

Welcome to the Hospital School and Activity 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 31 staff offering an enriched curriculum to all inpatients, including those staying in the patient hotel.

This information sheet explains what the Hospital School and Activity Centre at GOSH can 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. Long stay and recurring children who cannot leave the ward are taught 1:1 at the bedside.














Staff

We have a highly qualified team of 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 are fluent in additional languages and have experience of teaching English as a second language. We also have pupil mentors and a pupil liaison officer to help your child engage with school and to facilitate home school links and communication.

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 3rd September-25th October 2013

Our School's open every day for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6					
Open from 10 - 12.00 Please join the lesson at anytime Surprisingly... don't worry if you're late!	We teach a creative, topic based curriculum				
	   				
	BREAK IN THE CENTRE (with school staff) Our lessons will include a range of primary based skills and we'd love to see you				
   					
12.00 PARENTS PLEASE COLLECT CHILDREN FROM SCHOOLROOM					
12.00 - 1.30		Centre Open		Schoolroom Closed	
1:30-2:30	Personalised Learning	Personalised Learning	Personalised Learning	Personalised Learning	Golden Time 
2:30-3:30	Design & Technology 	Writers workshop 	Get Active with Chance 2 Shine 	Modern Foreign Languages 	
3.30 pm		End of Schoolroom Day			

Key Stage 3 & 4 Schoolroom

Autumn Term 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00	Maths 	Science 	Maths 	Science 	English 
11.00	English 	Computing 	'STEM' science, technology, engineering, maths 	Guest Speakers  world news, vocations, aspirations	Personalised Learning 
12.00	CLOSED FOR LUNCH				
1.30	Personalised Learning		Personalised Learning	Personalised Learning	
2.30	Personalised Learning 	Citizenship 	Chance 2 Shine 	Art 	Golden Time 
3.30	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 sheet on the school's database which teachers use to record the work completed by each child and the progress made. 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

The process of reintegrating pupils back into their schools after they have been discharged is an integral part of what our Hospital School does. 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.

For patients with recurring admissions we keep in touch with the child, the family and the home school, ensuring that everyone is aware of a child's progress. We also support pupils' welfare by monitoring ongoing educational issues such as school attendance.

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**If you know that your child is coming to GOSH for a longish stay please do ask your child's teachers for details of any schoolwork that they might need to be keeping up with (depending on how well they are feeling, of course)*

What does The Activity Centre offer?

The Activity 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. It is open throughout lunchtimes, after school and during most of the school holidays.

We welcome under fours to the Activity Centre and encourage creativity, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, imagination, problem solving skills, first words, hand-eye co-ordination, social skills and more by providing a range of resources including soft play equipment, interactive toys, learning toys, rattles, baby walkers, light & sound toys, shape sorters and stacking toys.

- Children in reception class and above can generally be left unaccompanied and will be supervised and led by Activity Centre staff.
- Children under four years can also be left unaccompanied on referral basis only.

Staff









The Activity Centre is staffed by an early years specialist, an early years educator and a fully qualified nursery nurse.

Curriculum

The Activity Centre follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum for children within that aged group (nursery & reception). 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.

Here is an example of our timetable:

THE CENTRE ext. 8273 (Level 2 Southwood Building)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning	Child Initiated Learning
	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
	 Understanding the World	 Communication Language & Literacy	 Fun with Maths	 Messy Play	 Team Time
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				

Sensory room

The Activity 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.

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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 Activity Centre is also where our evening activities take place: Please see the notice board outside the Activity Centre for details.

The Hospital School and Activity 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 1.30pm to 3.30pm.
- The Activity 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 Activity Centre, please visit the School website at:
www.gosh.camden.sch.uk or call the School (020 7813 8269)/
Activity Centre (020 7813 8273) or email
admin@gosh.camden.sch.uk**

Notes

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