



# Purbeck View School

Northbrook Road, Swanage, BH19 1PR

Mixed gender | 7-19 years | Day, 38- & 52-week placements

## Prospectus



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# Welcome

## From the Principal

I am delighted to welcome you to our prospectus and to begin to share with you, a little more about the work we do here at Purbeck View School. It is more than likely that you are either considering us as a potential placement for your son or daughter, or be about to embark on a journey with us as your child joins our very special school.

My vision for every single young person is that they receive a tailor-made support service and education experience that interests and motivates them, plays to their strengths and specific needs and that prepares them for adult life. Inclusion in our local community is very important to the Purbeck View Team and we work hard to continually improve the range of opportunities and experiences our young people can choose from during their times in their homes.

As your Principal, I am keen to be aspirational and ambitious for our youngsters, to provide them with an increasing variety of life and leisure opportunities and to “think big” about where we can enable them to go as they approach adulthood.

Initiatives we are driving forward on this academic year include accreditation and work experience, broadening therapeutic interventions and increasing the number of partnerships with our local community which will open up greater opportunities for new hobbies, interests and skills acquisition.

Offering our young people the opportunity to take risks and make choices excites our team and we all seek opportunities to develop and improve the service available on site as well as within the wider community. Enabling our young people to be happy, resilient, confident and independent as they approach adulthood in the local community is our ultimate goal.

I invite you to tour our site, talk with our inspiring team and celebrate with us, all of life’s opportunities that lie ahead for our very special young people.

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## What We Do

We are a residential school for students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and associated complex needs, although we do have some day students in attendance. The school meets the needs of up to 57 young people from 7-19 years of age.

We support a range of young people from across the country, some have severe learning difficulties alongside their autism. Most of our students have some behavioural difficulties.

All students have individualised programs of care and education tailored to meet their complex needs.

We have lots of fun on site at the school and take part in lots of activities and events. We are incredibly proud of our school and the achievements the young people make on a daily basis. The community of Swanage is very important to us and you may see our students and staff out in the town regularly, benefitting from the local amenities and local beauty spots.

We have a range of staff on site including education, care, domestic, admin, and clinical staff. Enabling a smooth transition from their home environment to their Purbeck View Home is an essential part of what we do. We work as a team across the School to provide a happy, inclusive environment, which gives the young people in our care a comfortable, safe place to call home at the end of a busy day.

We have nine homes within our School, each with a distinctive identity.

Each young person's room is decorated to meet their individual needs and reflect their likes or hobbies.

## Where We Are

Purbeck View School is fortunate to be in a unique position in the beautiful coastal town of Swanage, Dorset. We have access to the beach, local amenities and rolling countryside, not to mention the local attractions.

Our young people access the community both in Education and leisure time, using their life skills around the town, and support the local community by volunteering in shops or restaurants.



## A smiling man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a blue t-shirt with yellow text, sits at a wooden desk. He is holding a small object in his right hand. On the desk, there is a computer monitor displaying a blue screen, a keyboard, and a large, colorful, multi-layered container. The background shows a green chalkboard and white cabinets.

