

Guide to Sheffield Children's Hospital Provision 2022-23 (Becton School)



Welcome

You are receiving this booklet because a student in your school has recently been admitted to Sheffield Children's Hospital. It aims to provide you with essential information for attendance, safeguarding and partnership working around this child. Please take time to read this booklet to ensure that we work successfully to meet the needs of this student.

About us

Becton School is commissioned to provide education for inpatients at Sheffield Children's Hospital. We are a Hospital School which sits within Nexus Multi-Academy trust. As such, we are quality assured by Nexus and OFSTED. Our most recent OFSTED report is available to view at:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50182507>

At Sheffield Children's Hospital teaching is offered to children from age 5 - 16 who are in hospital for more than three days. Lessons are bespoke and mostly 1-1. Most teaching takes place at the bedside. However, children are occasionally taught in small groups when this is possible and appropriate. There is a classroom on the Oncology ward.

We aim to work with the pupil, their family, medical staff and yourselves to support the continuation of learning. We are led by the medical staff and follow their guidance to ensure that our educational offer is appropriate and suited to the pupil's current health and medical needs.

There are a number of DfE documents which relate to Wave 5 specialist provisions such as our Hospital Education provision, the most relevant of which can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>

Attendance and Safeguarding

It is essential that there is regular communication in all areas, but specific areas of focus are attendance and safeguarding. When a student is picked-up by our school, they go on our roll as a **Guest**. As the **home school**, you retain the overall responsibility for the student, but we will take a daily lead for their attendance and safeguarding. We will follow our own safeguarding procedures if concerns are identified, and of course, we will share this information with you. In terms of attendance, you should always use the D code as the **home school** and we will use with / \, C or I code as appropriate.

Key points

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How we support you and your student

The School Teaching Team will, in consultation with yourselves, parents or carers and medical staff:

- make sure your student receives regular teaching either at the bedside or in a designated classroom, as and when appropriate
- liaise with yourselves in all educational matters
- prepare a medium term plan for long-term pupils which is informed by information from yourselves and relevant assessments
- send a report to you following discharge, if your student has received more than 10 lessons
- provide advice, assistance and support in reintegrating your student back into school
- support your student's educational welfare in any issues or situations arising from his/her period of illness or hospitalisation

What happens when your student is admitted to hospital?

- If this is the student's first stay with us, we will visit them on the fourth day of his/her admission to discuss and formulate an appropriate educational plan for them
- If the student is a re-admission, we will aim to visit on the first day to make appropriate arrangements for commencement of teaching
- When it is judged appropriate for regular teaching to begin, we will aim to offer your student one teaching session per day. Depending on the circumstances, more sessions may be offered and lengths of sessions may vary

Returning to school

- When the student is ready to be discharged, we will talk to clinical staff to find out when he/she is likely to return to school. Some children return to school straight away while others require more time before going back. We will contact you to let you know approximately when to expect a return
- If the student will continue to be absent from school for more than three weeks it is usual to arrange home tuition. If the student is resident in Sheffield, we will work with the Chapel House team (also part of Becton School) directly to arrange this. If the pupil is not resident in Sheffield, we will contact you to advise and assist you in requesting home tuition from your Local Education Authority.

Meetings and Reviews

We undertake regular reviews of student progress with all agencies, to ensure that their needs are being fully met. As the home school, your involvement is integral to future success. Through joined up working, we can ensure that any transitions are as smooth as possible. We will liaise with the NHS team to ensure that you are invited to all relevant meetings. These review meetings are vitally important to ensure that appropriate support is in place. Attendance by a representative from the home school at these meetings is essential.

Learning Mentor support

As part of our offer, all students can be/are supported by a Learning Mentor, Emma Ford. Emma's work can include; contacting home schools for background information to best support pupils, requesting school work to ensure pupils can keep up with their class, and organising or supporting referrals for home tuition (when a pupil is discharged and will not attend school for 6+ weeks). Emma's role allows her to provide vital links between families, schools, health teams and other agencies.

Curriculum

Our offer

Most students are offered one session per day, but this may change according to medical needs. The length of the session can vary, depending on the child's circumstances.

Curriculum

- Becton School work collaboratively with schools to ensure that students follow their home school curriculum, to minimise the impact of their hospital stay on their education.
- Becton School also operate a 'safety net' curriculum which is aligned to the National Curriculum. In the event that we do not receive information from schools, our staff use their own summative assessments to identify appropriate work.
- The national curriculum subject offer is further supported and complemented by our enrichment programme which is designed to help pupils develop new skills, broaden their horizons and encourage personal and social development.
- Children and young people with SEND and PMLD are offered appropriate teaching and educational support at all key stages.

Our staff

- We have specialist Primary, SEND, English, Maths, STEM and Science teachers in our Hospital team. We also deliver non-specialist lessons as supported by the pupil's main school
- Our team of teachers have all had mainstream experience
- All teachers have had additional training and are experienced in supporting medical needs, including mental health

Exams

- We are a registered exam centre. Year 11 students who are inpatients during the examination period are able to sit their exams in the hospital. We do this through the 'transferred candidate' process.
- Close working with Exams Officers is essential to the success of this and a joined-up approach between ourselves and the **home school** is vital for these students.

Key contacts/Keeping in touch

As soon as each student has been put on our roll, we will contact you. Ongoing dialogue between yourselves, as **home school**, and ourselves is essential to the success of the transition back to school.

Please see below for key contact details and spaces for you to add further details as needed.

Key contacts

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