

## Contact

Leaways School  
welcome visits from families,  
carers, children, young people,  
professionals and other  
stakeholders.

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Leaways School London



Welcome from the Head Teacher, Mr Gadd  
and the staff.

Welcome to Leaways School, a place where you can feel  
safe and where you will be heard and valued. We will  
work alongside you to help you achieve success. The  
school is welcoming and we look forward to finding out  
what interests you and how you like to learn.

We like to celebrate success as well as supporting you  
to make choices which will help you as you journey on to  
adulthood.

We will work with you to make a personal timetable which  
fits your personal learning needs. You can study for a wide  
range of qualifications including vocational (job training)  
functional skills, GCSE's and BTECs. We don't always  
learn in the classroom at Leaways, there are lots of offsite  
learning opportunities.

The school has a science laboratory, construction  
workshop, gym, computing and technology suite, a food  
technology kitchen, music recording & drama studio,  
therapeutic, nurturing spaces, a literacy and numeracy  
nurture base. The school also has a separate autism (ASC)  
schooling provision called the ARC.

Young  
Person's  
Guide

We teach groups  
of no more than six and  
every voice is valued and  
heard through day to day  
interactions and our  
student council.



**These questions have been written by young people at Leaways and we hope they are helpful.**

**How will the school know if I need extra help?**

When you come to the school we will receive lots of information about you. This is known as an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC). This information helps us to make a plan just for you. Together the plan is made by you, the staff team, your family and your social worker if you have one.

We make sure that the activities you take part in are matched to your needs. Over time, by working with you we find out how and where you learn best. If you do struggle, we will arrange for you to do a similar activity that still allows you to achieve the same learning outcomes.

**What if I have difficulty taking part in school activities?**

**What should I do if I think I need extra help?**



**How do I get involved in planning my progress?**

You can speak to any of the staff at the school. If you don't want to speak to staff you can ask someone else you trust to speak for you. Don't worry about asking for extra help, we can easily make changes to your learning plan. You can always speak to your teacher or key worker at any time. If you need extra help with how you are feeling there are lots of people here to help you in lots of different ways.

When you arrive at the school we look at where you are up to. The staff team, you and your family carers will help complete a plan which is realistic for you. You will be kept up to date with how you are doing and if we need to we can change your targets to fit your needs. Each week staff will talk with you about your progress.

**How does the school know how well I'm doing?**



Sometimes we look at the progress you are making in the school. Sometimes we look at what you have been doing outside the classroom. We also look at how you are feeling and what you have been doing recently. The staff team really work together and we know that having a good day is about lots of different things.

Each term we will send a report home to you and your parents or carers to let them know how you are doing. We will also chat with you and your parents or carers about how well you are doing at our parent days.

**Who can I speak to if I'm worried about something?**

At Leaways we see ourselves as a big family and the staff are there for you at all times. You can talk to a teacher, support staff or our pastoral lead. All of our staff are happy to listen if there is something that worries you. We have a member of staff who is in charge of keeping young people safe. They are called a "safeguarding lead" and are there if you need to talk to someone and would like guidance.

**How will you help me to be more independent?**

All of the staff in the school will help you to become more independent and ensure that you are ready for life after school. We will teach you skills for everyday life which include cooking, using transport, staying safe, money and time management and study alone skills.

While you are at the school you will be able to lots of different learning and activities outside the classroom and within different organisations.

All these and much more will help you become more independent. We will also work with those closest to you so we are all helping you together.

**How do school staff get extra help from other experts?**

Because we are such an outstanding school we can ask other people who work with young people to come and help us. We can get extra help for you from a psychologist, many different therapists, relationships advisers and career guidance organisations.



What help is there to get me ready to start college?

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The school is rated "Outstanding" by Ofsted

Many of our older pupils begin college and vocational courses while they are with us, to make it easier for them when they leave. This makes the change from schooling to college or training less of a leap. We will make sure that as much help and planning is in place before your move on to college, training or the workplace. Every young person who leaves Leaways does so with a college or work placement in place.

Ofsted is the organisation which makes sure that schools are good but here at Leaways they told us we are **Outstanding**. This means the management, teaching, welfare, behaviour and the outcomes within the school are all outstanding. We are very proud of this achievement and for you it means you will receive the best learning and support. Some of the things Ofsted said were:

What help is there to get me ready to start work?

The college courses which current pupils attend teach the skills which help them to begin work in their chosen area. You will be given individual careers advice and supported through the school and external organisations.

- Pupils behave exceptionally well in lessons and around the school.
- Relationships across the school are outstanding and pupils get on well with their peers and staff.
- Pupils say that they feel safe and know how to keep safe on the internet.
- They know that they can go to a member of staff if any bullying happens.
- Staff take swift action to support pupils who occasionally get emotionally upset and find it hard to behave appropriately in lessons.



"Really inspiring school, love the enthusiasm and dynamic attitude of the staff. The pupils appear to be thriving!"  
Local SEND Information Advice & Support Service

"It's a great school, my brother feels at home here and I'm glad to see him happy"  
Older brother, of a pupil

