

Special Schools Nursing Service

Who we are and what we do



Who are we?

We work in partnership with special schools to make sure children with complex health needs can access education safely.

We work collaboratively with school staff – empowering them through training and competency assessments – to deliver care to students whose needs can be safely delegated. This increases the number of people available that can safely care for and support the students at school.

School staff are supported to be confident and competent through training and assessment, which is completed annually or sooner, if required.



What do we do?

Our team of specialist nurses are committed to making sure students receive high quality care at school and we support students with more complex health needs by:

- carrying out nursing assessments and liaising with other healthcare professionals
- delivering core health training to school staff – asthma, seizure awareness and management, pressure area care awareness
- training and competency assessing school staff to safely carry out specific health tasks bespoke to the student, for example enteral feeding, tracheostomy care, oral suctioning
- supporting the school in completing personalised care and support plans for those children with higher complexities
- making sure there are clear escalation plans for students so school staff can be responsive to student's needs





- supporting the student to return to school following a change in health need
- contributing to the student's Education and Health Care Plan and annual review, as required
- complete continence assessments and product reviews for those children and young people with complex health needs
- nurses work with wider health professionals and multi agency partners to support the children's health needs
- supporting transition to adult services.

Some students may have health needs that are not suitable to delegate to school staff and where this is the case, the nurses will discuss jointly with the school and parents/ carers to decide what arrangements or plans need to be made.

Any child or young person with a health need attending one of the named special schools has access to the Special School Nursing Service.





How to contact us

The special schools have been grouped into clusters according to area and while the nurses work within the school, they work together to address the safety of all the students in their cluster.

West Kent cluster

Five Acre Wood – 01622 743925

Nexus – 01732 771384

North Kent and Swale cluster

Milestone – 01474 709420

Ifield – 01474 365485

Meadowfield – 01795 477788

East Kent cluster

St Nicholas – 01227 464316

Foreland Fields – 01843 863891

South Kent cluster

Wyvern – 01233 621468

Beacon – 01303 847555

Whitfield Aspen – 01304 821526

Aspen 2* – 01304 820126

East Sussex

Grove Park

Primary – 01892 663018

Secondary – 01892 603095

Sixth Form – 01892 603077

*Aspen 2 is a Specialist Resourced Provision within Dover Christ Church Academy, Melbourne Avenue, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 2EG

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