

The Hospital School room is based within Derbyshire Children's Hospital, at Royal Derby Hospital, on the Puffin Ward. The classroom is run by the Local Authority and managed by The Kingsmead School.

*Meet the Team...*

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# HOSPITAL EDUCATION

Puffin Ward  
Royal Derby Hospital

*"The primary aim of educating children and young people who have medical needs is to minimise as far as possible, the disruption to normal schooling by continuing education as normally as incapacity will allow"*

(‘Access to Education for Children and Young People with Medical Needs’ DfES 2001)

## ABOUT THE HOSPITAL SCHOOL...

- All young person's on the children's wards are welcome to access education. However if spaces are limited then those who are in hospital for more than 5 days, those who have frequent admissions and those with special needs have to take priority.
- When children are admitted to hospital, parents and carers are welcome to visit the team and meet the staff.
- We are open for 5 mornings a week during term time.
- The daily sessions are from 9.00am to 12.00pm.
- Children will be provided with education for whole or part of the morning depending on their medical condition(s) or treatment(s).

- Ward staff advise the teachers whether children are fit to attend education.
- Children and young people work on programmes within the context of the National Curriculum.
- The work is individually planned and offers the children learning that is appropriate to their age, ability and particular needs while they are in hospital.
- Children will be given tasks to complete on the ward with support from the school staff.
- Parents/carers are always welcome to talk with staff, ask questions and exchange information.
- The young person's school always remains responsible for their education and the hospital education staff liaise with a child's own school as necessary.