

# Welcome to the Hospital School and Centre

Information for families

Great Ormond Street Hospital  
for Children NHS Foundation Trust

**Back in 1951, education for children and young people attending Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) started with just one teacher – the Hospital School has now grown to include 29 staff offering an enriched curriculum to all inpatients aged up to 19 years old.**

**This information sheet explains about the Hospital School and Centre at GOSH, what they offer and how your child can benefit from attending.**

## **What does the Hospital School offer?**

The Hospital School offers teaching to inpatients from 5-18 years of age. Priority is given to long-stay or recurring pupils, those studying for and sitting exams and those with a statement of special educational needs. By arrangement, we also teach siblings of long-stay pupils who are unable to attend their home school. We do not teach outpatients or day patients.

Children who are well enough to leave the ward can attend the schoolroom, where they can do their own work or follow our enriched curriculum. The schoolroom is an open plan vibrant learning environment, which is well staffed and offers excellent access

to a wide range of resources. In addition, we have a small, outside patio area for play and teaching on fine days. Children who cannot leave the ward are taught at the bedside on their ward.

### **Staff**

We have a highly qualified team of qualified teachers and teaching assistants who specialise in teaching children in the early years, primary and secondary phases. Our staff also have a variety of special educational needs qualifications and some have experience of teaching English as a foreign/second language. We also have teachers fluent in a variety of languages.
















## Curriculum

We follow the National Curriculum and can liaise with your child's home school to make sure that they do not miss any work. Here are examples of our timetables:

### Key Stage 1 & 2 Schoolroom

Our School's open every day for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6						
Open from	We teach a creative, topic based curriculum					
10 – 12.00 pm	   					
Please join the lesson at anytime	BREAK IN THE CENTRE (with school staff)					
	Our lessons will include a range of primary based skills and we'd love to see you					
Surprisingly... don't worry if you're late!						
12.00	PARENTS PLEASE COLLECT CHILDREN FROM SCHOOLROOM					
12.00 - 2.00 pm	Centre Open		Schoolroom Closed		Teaching on Wards	
2.00 pm	Time to Experiment!	Book & Film Club	Get Active with Chance 2 Shine	Cool Cooking	Golden Time	
			 Chance to shine			
3.00 pm	End of Schoolroom Day					

### Key Stage 3 & 4 Schoolroom

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00 a.m.	Maths 	Science 	ICT 	Science 	Personalised Learning 
11.00 a.m.	English 	PHSEE  Citizenship	Maths 	Guest Sessions  Ambitions, life skills, vocations, aspirations...	Personalised Learning 
12.10-2.00	Schoolroom Closed		Centre Open	Ward Teaching	
2.00 p.m.	Personalised Learning 	English 	Chance 2 Shine  Chance to shine	Art 	Golden Time 
3.00 p.m. End Of Schoolroom Day					



## Monitoring progress

We have a carefully structured system of planning, recording and assessment to ensure that each child is appropriately taught.

All pupils have an individual record within our personalised database – here teachers record the work completed by each child and any activities in which the child has taken part. Long-stay pupils also have a Personal Education Plan designed to address their individual learning needs and set learning targets which are regularly updated. End of admission or term reports are given to parents and home schools to provide an overall view of progress achieved while attending the Hospital School.

## Liaison with home schools

For long stay patients and those with recurring admissions, we liaise closely between the home school, family and child to ensure learning programmes are shared and in order to monitor academic progress of the child. We also support pupils' welfare by monitoring ongoing educational issues such as school attendance and transitions.

The process of reintegrating pupils back into their schools after they have been discharged is an integral part of our work. We believe that children, parents and school should all be supported during this process. Our Pupil Liaison Officer and teachers work hard to ensure pupils are fully assessed on entry and reintegrated successfully on discharge.

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## What does The Centre offer?

The Centre is for inpatients, outpatients and siblings of all ages (0-19 years old). It is full of excellent resources, art activities, toys, games and consoles and there are lots of people to help your child have fun and learn new things. It is an educational and recreational facility that parents can drop into with their children at anytime. The Centre is open during half terms and school holidays when the School is usually closed.

Children in reception class and above can generally be left unaccompanied and will be supervised and led by Centre staff. Children under four years old can come in to play under supervision of a parent or carer.

### Staff

The Centre is staffed by an early years specialist, a reception teacher, a fully qualified nursery nurse and a teachers' assistant.












### Curriculum

The Centre follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum for children within that aged group. The activities provided are used to plan your child's learning journey. The timetable is designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests as much as possible.

We also provide activities for older children who cannot attend school throughout the day. An example of our timetable is on the next page. We have visitors throughout the year including Singing Hands, Monkey Music, Spread a Smile and POD.

