

# THE ORCHARD CENTRE

*'Providing access to appropriate support for all children and young people with medical and mental health needs, thereby keeping education alive.'*

## Lawnswood Campus

Lawnswood Campus is home to four pupil referral units (PRUs) serving the schools and the City of Wolverhampton. The aim of all four Centres is to work with students who find mainstream schooling a challenge and provide opportunities to help them make their next steps more positive. Lawnswood Campus is committed to excellence. We enable learning by providing a rich and meaningful curriculum targeting students' personalised needs. We aim to help our students overcome social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) in order to manage their behaviour and make considered choices.

Lawnswood Campus is underpinned by shared values of:

- Equality of opportunity
- Respect
- Commitment
- A culture of shared responsibilities
- A belief that everyone has the capacity to learn and improve
- Honesty
- Trust and
- Achievement

The Orchard and Nightingale Centres work closely together to meet the needs of students with a range of medical, mental health and SEMH needs. The Orchard Centre provides a full-time provision whilst The Nightingale Centre offers a part-time provision at the Centre, New Cross Hospital and in children's homes or other learning environments e.g. libraries and other public buildings.



## The Orchard Centre

The Orchard Centre Pupil Referral Unit provides full-time education for students in Key Stage 3 and 4 who require SEMH support. We also welcome referrals for students with medical needs, which result in difficulties in accessing mainstream education.

We endeavour to improve the life chances of every young person who enters our Centre by providing a holistic approach to teaching and learning and celebrating success. Through personalised learning and meaningful interventions, students have the opportunity to reach their full potential in a caring and nurturing environment.

We also offer Lawnswood Integrated Therapy Service, which consists of counselling psychologists, trainee health psychologists and trained counsellors offering creative therapies. Specialist and experienced staff offer care and support in a nurturing and encouraging environment to enable students to build confidence, self-esteem and develop healthy relationships. Close liaison with families and relevant agencies to build partnerships and effective networks in order to provide students with better life chances.

We seek to minimise the disruption to our students' education and offer an enriching and enjoyable experience, helping to reduce anxiety about schoolwork. We create a meaningful, caring, stimulating and safe environment, which will enable students to address their particular needs. We also offer a wide range of activities alongside the curriculum including drum lessons, singing club and other lunchtime clubs.



The Nightingale Centre

The Nightingale Centre is a specialist short stay Centre that works in partnership with key agencies to offer appropriate interventions to vulnerable students with medical and mental health needs in a supportive and structured setting. The Centre works with students from both the primary and secondary phase that are referred from mainstream school, medical and psychological practitioners. Our focus is on the individual student and ensuring that they are able to regain their rightful place in society and the wider world.

The Centre makes every attempt to ensure that learning is engaging and enjoyable. Work is planned to suit the needs of individuals offering a personalised curriculum with a focus on core subjects and a strong emphasis around meeting students SEMH and medical and needs.

We also offer a creative curriculum that encourages involvement in a range of activities designed to encourage cooperation, independence and build self-esteem. Experiences are differentiated to support the needs of individual students.

Our hospital schoolroom provides education for students from Reception to Year 11 while they are in New Cross Hospital. There is a purpose built classroom on the children's ward. Learning is personalised and students attend the schoolroom or are taught at the bedside. We provide home and off-site tuition where personal teaching is provided for students whose medical or mental health needs prevent them from attending the Centre. Teaching may occur at home, at alternative education centres or students' homes. The service often acts as a bridge between hospital and a return to school.

We support students with medical and mental health needs including:

- Post-operative Surgery
- Orthopaedic injuries
- Stroke
- Chronic conditions e.g. Cystic Fibrosis
- Trauma
- Eating Disorders
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Low self-esteem or poor self-image
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Self-harm
- School refusal
- Life limiting conditions
- Severe health needs

Ofsted have always recognised the excellent service that both Orchard and Nightingale Centres offer and this has been rewarded with good and outstanding judgements over many years. The recent improvements have celebrated the collaboration between the PRUS on Lawnswood Campus and the opportunity to provide excellent cross PRU working, especially with regard the Continuing Professional Development.

The Campus has recently opened a Centre of Excellence for training and a Student Support Centre and very much looks forward the opening of a new 1.5-million-pound sports hall in the Spring of 2019.

