Witherslack Group

‘Outstanding’ 52 Week Care
One key feature of the Witherslack Group provision is quality, with five of the Group’s schools rated as Outstanding by Ofsted, the remainder being rated as Good. This quality is also prevalent in our Children’s Homes too, with all five established homes rated as Outstanding.

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About the Witherslack Group

The Witherslack Group is a leading provider of specialist education and care for children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties, communication difficulties and complex learning difficulties including Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Asperger’s Syndrome.

The Group was founded in 1972 and works with more than 60 local authorities throughout the UK meeting the special educational needs of pupils aged 5 to 19.

All established Witherslack Group Children’s Homes are rated as ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted.

All three residential schools offering flexible termly boarding are ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted in both education and care. Each boast a number of awards, benchmarks and quality standards.

This brochure provides further detail on the Witherslack Group’s Children’s Homes and Integrated Therapeutic Provision and the value they offer local authorities.

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All young people living at the Group’s homes have individual bedrooms with the majority having en-suite bathrooms. Young people are encouraged to personalise their rooms to assist feeling secure and comfortable. Bedrooms are equipped with a television, DVD player and controlled internet access.

The therapeutic rationale and practice in the homes is fundamentally based upon attachment principle combined with a variety of environmental and supportive therapies. The aim is to have available at all times a “personalised” environment for each young person.

All of the young people are given opportunities to access a wide range of leisure and social facilities in either a supported, semi-independent or independent manner. Within the locality of each home there are a variety of facilities that the young people access and enjoy; shops, parks, fairground, beach and cinema in addition to activities that offer a more structured programme of events, sporting clubs, swimming pools and youth groups. The young people are fully involved in deciding which activities take place.

For further information on the school please visit www.witherslackgroup.co.uk

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**Children’s Homes**

The Witherslack Group operates a number of small Children’s Homes in the North of England. These homes provide specialist therapeutic care for young people experiencing a range of difficulties; complex learning difficulties, autism, emotional and behavioural difficulties, challenging behaviour, language and communication problems, dyspraxia, attachment disorders and attentional deficits.

The children’s homes enjoy a national reputation for consistently providing “Outstanding” care, education and therapy for children aged between 9 and 18 years of age. All children residing in the homes are educated in Group schools or Learning Centres.

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Beech Tree House is situated in a large detached house in Wrightington and is set in its own grounds of approximately two acres. The Home accommodates up to 7 young people, of either gender. The young people will usually be aged between 8 and 16. The young people living at Beech Tree House will usually be educated at Cumberland School near Preston. Staff from the Home work very closely with education based staff in order to provide an integrated package of education and care.

Cumberland School provides a wide range of nationally accredited courses including GCSE, ASDAN, Entry Level and BTEC and has been assessed by Ofsted as providing “Good with Outstanding Features” education.

The Home caters for young people who are experiencing a range of difficulties including:

- Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
- Complex Learning Difficulties
- Language and Communication Needs
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Dyspraxia
- Attachment Disorders
- Attentional Deficits

"We are all a big happy family here."

Young people benefit from receiving a high standard of care; their views are respected, valued and they are central to their highly personalised care plans; that meet their individual needs very well.

"The level of understanding, support and care given by all workers is excellent ... communication is great, extremely good."

Social Worker

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The Birches Children’s Home is located in Southport and accommodates up to five young people of either gender, usually aged between 7 and 17. The young people living at The Birches will usually be educated at Pontville School in Ormskirk. Staff from the Home work very closely with education based staff in order to provide an integrated package of education and care.

Pontville School has been assessed by Ofsted as providing "Outstanding" education and provides a wide range of nationally accredited courses including GCSE, NVQ and Entry Awards.

The Home caters for young people who are experiencing a range of difficulties including:
- Complex Learning Difficulties
- Language and Communication Needs
- Autism
- Challenging Behaviour
- Dyspraxia
- Attachment Disorders
- Attentional Deficits

Young people are achieving excellent outcomes in education, healthy lifestyles, safety and emotional resilience and making a positive contribution within the community.

"The care my child receives is brilliant, they keep us informed and we have developed a really good relationship with the home. They are all very caring people.

