

Mean average costs

Category	Description	July 2025 average annual cost (£ - HNB only)	September 2025 average annual cost (£ - HNB only)	December 2025 average annual cost (£ - HNB only)	March 2026 average annual cost (£ - HNB only)
Specialist	Independent Special School	67,377	66,301	65,121	64,032
Specialist	Specialist Post 16 Institute	51,774	56,621	56,466	58,129
Specialist	Dorset Special School	17,856	17,930	17,884	16,890
Specialist	Dorset Learning Centre - AP	6,067	6,067	9,638	8,448
Specialist	Dorset Learning Centre - SEMH	13,662	13,662	13,439	13,439
Mainstream	Further Education	3,541	3,541	3,907	4,101
Mainstream	Dorset Mainstream Top Up*	5,131	5,131	5,084	5,190
Mainstream	Specialist Provision in Mainstream	20,622	20,622	21,287	22,560

* Excludes notional SEN and per unit funding from the Schools Block (~£10k)

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