



Greenfields House & School

For boys and girls aged 5-13

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Greenfields is a residential therapeutic community and special school with nearly 15 years’ experience of providing specialist therapeutic care, education and treatment for a group of up to 10 children aged 5-13. The home occupies a large detached Edwardian house with an extensive garden situated in a rural location near the village of Biddenden in the heart of Kent.

We specialise in the treatment of children who present with severe emotional, psychological and behavioural problems including sexualised and other disturbing behaviours as a result of attachment difficulties rooted in early life trauma and abuse.

Through the use of our unique Integrated Systemic Therapy, which focuses on healing trauma and enabling healthy attachments and relationships, children achieve exceptional outcomes in every aspect of their lives.

Our staff are highly trained to enable children to work through their experiences of past trauma in a safe and comfortable environment designed for group living and learning.

We combine individual therapy with a strong group-based culture which helps children engage with their difficulties, and support one another in recovering and achieving their potential. We aim to create a therapeutic environment in which we work with the children enabling them to live together, learn and heal. We place much emphasis on caring and thoughtful relationships and creating a sense of belonging.

Education at Greenfields School

Greenfields School offers the full National Curriculum, with sporting opportunities, educational trips, and a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Classes are small, allowing individual attention for each child. At a recent Greenfields School inspection, a number of areas of provision were singled out as noteworthy, including:

- A comprehensive induction programme for each child
- Learning opportunities are created that allow for the possibility of return to mainstream schools
- Positive relationships between staff and children
- Excellent liaison with local mainstream schools.

Families and Networks

Our dedicated Placement and Family Support worker is available to support the whole family and network of each child in our care. Working together, we aim to promote the recovery of both the child and, where possible, the family. Where a child’s next placement is fostering or adoption, we work closely with all concerned to prepare the child and the family, and to ensure that the fostering or adoption placement is a success.

When it is time for a child to move on, the Placement and Family Support worker helps the family and network think and plan each step. Some children may continue with part of their treatment: staying on at school, continuing with therapy and family support at home, for example. Others may move on completely, but may need a more intensive package of support. We are able to tailor what we provide to each individual.

Referral Process

There will be an initial telephone conversation resulting in a request for relevant documentation, such as detailed chronology, psychological/ psychiatric reports and a copy of statement of SEN etc. This will lead to:

1. A visit to Greenfields House and School to be arranged for all parties concerned with the child to consider all aspects of placement.
2. If all agree to proceed, the Director will visit the child.
3. The child visits Greenfields and meets both staff and children.
4. Arrival date agreed with all parties.