

Meldreth Manor

Meldreth, Cambridge/Hertfordshire



About our School and Children's Home

Meldreth Manor supports children and young people age 6-18 years who have complex learning difficulties and is one of the few schools in the country that is also able to support complex health needs and associated difficulties. These may be as a result of conditions such as cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury, degenerative conditions or autism requiring a specialist approach.

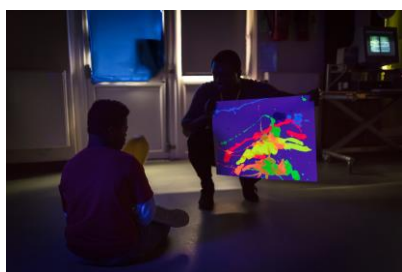


Young people may have multiple disabilities, including sensory and physical impairments and benefit from specialist facilities designed to meet their needs. The highly skilled team of teaching, care and clinical staff take a holistic approach that considers physical, emotional, social, sensory and educational needs within a waking day curriculum.

The support provided enables each young person to engage and progress at their own level within a living and learning environment that is all about enriching individual lives and helping everyone to achieve their full potential as they reach adulthood. Our aim is quite simple, to empower young people to grow in their own unique and inspiring way.

Facilities

The school provides day placements for 38 weeks of the year and the children's home offers flexible residential placements for up to 52 weeks of the year, including weekly boarding and shared care arrangements or residential care placements for young people accessing other local schools. Short breaks are also available for a small number of children who are looking for overnight stays during term time and in the holidays at a caring and homely facility able to meet their complex needs.



Set within 14-acres, the site provides creative spaces for living and learning which are currently undergoing a multimillion pound redesign and refurbishment to include interior designed living areas, upgraded school, a new hydrotherapy pool and landscaped gardens with a multi-use activity area. There will be a café and hub in the front of the school, providing opportunities for young people to undertake social enterprises including running the café and events.

The service provides:

- High staff ratios
- Small classes of up to six students
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Rebound therapy
- Multi-media room
- Multi-sensory areas
- Individual learning areas for break out time and quiet time
- Therapy including physiotherapy, speech and language and occupational therapy
- Nursing support
- Accessible site with hoisting throughout

Education

The school offers a curriculum that is broad and balanced and differentiated, providing relevant and exciting learning opportunities that are designed to meet individual needs. It is planned around the key areas of learning; communication, cognition, physical and sensory skills and personal, self-help and life skills and it is personalised to take account of the needs, abilities and strengths of students. Tasks and activities are differentiated to enable every individual to make progress at the pace that is right for them.



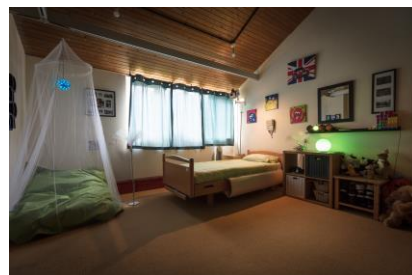
Throughout the school week students experience consistent and familiar rhythms that help them to make sense of the structure of their day. These are enhanced with therapy programmes designed to help break down the barriers they may face as a result of their disabilities and help gain skills that will in turn support their educational programmes. Students have personalised targets that are referenced and reviewed regularly by teaching staff, who are skilled in segmenting common learning themes into discrete activities, enabling students to work towards and achieve their personal goals.

This approach is enhanced by the imaginative use of a variety of interesting and appropriate resources and the environments they learn in - from the rich experiences of sound, colour and touch in the sensory room, through to visits at the local garden centre, physical work in the hydrotherapy pool or during energizing rebound therapy. Regular trips provide opportunities for students to experience the local and wider communities and put their life skills into practice.

Enterprise activities are also explored by students and have included Meldreth Manor Apple Juice using the fruits of the orchard and creating handmade greetings cards.

Residential

Meldreth Manor is also a registered children's home and provides flexible accommodation designed to meet the needs of the children and young people. The extensive refurbishment programme will provide highly desirable themed rooms and a vibrant yet homely space in which to live, whether throughout the year or just occasionally if undertaking a short break.



Our care team is passionate about ensuring that every individual is happy, healthy and well supported to meet their individual needs, embracing their abilities and nurturing them to make choices about the lives they want to live. Developing friendships, exploring new and favourite interests, taking advantage of the many opportunities for after school and social activities are all part of life at Meldreth.

Supporting the complex physical, sensory and health needs of children and young people is crucial to maintaining good health for young people so they can access education and take part in their daily activities. Skills include delivering personal care and medications, posture management, managing epilepsy and other conditions.

Houses have spacious living/dining room with TV, games and eating areas and individual bedrooms with a mix of bathing facilities and hoisting throughout for safe and easy movement for those with physical conditions. For those that can eat orally, fresh food is prepared daily by our chef and a variety of tastes and diets are catered for. We encourage families to visit regularly and are able to offer limited family accommodation, which is also undergoing a makeover.

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