#### **Support Returning to School**

Successful return to a full time educational programme in school is a primary aim for all concerned. Re integration plans vary in accordance with individual need. In cases such as pregnancy or accidental injuries that have rendered a pupil immobile for a fixed period of time students should be able to return to full time education with minimal support. In cases where a child has experienced serious physical or mental illness, a carefully monitored, graduated re integration plan will support the pupil return successfully into a full time educational programme in their mainstream school.

### Parallel Learning Trust

# Medical Tuition Service

#### **Contact us**

For any further information or any questions that you might have about this service please don't hesitate to call us.

Medical Tuition Service

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Service Manager: Jenny Finch

Medical Tutors: Claire Colman and Rachel Champion

## **Information for Parents**



#### What is the Medical Tuition Service?

The Medical Tuition Service provides one to one and small group educational support for children and young people living within the Southend area. The Service aims to minimise disruption to learning for pupils who are unable to attend school due to physical illness, serious accidental injury, mental ill health or pregnancy. The service is able to provide daily tuition at a location that suits needs.

To be eligible for medical tuition a pupil must meet the following criteria:

- ⇒ Expected to be absent from school for at least 15 days (consecutive or cumulative for the same medical condition)
- $\Rightarrow$  Live at a Southend address.
- $\Rightarrow$  Be of compulsory school age (5-16yrs)
- ⇒ Be subject to a medical care plan with the NHS , including the Child & Adolescent Mental Heath Service.
- $\Rightarrow$  For pregnant school girls, tuition can be provided from 6 weeks before the due date and is provided for a maximum of 13 weeks.

If you feel your child meets the above criteria, talk to your child's school in the first instance, requesting a referral be made to our service. We are only able to accept referrals made by schools in the Southend area . Alternatively call Tracey Wilson:

01702 347490 or email on twilson@victorypark.org.uk

#### **How the Service Works**

The referral process works as follows:

- <u>Referral made by school to medical tuition service with supporting evidence from NHS/EWMHS Consultant / Psychiatrist /</u> <u>Senior Clinical Manager</u> or Southend's Teenage Pregnancy Advisor. NB: the referral must state that the child is either receiving treatment or in a period of recovery following a medical procedure.
- 2. A meeting takes place between MTS, Parents, the referring school and medical representative to agree educational support, mainstream reintegration plan and joint review cycle.
- 3. Tutor liaises with mainstream school to agree individualised learning programme. This will be designed to ensure continuation in learning and where possible, taking into consideration child's health, to prevent gaps in learning occurring.
- 4. The MTS complete an initial home visit and risk assessment.
- 5. Tuition commences in the home and where possible local venues such as libraries.
- 6. Regular reviews including pupils, parents, mainstream and health professionals monitor progress and plan for re integration.
- 7. When well enough, the service will support the pupil to successfully re integrate into their school.