The Rowan Centre

The Rowan Centre is a pupil referral unit registered with the DfE. The Centre provides KS3 and KS4 education to students unable to attend mainstream school on health grounds (both mental and physical), and school age mothers/pregnant schoolgirls. Education and support are offered to students who have additional needs identified through their school, CAMHS, LA or other agencies and forms part of the local offer. Places are commissioned either by the local authority or the student’s home school.

The Centre provides a small, calm and nurturing setting and works in partnership with parents, carers, schools and a range of agencies to the benefit of all students. The last OFSTED inspection (November 2012) judged the Centre as ‘good’. The Centre has an onsite nursery which also has a ‘good’ Ofsted judgement.

There is an onsite post-16 offer currently delivered through RCAT which can include bespoke programmes for pupils with health needs who are not yet ready to access mainstream college opportunities.

The Rowan Centre offers equality of opportunity to all the students referred, irrespective of race, religion, disability, language, culture or gender.

The Rowan Centre also operates the ‘Home Tuition Service’ on behalf of the Local Authority.

Referral criteria

- Students whose emotional well-being or mental health has impacted upon their school attendance; schools may have identified pupils as vulnerable, school refusers, or with severe anxiety issues (these places will be commissioned by school as per the Alternative Provision Protocol)
- Students whose mental health needs are identified by CAMHS and are receiving CAMHS input
- Students whose physical health is evidenced by a hospital (paediatrician, consultant or registrar) to be too unwell to attend their home school.
- Students who are pregnant or are a school age mother

The issues above need to be having a significant impact on engagement where students have limited or no engagement with school.
# Offer

- Bespoke home tuition for students who are too ill to attend school (in partnership with schools)
- Bespoke package of home tuition with transition into the Rowan Centre as preparation for return to mainstream school (in partnership with schools)
- Education for students unable to attend school due to health issues/medical need
- Education for pregnant school girls and school age mothers with the support of the onsite nursery
- Bespoke package of education commissioned by home school for students who are vulnerable, school refusers, or other school identified issues. The issues need to be having a significant effect on engagement where students have limited or no engagement with school.
- Bespoke offers can be full or part time, short or long term depending on the needs of the student

## Current GCSE offer:
- Maths
- English
- Science
- Food technology
- Child development
- General Studies
- Potential to offer ICT

## Other accredited subjects:
- Functional Maths
- Functional English
- Functional ICT
- NOCN Step up Award/Certificate
- Parents with prospects
- Employability

## Wider timetable:
- Citizenship
- PSHE
- Independent living skills
- Creative skills
- Practical parenting skills and group to support pregnant schoolgirls and school age mothers
- PE
- Personal and social development
- Student voice

## Support package
- Support to engage with education
- Student led bespoke support with personal and health issues
- Close liaison with parents
- Close liaison with mainstream school and agencies working with the family
- Close liaison with CAMHS
- IYSS work with pupils who are not on the roll of a mainstream school
- Thrive assessment and emotional support action plan
- Transitions support worker either to
return to mainstream school or at post 16 to college, work, or volunteer placement

- Onsite nursery with parenting support
- Parenting support sessions for school age mothers
- On and off timetable contribution to whole school emphasis on SMSC and personal development
- Support of onsite Contraception and sexual health worker
- Introduction to and support to access a range of information and support agencies including smoking cessation and other health initiatives

**Referral Process**

Please contact Rebecca Foster to discuss the individual circumstances of your student and placement requirements

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**Activities required prior to start of placement:**

- Completion of Individual Placement agreement
- Completion of Information Passport
- Evidence of medical need provided (if applicable)
- Initial meeting with school, parents and other relevant agencies
- Timetable agreed
- Student & parent/carer visit to the centre