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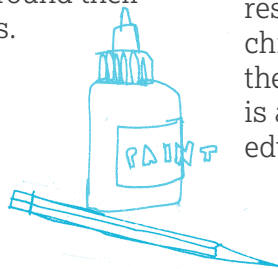
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**Information for children, young
people and their families**

Oak Centre for Children and Young People

The Schoolroom

The Schoolroom provides a safe, nurturing and stimulating learning environment for all children and young people between Reception and Year 13 who are currently receiving treatment at the Oak Centre for Children and Young People, either as an inpatient or outpatient. Older pupils are often taught in the Hub area of the Teenage Cancer Trust Ward. If your child is too unwell to attend the Schoolroom or is required to stay in isolation we are also able to offer bedside teaching. We work closely with our therapy and medical colleagues and our flexible approach allows your child to fit school around their medical needs.



The Schoolroom is open between 10am – 12pm and 1pm – 3.30pm every weekday during term time. For our youngest pupils, we recommend a maximum of one hour of teaching in the morning and afternoon. The teachers work hard to provide normality through education, to prevent anxiety about schoolwork, offer interesting daily activities, maintain continued progress and foster positive social interactions with peers.

The teaching team aims to ensure that all pupils have access to creative, fun and varied learning opportunities consistent with the National Curriculum. With your permission we liaise with home schools (who have a legal responsibility to oversee your child's education throughout their treatment) to ensure there is as much continuity in pupils' education and learning as



possible. We are very happy to support pupils who wish to complete work that has been set by their home school or home tutor. We are a registered examination centre and can arrange for pupils to sit public exams such as GCSEs and A-levels during their stay as an inpatient.

If your child is unable to return to their home school and they are likely to miss school for three weeks or more due to medical reasons, you can request home tuition. You or the home school will need to contact the Education Department at your Local Authority in which you live as soon as possible to make the arrangements. You may require documentation from the hospital medical staff to support your request for home tuition.

If you need support with arranging home tuition please let us know.

“My daughter's needs were fully understood and always catered for by the teacher.”

“My child felt relaxed and happy in The Schoolroom or when being taught by her bedside.”

Patient Sam Randles with teacher
Felicity Pont, in the Schoolroom
at the Oak Centre for Children and
Young People





Contact us



The Schoolroom is run and managed by Sutton Tuition and Reintegration Service (STARS) in partnership with The Royal Marsden. STARS is the Medical Pupil Referral Unit for the London Borough of Sutton, and works with pupils across the borough who are not able to attend school for medical reasons.



Please contact us if you have any questions or would like further information.

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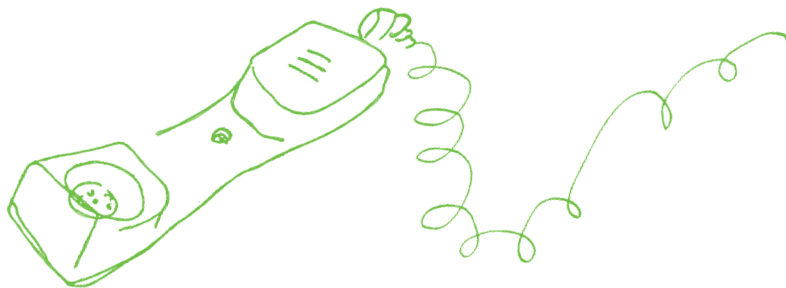
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“The Schoolroom has excellent communication with our son and his home school.”

“I can’t fault it at all – my son is learning and having fun at the same time, which is brilliant!”



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Sutton Tuition and Reintegration Service



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