



Specialist legal advice for

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Independent schools operate within a complex legal and regulatory framework. We provide practical, clear advice to help schools thrive, protecting pupils, supporting leadership teams and helping boards make confident and compliant decisions.

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WHY CHOOSE WRIGLEYS

Schools choose Wrigleys because of the depth of experience we bring to every piece of advice. We are consistently recognised by leading legal directories such as Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 as one of the top firms in charity and education law. These rankings reflect the quality of our work and the trust placed in us by clients across the sector.

Our sector knowledge is extensive. We work with independent schools and charities both nationally and internationally, and we understand the unique challenges they face. This experience allows us to provide guidance that is not only legally sound but also practical and tailored to the realities of running an educational organisation.

What sets us apart is our practical insight. Many of our lawyers serve as trustees, governors or volunteers, giving them first-hand experience of the issues independent schools encounter. This perspective enables us to offer advice that takes account of the pressures and responsibilities on school leaders, ensuring our solutions are workable and sensitive to the needs of your school.



JOINED-UP ADVICE FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Many of the issues independent schools face span more than one area of law. Our specialist colleagues work together to ensure schools receive clear, joined-up advice.

Our goal is to provide practical, common-sense advice that helps our clients achieve their objectives while maintaining the highest standards of legal and regulatory compliance.

Governance, law and regulation

- Charity and education law
- Regulatory compliance
- Trustee training
- Fundraising and donations
- Restricted funds and endowments
- Governance reviews
- Safeguarding
- Data protection

Structures

- Mergers
- Acquisitions
- Restructuring
- Charitable foundations
- Trading subsidiaries
- Financing

People

- Employee relations
- Employment tribunal claims
- Employment contracts
- Pensions
- Parental complaints
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion
- SEND

“The professional but friendly manner of the team stands out. Everyone we have worked with genuinely cares about the work they are delivering for their clients. They are subject matter experts.”

Chambers and Partners

Contracts

- Parents and guardians
- Suppliers
- Venue hire and facilities management
- Data processing
- Grants
- Collaborations
- Confidentiality

Property

- Sales
- Acquisitions
- Leases
- Charities Acts compliance
- Title investigations and rectifications

“The relationship with the client is personal. The solicitors listen to our needs, take time to understand our situation and give us the help and advice we need that fits our situation.”

Legal 500

SUPPORT THAT FITS YOUR SCHOOL

Transparent, flexible fees

We discount our commercial rates for charity clients and agree scope and fees in advance. Where appropriate, we can offer fixed fees, cost thresholds or bundled hours to give cost certainty.

We can be flexible and offer a range of fee options for our clients.

The added value of working with Wrigleys

- Seminars, newsletters and webinars sharing practical guidance for schools and charities.
- Annual Charity Governance Conference and Employment Law Conference for charities and not-for-profit organisations.
- Regular briefings and training (including trustee training and data protection training for independent schools).
- Sector contribution through work with bodies including IDPE and ISBA, plus published articles for the independent schools sector.



CHARITY AND EDUCATION EXPERTISE

grounded in how independent schools are
governed and regulated

RESPONSIVE, PERSONAL SERVICE

with practical outcomes at the centre

JOINED-UP ADVICE

across governance, law, regulation, structures,
contracts, property and people.

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