



# St Catherine's

*Specialists in Speech, Language and  
Communication Needs*

School - College - Post 19

## **Living and Working on the Isle of Wight.**



(Ventnor, Isle of Wight)

### **Things to do:**

St. Catherine's is located in Ventnor on the Southern tip of the Island. Ventnor has been compared to Notting Hill and is a popular destination, appealing to a variety of visitors including celebrities.

The beach and esplanade wind upwards to the town that offers an eclectic mix of vintage shops and antique stores, as well as those offering all the essentials.

Ventnor Fringe (every year) has become a centre point of Ventnor's season, showcasing a unique celebration of the arts, with emerging and established talents across all creative disciplines from comedy to theatre, music and dance.

The Island is home to the oldest carnivals in the UK and these are a focal point of the summer in our seaside towns along with the world famous Cowes Week and the Isle of Wight Festival.

The Isle of Wight has miles of stunning countryside, award winning beaches and a wealth of history and heritage. The Island is 22 miles across so you are never far away from the beach, you can opt for bustling seaside towns or calm and secluded beaches and coves away from it all. The island is an area of outstanding natural beauty and for those who prefer the countryside there are walks, cycle tracks, forests and downland and a huge variety of outdoor activities.

## Living on the Island

Buying or renting a property on the Island can be more affordable than many areas in the South of England. The average house price for the Isle of Wight is £310,000, with the majority of sales in the region of £225 – 280,000 for semi detached and terraced houses. Rental prices start from around £650 per month.

You could find an affordable home with the seaside on your doorstep.

## Working at St. Catherine's

St. Catherine's is a great place to work, we promote diversity and inclusion not only in our students and young people but in our staff and the wider community. Our staff are central to our vision and ethos, and we offer the opportunity to enjoy coming to work every day as well as the chance to live and work on the vibrant Isle of Wight.

Travel Information

**Travel routes** to the Isle of Wight include vehicle and passenger services from the following locations:

Portsmouth (Wightlink), car and fast passenger routes  
Southampton (Red Funnel), car and fast passenger routes  
Lymington (Wightlink), car ferry  
Southsea (Hovertravel), high speed hovercraft route

The Island's towns and villages are serviced by a regular bus service, several taxi firms and some areas by train.

Useful links:

**Hovertravel Ferries** <https://www.hovertravel.co.uk/>

**Red Funnel Ferries** <https://www.redfunnel.co.uk/en/>

**Wightlink Ferries** <http://www.wightlink.co.uk>

**Islandline Railway** <https://www.southwesternrailway.com/>

**Southern Vectis Buses** <http://www.islandbuses.info/>

**Isle of Wight Council (including resident services and information)** <https://www.iwight.com/>

Contact us if you would like more information and support with moving to the Island and working with us.