

Wings School Notts



Wings Notts Day School

The day school forms part of the residential school which provides education for boys and girls aged 9 to 17 years.

Pupils who come to the day school may have social and emotional problems, are challenged by attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia, and dyspraxia or other specific learning difficulties.

The day school at Wings Notts is registered with Ofsted to take up to 15 pupils.

Education

The majority of pupils who come to the school have Education, Health and Care plans in place (formerly SEN statements).

In the 2017 Good Ofsted Report for Wings Notts Education, Inspectors praised the school for its broad curriculum and the quality of teaching and assessment. They also said that this allowed pupils to make good progress from their mostly low starting points.

“Disadvantaged pupils make strong progress towards challenging targets and begin to close the gaps in their knowledge, understanding and skills.”

Ofsted Good Education Report 2017

The school is an historic building set in extensive grounds within a small Nottinghamshire village. Both the grounds and the school buildings lend themselves to both on and off-site learning. Facilities include:

- Traditional learning spaces (max 8 pupils per class)
- Smaller nurture learning spaces (for one to one & small group work)
- Full sized sports hall
- Extensive grounds and playing fields

WINGS SCHOOL NOTTS

Wings School Notts is a therapeutic SEMH residential school registered with the Department of Education and a children’s home registered with Ofsted.

The school offers specialist co-ed residential placements for children and young people aged nine to 17 years, 38 week and 52 week placements including a day school provision for those who live locally. The school and the children’s home both support children and young people who require additional support to meet their needs.

The school promotes the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people, enabling them to achieve in education, enjoy social activities, have positive relationships and feel empowered and supported to take care of themselves physically and emotionally as they make the transition towards independent living.



Education continued...

The school provide a range of qualifications including GCSE, BTEC, Entry Level, Functional Skills and AIM awards. Subjects covered are English, maths, science, art, ICT, humanities, food technology, design and technology and photography.

Wings School Notts also offers the following: Duke of Edinburgh and John Muir Award and students have the opportunity to gain accredited awards in swimming, climbing, orienteering and trampolining.

The younger students have the opportunity to attend sessions at Farm Eco, an offsite provision reconnecting people to food and farming, supporting education and apprenticeships in agriculture, providing therapeutic support through Green Care.



Care

Young people are supported in learning and improving all aspects of their daily life within the homes. There is a comprehensive key work programme that focuses on educating young people on a range of social, emotional and behavioural objectives as well as supporting the young person to express their identity and views. Young people are celebrated when they make progress and are continually supported and nurtured when further progress needs to be made.

The care team continue to support education on a daily basis and this has been recognised through Ofsted inspections in that;

“Young people’s attendance and engagement in formal education is excellent and exceeds national averages. Staff work very closely and proactively with the school, in order to ensure consistency of care and support to young people. Young people who have completed their formal education move on to further education or training in the local area. Staff fully support them to make a positive transition from school and place a high value on education as a staff team.”

Ofsted Outstanding Care Report 2017

The care home provision at Wings Notts is made up of a purpose built home which is sectioned in to smaller living areas as well as separate buildings on site which offer smaller more bespoke living accommodation for those requiring specialist support. Led by the Home Manager, the care staff support every child to help them gain the living and coping skills to take them in to adult life.

In the recent Outstanding care inspection Ofsted inspectors stated:

“The children’s home provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the home contribute to significantly improved outcomes for children and young people who need help, protection and care.”

School Residential Settings are made up of The Bothy: a two bed home, Falcon: a 6 bed home, Swan, Swift and Linnet: 8 bed homes, Swallow: a 7 bed home and Hawk: a 5 bed home.



The Staff

Children and young people at the school are supported by a team of educational staff which includes teachers, learning support assistants and a pastoral learning support assistant who leads on communication with families and other stakeholders. The education team is matched by a care team, managed by the Registered Home Manager, Deputy and both day and night care workers. All staff work together to ensure the well-being of the young people is met through the education, care and support they receive and that each young person knows they are valued. Children and young people at Wings Notts are involved in the recruitment process of both care and education staff.

Families

Wings Notts works closely with parents and carers to ensure the needs of each young person are understood and fully met. We promote a positive transition by encouraging young people to visit prior to their placement starting with us. Wings Notts provides children, young people and their families' with guides which, inform them about what to expect and what their care pathway will look like from the beginning. Where appropriate visits from family members, friends and significant others who the children and young people value are actively encouraged.



Clinical support

Many of the young people who come to live at the school have had multiple placement breakdowns and are often trying to come to terms with difficult and traumatic experiences in early life. Therefore, our priority in the first instance is to ensure that each young person feels safe and secure. As part of this approach we follow a trauma systems approach, so each young person's therapeutic input is guided by an individual psychological formulation, we regularly provide therapeutic consultation to both care and education staff and also oversee therapeutic key work around issues such as emotional regulation problems. Young people are able to access therapy, where indicated and required. The school has in-house clinical psychology, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy in place. Our occupational therapist leads on the assessment and development of independence skills, as we recognise the importance of our young people thriving in our environment, but also being able to transition towards more independent living.

The main psychological therapeutic approaches that we draw on include:

- Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT)
- Compassion Focused Therapy (CFT)
- Systemic approaches
- Brief dynamic therapy
- Motivational Interviewing
- Mindfulness

Training

Wings Notts 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, quality and compliance which is chaired by a non-executive director and meets termly.

Governance, Quality and Compliance

The Kedleston Group operates a robust approach to ensuring all of the schools are fully compliant with all appropriate standards and legislation.

Each school is required to have a full governance meeting on a termly basis which is led by the Principal or Head Teacher and will always include appropriate members of the Kedleston senior leadership team and be attended by the Chief Executive or Chief Operating Officer. On occasions the governance meetings will also be attended by one of the company's non-executive directors.

A comprehensive programme of audits undertaken by each member of the Kedleston senior leadership team for their respective areas of responsibility forms part of the governance process along with regularly commissioned external audits of the education provision and previous Ofsted inspection reports.

A sub-committee of the board has responsibility for overseeing governance, quality and compliance which is chaired by a non-executive director and meets termly.

Contact:

Wings School Notts welcome visits from families, children and young people, professionals and other stakeholders.

To make a referral:

Referrals: 0800 0246 985
Referrals@kedlestongroup.com

Safeguarding

The Kedleston Group Safeguarding Lead is responsible for ensuring that rigorous safeguarding arrangements are in place across the group, and that each school operates in accordance with the guidelines of each Local Safeguarding Children's Board and other regulatory and statutory boards.

A detailed safeguarding audit is undertaken on a termly basis of each school and the Group Safeguarding Lead will also chair the various local safeguarding committee meetings to ensure that all safeguarding concerns are dealt with and responded to appropriately and that lessons learned and best practice is shared across the Group.

The Group Safeguarding Lead reports directly to the Safeguarding Overview Committee which comprises of two non-executive directors, one of whom has extensive knowledge and experience of the children's sector, the Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer.

The Safeguarding Overview Committee is a sub-committee of the Kedleston Group Board and meets monthly.

To further information please contact:

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