



# WEST KIRBY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Changing Children's Lives



## Welcome to West Kirby School & College Residential Provision

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*Our vision: "To provide opportunities and experiences in a safe, caring environment that supports educational and personal development."*

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We offer specialist education and 38 week residential provision for children with a range of special educational needs, including communication difficulties, associated learning and sensory needs, across a range of cognitive abilities. Integrated with the school, we utilise a seamless approach between our education and residential provision.

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*"Our residential provision is a supportive, nurturing and highly effective environment which is dedicated towards enabling our children and young people to excel."*

*We are proud of the work that we do and proud of our exceptional young people."*

Principal, Sian Thomas





## Welcome to West Kirby School Residential Provision

Our 38 week residential provision provides a safe and nurturing environment to support our young people, in both their personal development and their learning.

Our off-site setting allows for a more independent approach, naturalising – as far as possible – the experience of residential placement to that of a natural home.

At West Kirby School and College, we believe that in order to enable a young person to reach their full potential, we provide a holistic approach to meet individual needs.

### Activities, community participation & life skills

The residential setting compliments education as part of a seamless 24-hour curriculum, with our residential staff forming part of the whole school team.

Our residents can expect to develop personal life skills which will support them through education and ease their transition into adulthood. These include many areas such as personal welfare, hygiene, Protected Characteristics, understanding physical, gender and cultural needs, food planning and preparation, diet and nutrition and social communication development; giving our young people the confidence to grow and develop independently.

The residential groups offer a range of activities over the week, aimed at developing social skills, encouraging personal choices, friendships, supporting independence and reinforcing their 'formal' education through practical application. Our young people are given choice and we encourage independence.



### Our commitment to our young people:

- Keep them safe and care well for them
- Help them get a good education
- Help them be healthy and enjoy life
- Support their independence, future and next adventure

## Introduction to our residential settings

Within a short distance of our school, our provision consists of the main house, supporting up to six residents and also our new development, The Grove, for up to two young people who are developing independence.

The small homely environments allow our young people to feel safe, while developing life, social, communication and independence skills.

All residents have access to an en-suite bedroom which they can personalise to their own taste. The house has an established large private garden, for relaxation and our residents can enjoy growing their own vegetables during the summer time.

Located within only a few miles of school, young people have the opportunity to take the bus or walk home at the end of the school day; developing their independent travel skills. Evening activities often involve visits to local beaches and the coast.



Communal dining area overlooking garden



Personalised bedroom decor

## Our semi-independent provision - The Grove



A new development for 2021, The Grove is a semi-independent setting attached to the main residential home.

There are two en-suite bedrooms and a shared kitchen living space, opening to a patio area and the garden.

Pupils have more responsibility for continuing development towards independence and enhancing their personal and social skills.

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*Parents say that they are fully included in the plans and that residential staff make a difference in helping children plan for their futures.*

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*A seamless transition between school and the residential provision. All parties demonstrated that the children were at the heart of the service.*

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*An outstanding area within the residential setting is how children are prepared for their independence.*

  
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Good  
Provider



## “ What our resident young people say:

*“I love staying at the house because I like the activities like football, DVD night and using the computer to play Roblox. I have learned to cook and do yoga. At bedtime I like to do mindfulness meditation to go to sleep.”*

*“ I really like getting the bus to and back from school as it gives me my independence and shows how much the house and staff have helped me as I have got older.”*

### Want to find out more?

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss potential referrals and arrange a visits to our home.

Please contact Sam Stephens, PA to Head of Residential Care on [schooloffice@wkrs.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@wkrs.co.uk)

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