Parent"

"Staff have an exceptional understanding of young people’s needs and are consistent in offering a nurturing environment for young people to thrive and grow.

Ofsted"

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Cumbria View Children’s Home is situated in a large detached house in Silverdale, near Carnforth, set in its own grounds of approximately two acres. The Home accommodates up to 7 young people, of either gender, usually aged between 8 and 16 years.

The young people living at Cumbria View will usually be educated at either Witherslack Hall School in Grange over Sands or Cedar House School in Bentham. Both schools have been assessed by Ofsted as providing “Outstanding” education and provide a wide range of nationally accredited courses including GCSE, ASDAN, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and John Muir Trust Award.

The Home caters for young people who are experiencing a range of difficulties including:

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Anxiety And Depression
- Challenging Behaviour
- Asperger’s Syndrome
- Moderate/General Learning Difficulties
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Disaffected Learners
- Pathological Demand Avoidance

Young people live in a safe, caring and extremely supportive environment that enables them to make outstanding progress in all aspects of their lives.

"Staff work well in meeting the health needs of young people. There is a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service professional who is contracted to work at the home one day a week, providing individual support to young people."

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"Thanks you for all the support that you have given to J and ourselves."

Parent

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Woodlands Children’s Home is situated in a large detached house in Bolton-le-Sands, near Carnforth, set in attractive gardens with an attached paddock. The Home accommodates up to 7 young people of either gender, usually aged between 8 and 16. The young people living at Woodlands will usually be educated at either Witherslack Hall School in Grange over Sands or Cedar House School in Bentham. Both schools have been assessed by Ofsted as providing “Outstanding” education and provide a wide range of nationally accredited courses including GCSE, ASDAN, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and John Muir Trust Award.

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Young people make excellent progress in relation to their starting points both socially and educationally. They thrive in a nurturing and supportive environment in which they are given clear and consistent boundaries.

"This is as close as you can get to providing young people in care with a positive family unit and you cannot fault them."  
Social Worker

"Young people’s wishes and feelings are central to the running of the home and they are fully involved in all decisions affecting their lives."  
Ofsted

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In addition to our Schools and Children’s Homes, the Group also runs highly specialised Integrated Therapeutic Provision for Children and young People with complex learning requirements, sexually inappropriate behaviour and associated psychological difficulties. This fully integrated care, education and therapeutic provision consists of a Children’s Home and separate Learning Centre and leisure facilities all on one site. Children and Young People benefit from a highly personalised, structured curriculum with learning programmes tailored to meet the nurturing, management, social, emotional, educational and moral needs of young people who are unable to live in a family context.

Young People residing and educated in this type of provision have access to clinical, mental health and therapeutic specialists providing tailored programmes in a highly specialised and supportive environment.

In 2012 the Group’s Integrated Therapeutic Provision – The Grange in County Durham will expand to include a larger Learning Centre and additional Children’s Home on the Grange site in County Durham. In September the Group will also be opening Meadow View in Chorley, Lancashire.

Further information on the Grange is contained on the following pages, for further information on the Group’s Integrated Therapeutic Provision please contact; Mark Bowes, Partnership Manager

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Pupils are supported by a range of specialist staff including Educational Psychologists, CAMHS Workers, Speech and Language Therapists, State Registered Nurses, Psychotherapists and Occupational Therapists where needs determine."
The Grange is a specialised fully integrated care, education and therapeutic facility located on a tranquil 10 acre semi-rural site on the outskirts of Durham City. The site hosts a high quality, well-furnished Home for up to 7 young people with complex learning difficulties and challenging behaviour.

All young people living at The Grange attend the onsite Learning Centre. This is a new, well-equipped school providing a highly personalised, structured curriculum for up to 7 pupils between the ages of 8-16 years. The Learning Centre is DfE registered and is staffed by three qualified teachers and three Learning Support staff providing a highly personalised curriculum with learning programmes tailored to the needs of each individual.

The purpose of the Home is to provide a therapeutically managed facility to meet the nurturing, management, social, emotional, educational and moral needs of young people who are unable to live in a family context.

