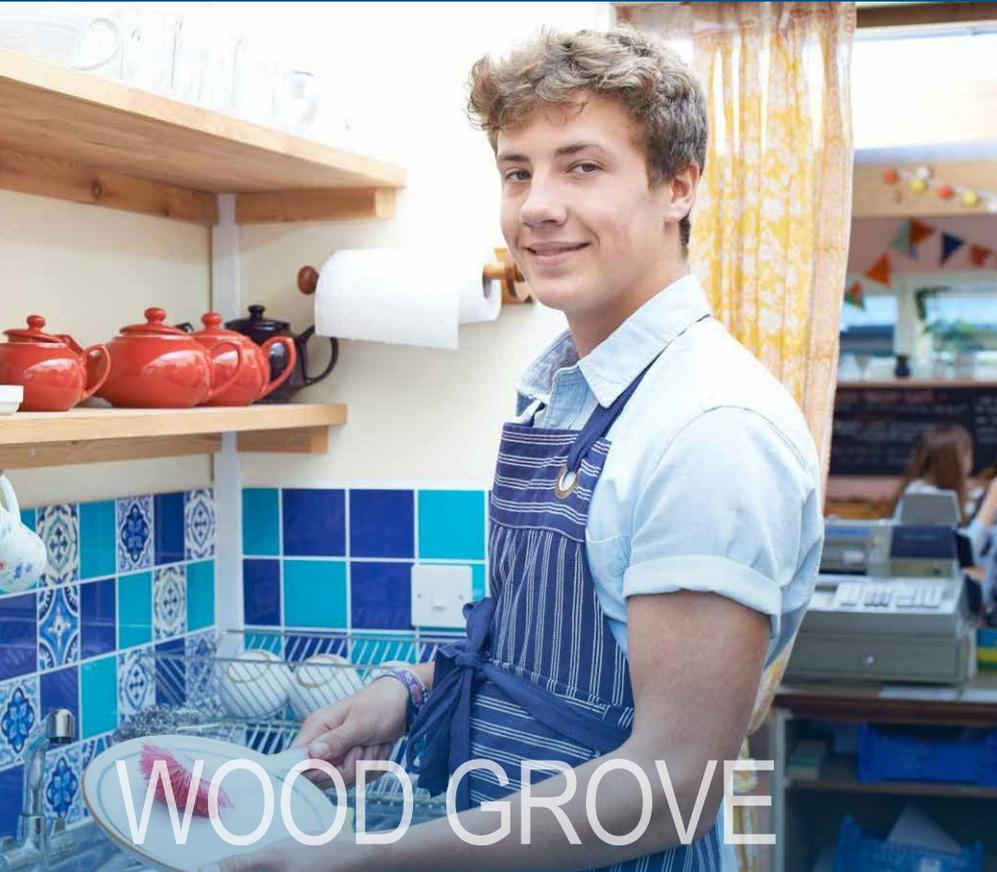




Wood Grove



Most of the children and young people who come to Wood Grove require a 52 week residential placement but we can also offer crisis and short term placements.

The young people at Wood Grove access and participate in education off site, either at a local school or with a further education provision. They can travel independently, or be supported to attend education, depending on age and individual need. Each young person has an individualised plan to support their emotional, physical, and medical needs.

Wood Grove children's home is registered with Ofsted to provide care and support for up to four children and young people aged between 11 to 18 years who are struggling with social, emotional and behavioural problems. The staff team specialise in working with traumatised young people who may have attachment or personality disorders which have led them to display risky behaviours, abscond, or suffer from mental health problems. The home can also support children and young people who have learning difficulties such as mild autism, Asperger's syndrome, ADHD and dyslexia.



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The Home

The home is set in a residential street in Colchester, Essex and offers each young person their own bedroom and bathroom, either en-suite or next to their room. Wood Grove offers spacious communal living spaces including a lounge and a games room. The home is situated close to the centre of town near with access to local amenities.

Promoting Learning

Wood Grove adopts a child centred approach and believes that every child or young person has the right to access opportunities to enjoy learning, experience achievement and maximise their potential. We support young people to re-engage in external education and catch up on missed learning so that they may have the opportunity to return to main stream schooling or access further education, training and employment.

Young people will also engage in an extensive life skills programme which continues in order that they receive support Post 16, through to semi or independent living. The staff team supports opportunities for work experience, including the development of employability skills.

Each child or young person is provided with a work space within their own bedroom, if they wish, where they can study privately. Children and young people also have supervised access to computers outside normal school hours. Staff will always support and assist children and young people to complete homework tasks set for them.