### Sensory room

The Centre is also home to the Sensory Room. The Sensory Room fosters an atmosphere of relaxation. This calming environment provides a restful and peaceful experience. This facility also has many benefits for children with special needs as it creates a stimulating and yet calming atmosphere and among other things can help to improve hand and eye co-ordination and develop language skills.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning
11.00	Physical Development 	Singing Hands 	Interactive Story 	Expressive Arts & Design 	Drama/Small World 
12.00	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning
2.00	Understanding the World 	Mark Making Mischief 	Fun with Maths 	Cool Cooking 	Golden Time  For ALL Children
3.00	Child Initiated Learning	Singing Hands (3-3.30pm) 	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning
4.10	Story Time	Shared Reading	Music Time 3.10 <i>Closed at 3.30pm</i>	Rhyme Time	Circle Time
4.30	C L O S E D F O R C L E A N I N G				
5.30	O T H E R U S E R S				

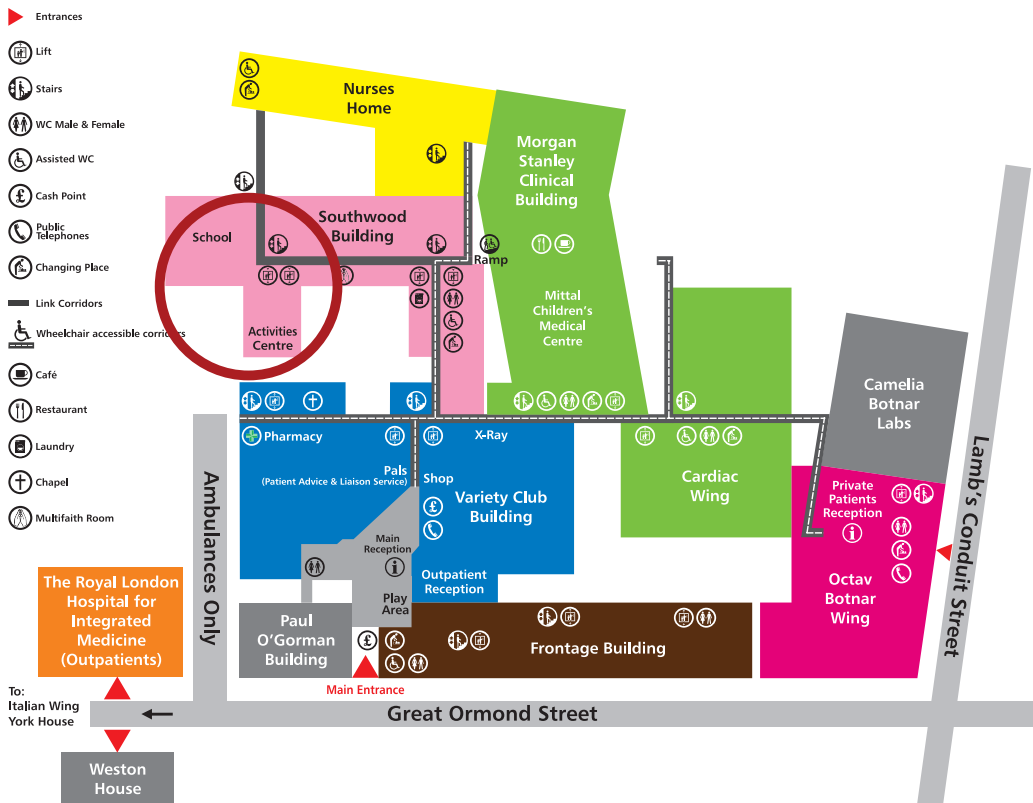
## Den

This is an area especially for our children and young people aged 10 years or older. As well as games consoles, snooker and table football, this is just a nice place to come and chill out with children of a similar age.

## Evening activities

The Centre is also where our evening activities take place:

- Scouts and Guides – Tuesdays from 6.30pm to 8pm
- Youth Club (over 10s only) – Thursdays from 5.30pm to 8pm
- Radio Lollipop – Mondays and Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm



The Hospital School and Centre are located on Level 2 (Ground Floor) of the Southwood Building.

- The Hospital School is open from Monday to Friday from 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 3pm.
- Teaching on the wards takes place throughout the day.
- The Centre is open from Monday to Friday from 10am to 4.30pm (except on Wednesdays when it closes at 3.30pm).

**If you would like to know more about the Hospital School and Centre, please call us on 020 7813 8269 or 020 7813 8273 or email [admin@gosh.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gosh.camden.sch.uk)**

## **Notes**

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