*Everyone has a personal best*

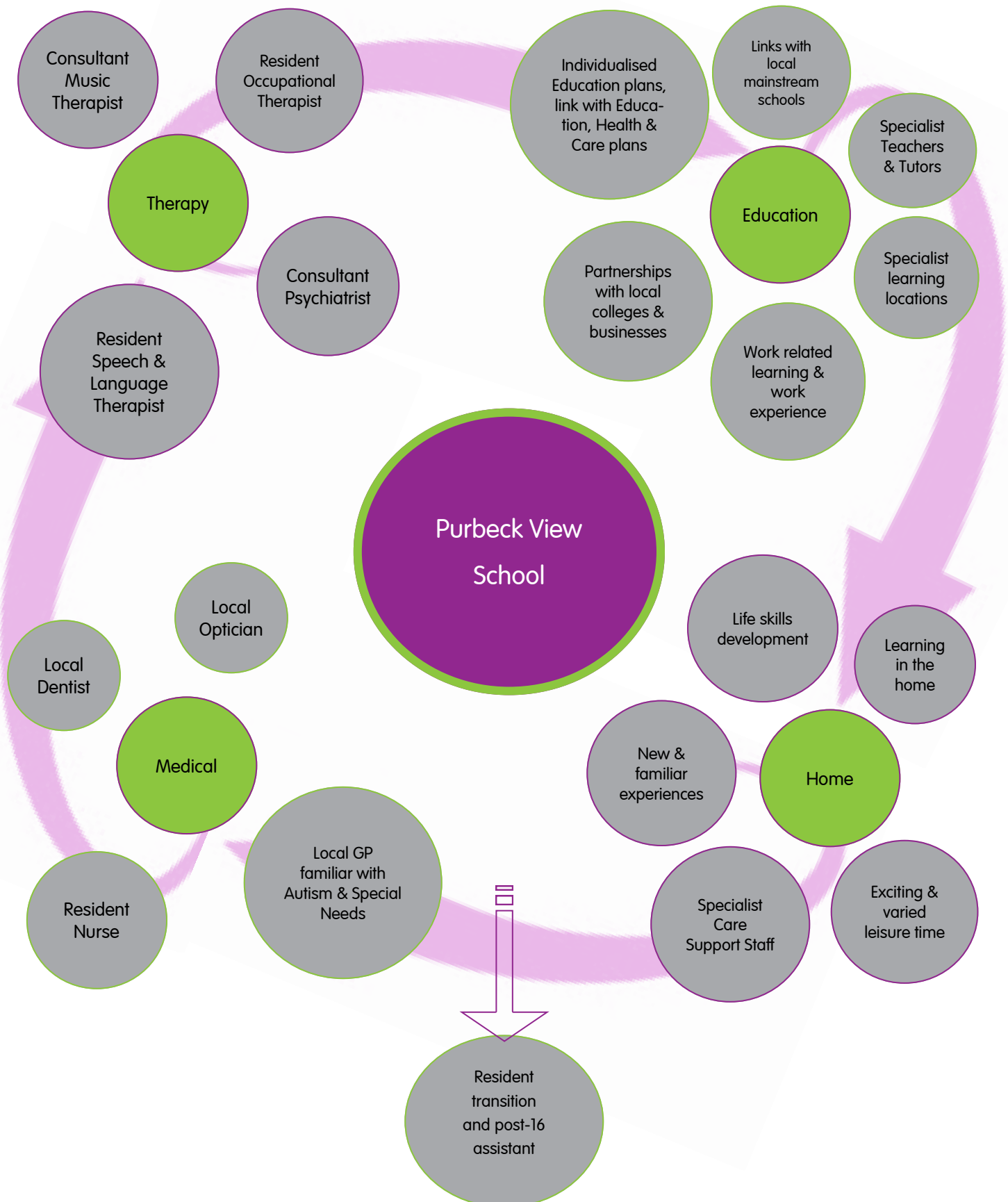
*Everyone can achieve something special*

This includes all Cambian staff and students, which is why we provide the support and training to enable **everyone** to achieve.





# A Holistic Approach



# Teaching & Learning

Purbeck View School offers every young person is given the opportunity to learn, whether that learning takes place in the class room, or is life-skill and community based.

Our curriculum supports our young people at whatever skill level they require, and follows their individualised progress.

The young people take part in educational activities off site, such as learning vocational skills on a farm.

Post-16 education for our young people is arranged in partnership with local colleges.

Learning doesn't stop when the Education day ends—teaching staff work closely with Care staff to ensure that our young people have access to opportunities.

The young people at the school practice life skills in the home environment with the care staff, or when out in the community.

All young people are offered opportunities to develop work related learning skills or where appropriate attend work experience placements. Certificates and examinations are also available where appropriate and meaningful for the young person.

We aspire to enable our young people to be able to generalise their skills and master specific tasks, skills or activities in a range of situations, not just at school.



# Life Opportunities

We provide opportunities to access the community, to access therapy, to improve quality of life.

Purbeck View School is set in the beautiful rolling Purbeck Hills, and is part of the wider Swanage community.

Our young people access the community on a regular basis, whether as part of a learning activity, or for their leisure time. They particularly enjoy the close proximity of the beach!

Education focuses intently on life outcomes. Typical learning experiences include a visit to the town supermarket, to buy groceries for a class cooking project, or a walk to the library to do research.

During their time at home, our young people enjoy visiting the local golf course, walks along the beach or visits to Poole for the day.



Purbeck View School pays particular attention to the emotional and physical health of the young people in our care.

We have a School nurse on site to attend to any medical needs, and a dedicated PE Lead, who ensures that the young people receive enjoyable exercise on a daily basis. Our onsite service includes a therapy team, made up of Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Psychology and Psychiatric Support.

Where the young people need specialist care or advice, the school works in partnership with consulting medical practitioners, such as dieticians, or auditory practitioners.

These specialists work closely with the young people and advise teaching and care staff about individualised strategies and interventions.

The School works in partnership with our consultant Music Therapist, providing opportunities to develop communication and social interaction skills and mental well being.

The Therapy Team creates specialist and bespoke intervention programmes which education and home teams deliver throughout the day to address sensory, physical and communication needs.

All our Care Staff receive regular training around safe medication handling and administration.



# Partnerships with Families

Working in close partnership with families to secure the best possible outcomes for our young people is of paramount importance to the Purbeck View Team.

We enjoy supporting families to be in close contact with the school, to play an active part in the lives of all our young people. Houses and teachers make regular, informal contact through telephone calls and weekly newsletters, as well as the School's formal contact through End of Year Reports, reviews and letters.

Parents are encouraged to participate in Governance Meetings, held three times per year, to feedback on current performance of the School and provide suggestions or comment.

Purbeck View also runs a regular Parent Forum for parents to bring their views, wishes and feelings to. These are usually held on the last day of term.

We hold social events across the year celebrating the successes of the young people, and various religious festivals as part of our embrace of diversity and values.

