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

Oak Centre for Children and Young People

# The Schoolroom

**T**he Schoolroom provides a safe, nurturing and stimulating learning environment for all children and young people who are currently receiving treatment at The Royal Marsden Hospital, including those attending the Teenage Cancer Trust Ward. We work with all pupils between Reception and Year 13 and offer support to both inpatients and outpatients. We also offer bedside teaching for any pupils who are too unwell to attend the Schoolroom or are required to stay in isolation. 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.

The teachers work hard to provide normality through education, to prevent anxiety about schoolwork, maintain progress and foster positive social interactions with peers to feel a sense of belonging during their time in hospital.

The teaching team aim to ensure that all pupils have access to a tailored, high quality and enjoyable education with varied learning opportunities consistent with the National Curriculum.

We also arrange for regular curriculum enrichment opportunities from a range of visitors including sports coaches, artists, musicians and museum experts.





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 and are always happy to support pupils who wish to complete work that has been set by their home school or 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.

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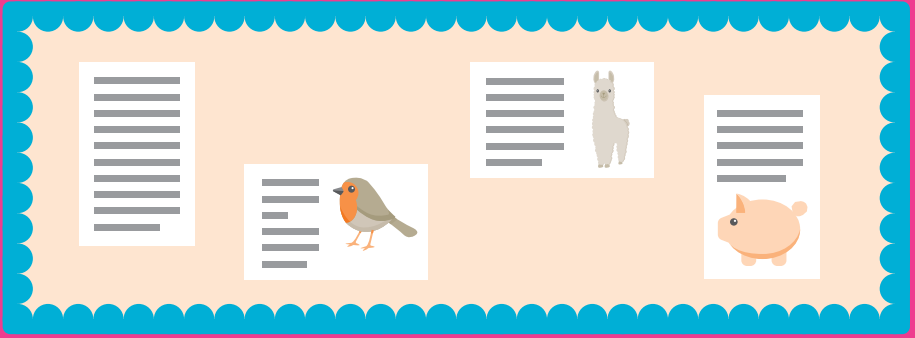
*'My son has been incredibly poorly and the teachers have been so kind and flexible to make sure he is learning and happy. The schoolroom is his favourite place.'*

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. Your child's 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.

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*'My daughter has really enjoyed being able to attend school and have some normality during her time in hospital whilst having chemotherapy. The teachers are brilliant and it is so nice to see my daughter happy and her confidence building.'*



# 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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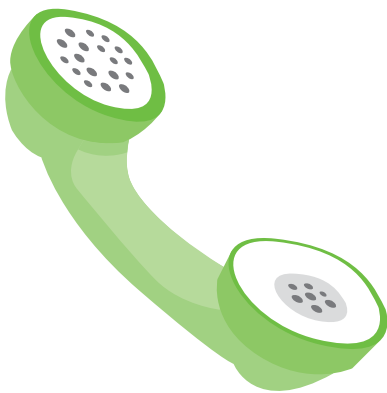
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*'I can't fault it at all – my son is learning and having fun at the same time with friends, which is brilliant!'*



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*'Our daughter's complex learning needs were fully understood and always catered for by the teachers to enable her to engage.'*



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