

Information about The Learning Centre

Welcome to The Learning Centre

The Learning Centre is a short stay school providing education for pupils referred through the referrals and admissions procedure who, for a variety of reasons are unable to access mainstream education. These include medical, social and complex mental health issues. The provision is short term while students are assessed and helped towards a return to mainstream or other placement. Our aim is to support our students to progress to mainstream or another setting as soon as is appropriate.



Education Programmes

Teaching can be arranged for the period of time your child is unable to attend school. We hope that by continuing education, reintegration back into school will be easier. We aim to provide a personalised programme of tuition in small groups, which will take place in The Learning Centre, in Mangotsfield. Only in very exceptional circumstances will tuition take place at home.

The curriculum offers:

- Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Design Technology & ICT
- PSHME, Citizenship, & Emotional Literacy
- Outdoor Activities

The ethos of our short stay school is based on creating an environment where pupils can learn to recognise causes and triggers of behaviour and feelings and use that new understanding to move forward.

The Learning Centre's Role

- On admissions all children will undertake an initial assessment to inform staff how best to plan for your child's personalised learning programme.
- To provide inclusive learning and teaching approaches, differentiating the work as necessary in order to remove any barriers to achievement
- To devise an personalised learning plan appropriate to your child's academic and emotional needs.
- To regularly plan and evaluate work for each pupil. Detailed planning and evaluation will also take place through regular reviews to which pupils and parents would normally be invited
- To attend reviews, case conferences and multi-agency meetings concerning the pupil.

How Parents/Carers Can Help

It is important to remember that expectations here are no different from that of any other school environment. We encourage parents / carers to work with us and your child to support and encourage him/her in learning appropriate ways of behaving and socialising so that he/she can enjoy, achieve and make a positive contribution to the community.

If teaching takes place at home, we are obliged to follow South Gloucestershire Education Authority's Health and Safety Policy which requires a parent or responsible adult to be present in the home during teaching. It would be helpful if a quiet area could be provided away from other distractions and, if possible, a table to work on. Staff who teach students at home will need to teach in a smoke free room. If there has been a smoker using the room, it should be well ventilated and smoke free. This is South Gloucestershire policy. If you have a pet (eg cat or dog) please ensure that it is kept shut in a separate room for the duration of our visit. **If for any reason your child is unavailable** - e.g. hospital appointment or is too unwell to be taught, please contact us immediately.