Current and previous parents share their thoughts with each other via the parents Facebook page.

The Principal encourages all parents to have an open dialogue with her via the dedicated Purbeck View Parents email address ([Purbeckview.parents@cambiangroup.com](mailto:Purbeckview.parents@cambiangroup.com)).

Families are at the heart of the Purbeck View ethos.



"Excellent forum today. Brilliant to meet with other parents. Found Bim really interesting and he has so much knowledge and insight which is invaluable to us parents."

Feb 2018

"Very informative, staff that knew young person very well, open to suggestions and sensitive to parent. Thank you."

April 2017

"Thank you very much for all that you are doing for [my son]. He is continuing to make excellent progress."

Sept 2016

# Our School Council

Purbeck View gives every child or young person a voice, so they can make choices, share their thoughts & concerns & experience true control in their lives.



Students are encouraged to communicate their views and wishes for the School via various means, including the School Council. The council is made up of volunteers from the young people across the school, including day students, to discuss and vote on various subjects. The Council recently voted on the new flag for the School!

Students are asked to comment on the status of the school, for example they were recently asked, "Are we happy with the playground equipment?" and the student reps spoke to their classes to receive feedback via questionnaire. Some responses included,

"I would like more slides"

"No, need more swings"

"More bikes"

Our Kitchen and Housekeeping Supervisor collects feedback from the young people regarding the food provided on site, and asks for their votes when arranging food for our special events.

Young people attending Purbeck View benefit from the NYAS advocacy service, whom attend site monthly. Lynette Faith is our designated NYAS advocate. Lynette is available to talk through any worries or concerns young people may have, and can support them when they are unsure or do not understand.

Your Advocate is :



Lynette Faith



# Events at Purbeck View School

Events take place across the year at Purbeck View School, celebrating a range of special occasions, cultures and faiths.

We hold many family events throughout the year that are open to parents, carers and families of the young people in our care to join in, especially to our annual Celebration of Achievement, held at the end of the Summer Term.

Some of our events such as school disco's, held on site are open to our friends in the local community, such as the local Gateway club, which acts as an opportunity to socialise with peers outside of Purbeck View.

Some examples of events include;

- International Food Day (May)
- Sports Day (June)
- Purbeck View Carnival (June)
- Seasonal Showcase (December)
- Celebration of Achievement (August)

"I was so proud to see our young people socialising with their friends from Youth Club during our recent evening disco!"

*Ginny Bellard  
May 2018*



"An amazing occasion; loved the opportunity to see the community spirit within the school and my child's part in that"

June 2017

Purbeck View encourages students to attend events in the community, such as the Swanage Carnival, or Purbeck Arts Week. We have enjoyed the opportunity to present at the recent Parish Assembly; sharing a little more of the work we do with our very special young people.

The young people at Purbeck View recently enjoyed the chance to make an art installation with a local artist whom attended the school during Purbeck Arts Week. We are hoping to display this beautiful work in our reception area very soon.



# Friends and Colleagues of PVS

We ask all visitors to leave comments so that we can continue to strive to provide the best possible service.

**"As soon as our son comes home he talks excitedly about going back to school to see his friends."**

February 2018



**"...Coming to PVS is such a pleasure, and this is initially due to the wonderful reception/office staff. You make everyone welcome and are so informed about the progress of the school."**

March 2018

**"The quality of care is good; children receive care that nurtures them and they are treated with dignity and respect."**

Ofsted October 2017

**"Lovely place, great support staff and team providing a fantastic opportunity"**

January 2018

**"I just wanted to formally acknowledge how impressed I have been with the way in which Purbeck View has approached the transition of young person IS from CSWP. I have been involved in many transitions of young people over the last 20 years and I must admit very few have been managed as well and as professionally as that shown by Purbeck in the last week."**

May 2018

**"Lovely to see pupils working in a quiet and calm environment and to meet caring and knowledgeable staff"**

October 2017



# The Admission Process

At times parents find the process of admissions into a residential school a daunting and anxious process. To support parents with this Cambian offers a Parent Liaison service which provides advice on admission, tribunal and funding processes. The Parent Liaison Officer can help during this difficult decision making time.

Your local Education Authority and Social Care provider will usually contact the school and provide the relevant information for your young person. This information will include your child's Education, Health and Care Plan, and school or psychological reports. A representative of the Local Authority might visit the school to ensure that the young person's needs can be met, and a member of the Purbeck View School team, usually the Principal, Vice-Principals or Behaviour Support Team, will visit to make an assessment of your son/daughter to ensure we are able to offer the very best services their specific needs require.

After consultation, a decision will be reached with family, the school, the commissioning team and any placing local authority, at which point a schedule of transition and date of admission will be agreed.

Before admission families are invited to visit the school so that everyone is familiar with the building and routines and has a chance to meet staff. A comprehensive transition plan is established using the knowledge of parents and past carers to ensure we provide the best support for the young person entering the school.

We encourage all parents to visit the school prior to admission & to meet with our team so we can really come to understand the needs of your child and the aspirations you hold for them.



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