Outcomes

At Wood Grove we strive to ensure that each child or young person achieves positive outcomes in their personal and social lives. We do this by providing each child or young person with an individual support plan which addresses their emotional, physical, social and educational needs.

Staff and young people work to promote the development of maintaining and developing relationships, self-awareness, self-esteem, academic and vocational achievements, competence and independence.

The Young People

Great emphasis is placed on consultation and contributions from the young people and they are encouraged to be involved in decision-making. They are valued and their opinions are listened to and respected. The young people will, whenever possible, be part of the recruitment and interview process for prospective employees.

All young people have 1:1 keyworker sessions, where time is spent building a trusting relationship where any issues, wishes or fears the young person may have can be shared. In addition a weekly house meeting is held to provide a forum for ideas, issues, suggestions and celebrations that the young people want to share.

Independent advocacy is accessed locally through Barnardos and Voice services.

Activities

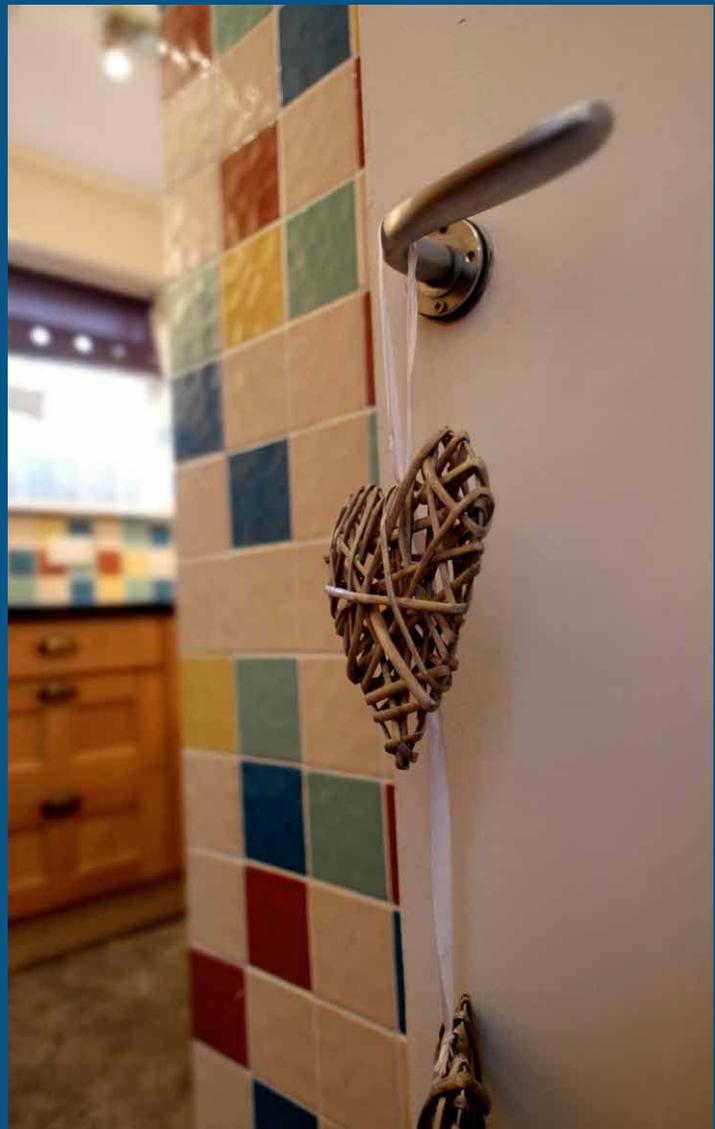
Wood Grove strives to achieve a balance between encouraging individuals to arrange activities for themselves, meeting their friends and using local community resources, and providing specific activities for them, either on an individual basis or as part of a group.

