



Purbeck View

*Specialist Day School for SEMH
(Social, Emotional & Mental Health)*

- **Mixed Gender** • **7-19 years**
- **38 Weeks** • **Day placements**



Welcome

We are 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.

Our 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.

We are keen to be aspirational and ambitious for our youngsters, to provide

them with an in-creasing 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 this academic year include therapeutic interventions and investment in our support team to strengthen our specialist ASD support interventions.

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.

We 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.

Student Profile

- Mixed Gender
- 7-19 years
- Primary Diagnosis of Autism
- Co-existing Conditions of Autism
- Learning Difficulties
- Complex Needs
- Attachment Disorder



Our Vision

It is Cambian's belief that;

Everyone has a personal best

Everyone can find something to aim for

Everyone can achieve something special

And everyone should have the opportunity to strive for it

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

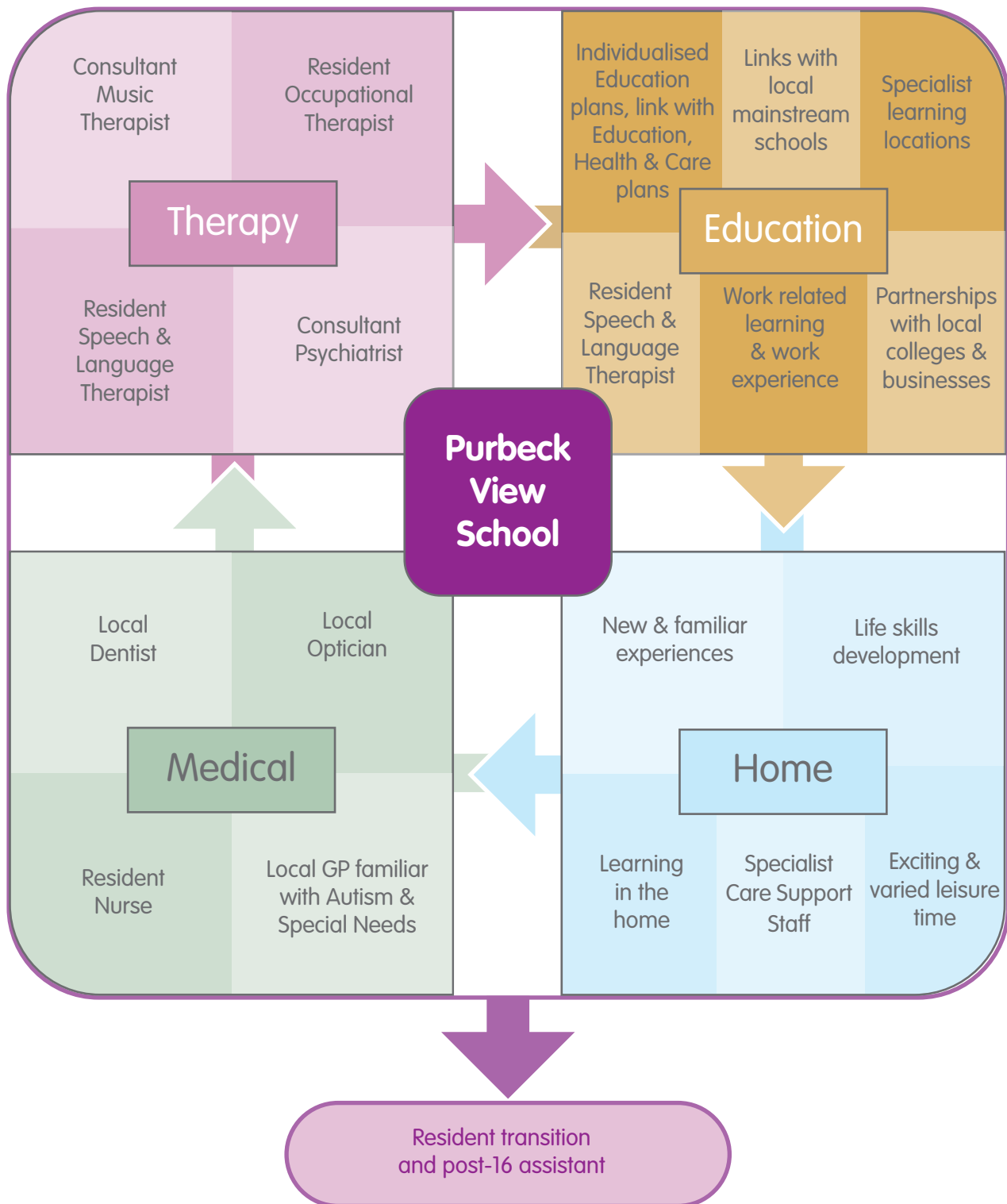
Our Vision

The Purbeck View team is united in it's aim to provide a safe, happy, nuturing environment for our young people.

We work to secure a future of possiblility snd fulfilment, inclusion and opportunity for everyone who is a part of the Purbeck View Community.



A Holistic Approach



Teaching & Learning



Qualifications and Achievements

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



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.

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





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.

"Excellent forum today. Brilliant to meet with other parents and talk about all the options available to us. The transition information was very helpful."

Feb 2020

"Thank you so much for the care and concern you show for my child. We feel she is making really good progress."

Sept 2021

"It's great to have the opportunity to speak to my child's keyworker and teachers during the review. So encouraging"

May 2021



Our School Council

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"

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.

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.

"Thank you for making my visit to the school to offer careers advice and guidance, a wonderful opportunity to meet such an interesting and clever group of young people"

February 2020

"Your staff have been very helpful and keen to have my input. It's good to work with such a caring team."

October 2019

"Relationships between staff and children continue to be strong and positive. Permanent staff understand children's needs well and work hard to keep them safe."

February 2020

"...I can't thank you enough for the love and attention you put into your work. It was so wonderful to see [my son] looking so happy and proud..."

October 2019

"Such a welcoming and warm environment to visit. I had a lot of fun with the students today"

January 2021

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 rep-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.

The Proprietor

The proprietor of the school is Farouq Sheikh, Chair of the CareTech Board. The representative of the Proprietor of the school, whose address for correspondence during both term times and holidays, is:

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