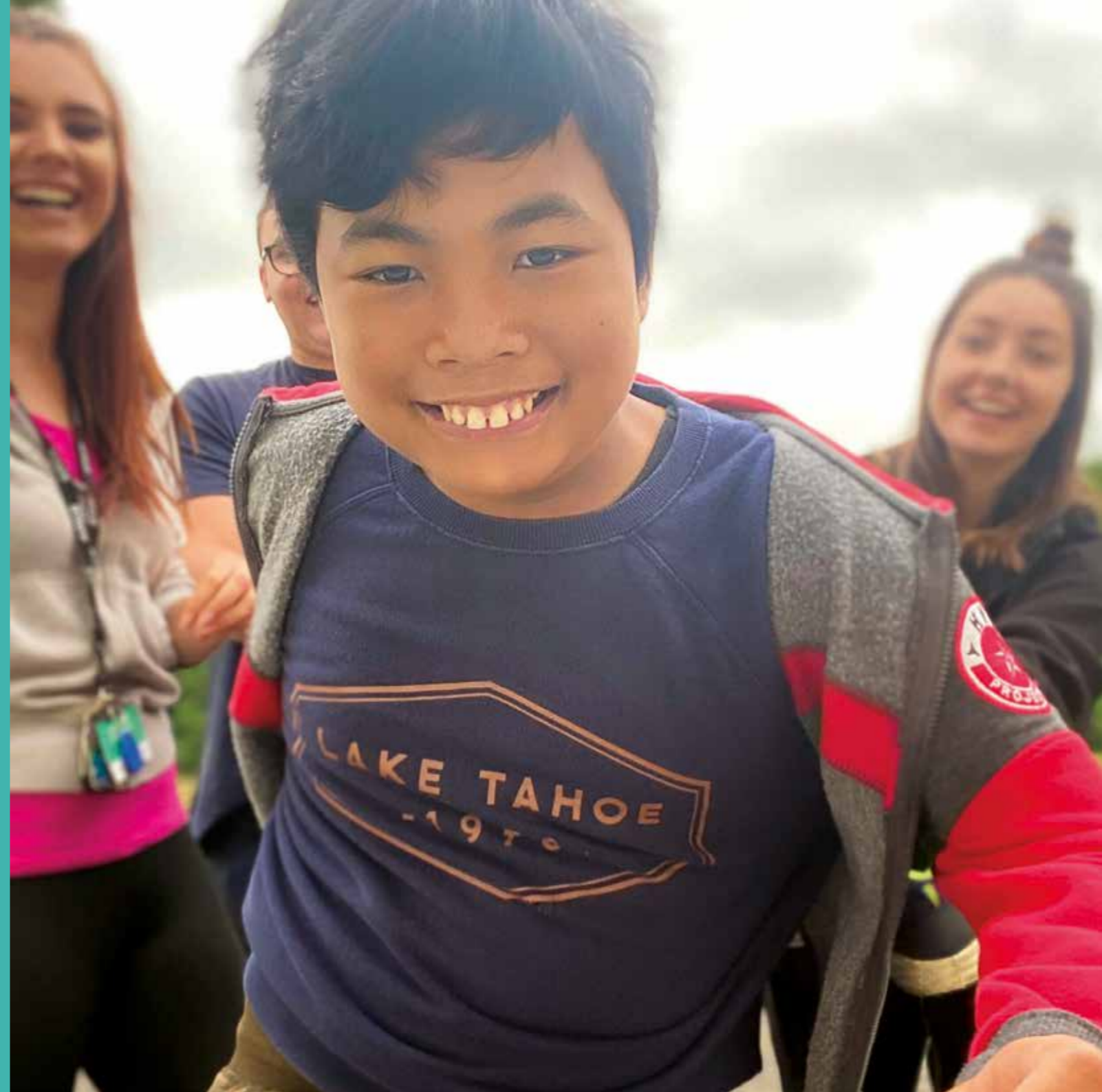
How big are classes in school?

We keep class sizes small to avoid over-stimulation, and to ensure that pupils are matched as closely as possible in terms of their social and cognitive compatibility. Classes are typically no more than 5 pupils. Within these small groups, each child learns at their own pace and in their preferred learning style. The smaller group dynamic means that teaching can be differentiated for each child.

If you have any further questions then please send us an email:

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You can also read more about all of our homes and schools at www.orbis-group.co.uk and make a referral through the website.





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