Work is underway on the next stage of the Grange site, which will expand the provision to include an extension of the Learning Centre, an additional high quality Children’s Home and the development of outdoor learning and leisure facilities.

The school has appointed a Director of Clinical Services who provides a highly detailed analysis, through diagnostic testing, which pinpoints exactly where pupils are underachieving. This is shared with staff and provides a firm basis for addressing pupils’ behavioural, emotional, social and learning needs.

The Grange is rated as ‘Outstanding in all areas’ of education, therapy and care by Ofsted.

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Meadow View is a specialised fully integrated care, education and therapeutic facility located near to Chorley in Lancashire. The site hosts a high quality, well furnished Home for up to 7 young people with complex learning difficulties and challenging behaviour.

All young people living at Meadow View attend the onsite Learning Centre. This is a new, well-equipped school providing a highly personalised, structured curriculum for up to 7 pupils between the ages of 8-16 years. The Learning Centre is DfE registered and is staffed by qualified teachers and Learning Support staff providing a highly personalised curriculum with learning programmes tailored to the needs of each individual.

Meadow View will open its doors in September 2012 but referrals are being taken now - please contact Howard Tenant on 08448 806620 or placements@witherslackgroup.co.uk

The purpose of the facility is to provide a therapeutically managed facility to meet the nurturing, management, social, emotional, educational and moral needs of young people who are unable to live in a family context.

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**Schools**

**Flexible Termly Boarding**

- **Chilworth House School**, Oxford
  - Complex learning and communication needs with challenging behaviour
  - Mixed, ages 5-11 years, Day School
  - Tel: 01844 339077

- **Cedar House School**, Lancashire
  - Complex learning needs and social difficulties
  - Mixed, ages 5-17 years, Residential & Day School
  - Tel: 01334 421140

- **Pontville School**, Ormskirk
  - Speech, language and social communication impairment
  - Mixed, ages 5-19 years, Residential & Day School
  - Tel: 01695 578734

- **Westmorland School**, Chorley
  - Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties with associated learning needs
  - Mixed, ages 5-11 years, Day School
  - Tel: 01257 278899

- **Lakeside School**, Liverpool
  - Complex learning and communication needs with challenging behaviour
  - Mixed, ages 5-13 years, Day School
  - Tel: 0151 4877211

- **Pontville School**, Ormskirk
  - Speech, language and social communication impairment
  - Mixed, ages 5-19 years, Residential & Day School
  - Tel: 01695 578734

- **Chilworth House Upper School**, Oxford
  - Complex learning and communication needs with challenging behaviour
  - Mixed, ages 5-11 years, Day School
  - Tel: 01844 337720

- **Witherslack Hall School**, Cumbria
  - Complex learning needs with challenging behaviour
  - Boys, ages 10-19 years, Residential & Day School
  - Tel: 015395 52397

- **Cumberland School**, Preston
  - Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties with associated learning needs
  - Mixed, ages 11-16 years, Day School
  - Tel: 01772 284435

- **Chilworth House Upper School**, Oxford
  - Complex learning and communication needs with challenging behaviour
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  - Tel: 01844 337720

- **Lakeland House**, Lancashire
  - Complex learning and communication needs with challenging behaviour
  - Mixed, ages 5-13 years, Day School
  - Tel: 0151 4877211

- **Lakeside School**, Liverpool
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- **Chilworth House School**, Oxford
  - Complex learning and communication needs with challenging behaviour
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- **Beech Tree**, Wigan
  - Complex learning needs with challenging behaviour
  - Boys, ages 10-19 years, Residential & Day School
  - Tel: 015395 52397

- **Lakeland House**, Lancashire
  - Complex learning needs with challenging behaviour
  - Boys, ages 10-19 years, Residential & Day School
  - Tel: 015395 52397

- **North House**, Durham
  - Complex learning needs with challenging behaviour
  - Boys, ages 10-19 years, Residential & Day School
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- **The Grange**, Durham
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- **Meadow View**, Lancaster
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- **The Birches**, Pieshanger
  - Complex learning needs with challenging behaviour
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- **Woodlands**, Lancaster
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- **Orchard House**, Lancaster
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**Integrated Therapeutic Provision**

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