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Specialist Schools
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HELLO

Hello and a warm
welcome to Orbis
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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 specialist schools and children's homes are flexible family-friendly services designed to meet the needs of children and young people and their families. 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.

As well as this our Academy Living service offers a wide range of practical real-life work-skills opportunities, life-skills and leisure programmes based at The Orb.

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

At Orbis we provide an award-winning blend of education and care and a crucial part of our model is the therapeutic input provided by our in-house clinical team. Therapies available include:

- speech and language
- occupational therapy
- clinical psychology
- positive behavioural support
- music therapy
- psychiatry
- dietetics
- complementary therapy

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.



THE ORB, PORTH AND SWANSEA

Academy Living at The Orb is a perfect example of Active Support made real, and is clear proof that young people and adults with autism, given the right kind of support and guidance, can achieve in the real world.

Comprising of a range of environments, The Orb is a shop, a café, a kitchen, an office and a laundry located on the high streets of Porth and Morriston, Swansea. Individuals can choose from a range of activities to create their own personalised programme, to reflect their personal choices, likes, strengths and needs.

Person-centred programmes are designed to enable individuals to continue to develop their living skills, gain essential hands-on work-skills and enjoy a range of social activities. Activities can be on or off-site.

The Orb also encourages individuals to engage with and contribute to their local community, to interact with customers and develop personal relationships, offering roles and responsibilities and the respect and status that follow.

The Orb is the ideal transitional stepping stone for young people leaving school as it offers hands-on work skills in real working environments and provides a valuable kick-start to their CV. These unique day services can be accessed in conjunction with school or alone as an alternative to a college placement.

At The Orb we support young people and adults with complex needs associated with autism.

Ring and say hello:

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*'I've fallen in love with this place!
Staff are friendly, volunteers
are super friendly and polite.
I received a lovely warm welcome!
When I came in today I was
having a bad day... after an hour
sat in the café drinking the best
coffee I am leaving in a much
better mood. I can't thank you
all enough for that!'*

Customer

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 residential building is divided into separate communal flats, each with separate bedrooms, and with kitchen and lounge areas. Each resident 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

'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.' Social Worker

'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



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 environment, with plenty of outdoor pursuits on offer. The school and residential service are surrounded by acres of land, allotments and play areas, as well as an outdoor Duke of Edinburgh assessment site complete with outdoor classrooms. With a friendly family-feel, Tŷ Bronllys is where staff and pupils 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 residential building is divided into 9 separate bedrooms, with communal kitchen and lounge areas. Each resident is encouraged to take an active role in personalising their own bedrooms as well as their collective communal spaces.

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'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

'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



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

Summerville House is located in 18 acres of fields and woodland on the Herefordshire-Powys border and is a specialist school and residential service that offers a joined-up approach to education, care and in-house clinical support for children and young people up to 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 Orbis services, the model of care at Summerville 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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'I wanted to thank you for all of your help in settling our son into Summerville. 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 residential service for children and young people with complex needs associated with autism and/or a learning disability.

The service 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 placements on a term-time only or 52-week basis, and as with all Orbis services, 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 residential areas, to ensure that each child has access to a peer group.

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ORBIS ABBEY ROSE, TEWKESBURY

Orbis Abbey Rose offers a range of placements for children and young people with complex needs associated with autism and learning disabilities. Placements can be offered on an education-only basis, or education with care on a term-time only, weekly boarding or full-time 52 week basis.

Located on a 17-acre site in Tewkesbury, the service includes a state-of-the-art school with a range of facilities including a sports hall, 10 classrooms, dining areas, sensory and soft play rooms, therapy rooms as well as outdoor gym and play equipment.

Its proximity to the town means that children are supported to play an active role in their local community where essential life and independence skills can be learned and reinforced.

Education and care are tailored to the child's needs and interests and includes in-house therapeutic support.

Placements are engaging and meaningful and aim to appeal to the child's strengths and interests, with careful matching ensuring that young people who learn and live at Orbis Abbey Rose have access to appropriate peers.

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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 service?

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 placement being sought. For this reason the placement 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 service and offer an appropriate peer group. There is no cost for this initial assessment.

My child has challenging behaviour. Can you support this?

Our in-house therapy team includes a team of Positive Behavioural Support specialists analyse the causes and functions of behaviour. By understanding it they are able to put in place strategies for both the child and their support team to use in order to help them cope with their surroundings better. Learning is more successful when anxiety is low.

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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