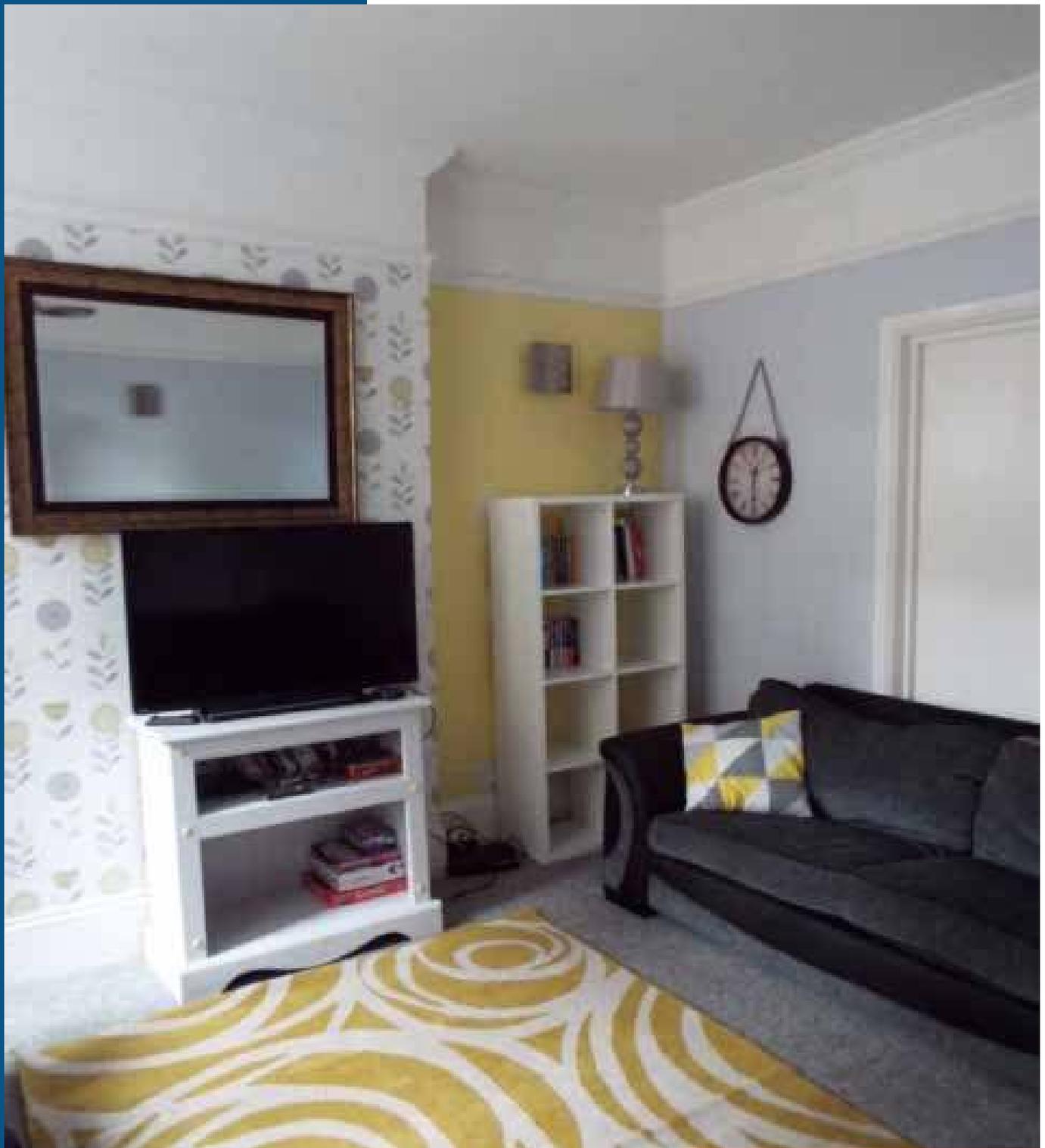
Activities are planned in advance with input from the young people, but the home also recognises that young people's social lives and arrangements will often change at short notice and we will try to facilitate this. There is a recognised need for young people to have an appropriate mix of free time and structured activities.

Health

At Wood Grove the physical, emotional and health needs of each young person are identified and any action needed, planned for. Each young person has a Health Plan as part of their Placement Plan, it outlines any specific health needs, and ensures that all staff are aware of how to meet these needs. Diet and menus are planned in partnership with the young people and staff help make sure they are nutritionally balanced.

All young people are registered with a local GP, an optician and a dentist and they are provided with guidance and support on health issues and healthy lifestyle choices.





Therapeutic Support

The children and young people benefit from individual, confidential, therapeutic time and space provided for them by Wood Grove therapists, key workers and care workers. Creative therapies allow the young people to express themselves and confront their feelings in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

Families

Young people should be able to maintain constructive contact with their families, friends and others who play a significant role in their lives. The promotion of good quality contact between parents, extended family and friends and the young person being looked after, is actively encouraged, unless there is good or legal reasons not to.

Training

Wood Grove is part of Kedleston Group Ltd and as such is supported by a national and local training programme. The organisation offers both new and existing staff specialist training in addition to the induction and mandatory training which all staff complete. Training includes and is not limited to safeguarding, SEND code of practice, online safety, equality and diversity and data protection.

All professional staff working directly with the children and young people are trained in challenging behaviour, positive behaviour management, and Team-Teach.





Governance and Safeguarding

Kedleston has a governance body comprising of a senior team who oversee, Quality and Compliance, Education, Care, Health, Safety and Estate Management, Human Resources and Training, Financial Management and Strategic Partnerships, The Senior Team are experienced education and care professionals who provide the organisation with the scrutiny and challenge required to ensure that the young people we support are educated and cared for in a safe, supportive and caring environment.

A Safeguarding Overview Committee meets monthly and is chaired by a non-executive Director who reviews all safeguarding across the group. These robust arrangements ensure that lessons learnt and examples of good practice are shared across the group. We continually review our systems in order to strengthen staff awareness and protect the young people in our care.



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Contact

Wood Grove welcome visits from families, children and young people, professionals and other stakeholders by appointment. Please use the contact details below:

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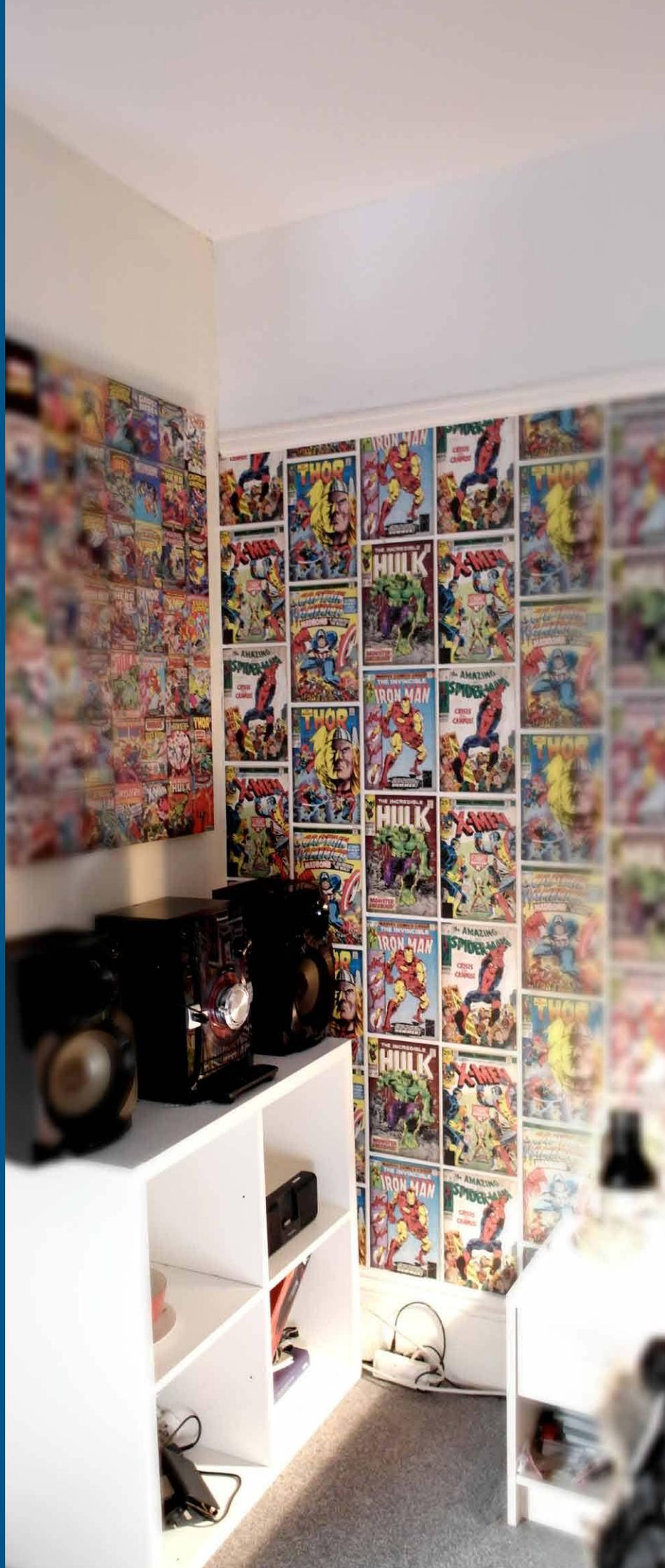
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