

Maple Medical PRU



"Our pupils deserve the best"

Admissions Policy

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Introduction

Under section 19 of the Education Act 1996, Maple Medical Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) is a key component in Doncaster Council's provision to provide suitable education for children and young people who experience difficulties in managing their mental health, medical need and autism in a mainstream school. Maple is a dual site provision, with KS2 to KS4 based at the Cedar Road site in Balby and the hospital school being based at Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

Key principles underpinning the work of Maple Medical PRU

- Develop inclusive approaches
- Raising academic attainment of pupils with mental health needs, physical needs and Autism
- Early identification of need and implementation of appropriate interventions
- Involving and supporting parents and carers
- A high-quality provision, offering best value
- A multi-agency approach to partnership working

The reasons for referral to Maple Medical PRU are as follows:

- A KS3 or KS4 pupil who has been diagnosed with a mental health disorder which has been considered by CAMHS to be chronic and enduring
- A school aged pupil (reception to Y11) that is physically unwell for mainstream school and may require home tuition
- A KS3 or KS4 pupil who is physically unwell for mainstream school but is able to access some education in our setting.
- A school aged pupil (reception to Y11) that is in hospital at Doncaster Royal Infirmary
- A KS2, KS3 or KS4 pupil who has a diagnosis of Autism and has an EHCP

Pupils with mental health needs/conditions

Referrals to Maple Medical PRU for KS3 or KS4 pupils who have mental health needs/conditions are made via CAMHS to the Doncaster Council Joint Resource Panel.

Admission criteria:

- Pupils are displaying severe and enduring mental health difficulties and are having problems accessing a mainstream education.
- Pupils have a named key worker in CAMHS and a package of mental health support in place
- There is evidence that a range of strategies have been implemented by school and have failed e.g. partial time table, pastoral support plan.
- The referral has been agreed by parents/ carers.
- The mental health problems do not lead the pupil to display violence and/or aggression to peers and/or adults.
- They are on roll at a Doncaster mainstream school.
- They have not been permanently excluded.

Pupils who are borderline on the admission criteria are discussed with the Head teacher/ referrals team.

Admission Procedure:

A multi-agency meeting, including parents/carers, is arranged to discuss issues, plan strategies for support and discuss a timescale/ exit strategy.

The parents/ carers and the young person are invited to visit Maple Medical PRU. This visit is used to outline the expectations of the school and the role the family will be expected to play. Proposed timescales and discharge criteria are also discussed at this point.

A transition plan is created, these plans are put in place to ensure smooth transition into Maple and will be reviewed after 4 weeks, where a full or part time timetable will be put in place. All timetables and transition plans are based on advice from CAMHS.

All relevant transition paperwork will need to be completed and returned to Maple before a placement can start.

Pupils with medical/health conditions and/or needs

Referrals to Maple Medical PRU for KS3 or KS4 pupils who are physically unwell to attend their mainstream school but may be able to access education either via home tuition or within our setting are referred via a medical professional. This is usually by a consultant or a specialist nurse.

Admission Procedure:

Time offered is dependent upon each individual and the mix of pupils currently attending and their medical conditions.

A transition plan is created, these plans are put in place to ensure smooth transition into Maple and will be reviewed after 4 weeks, where a full or part time timetable will be put in place. All timetables and transition plans are based on advice from medical professionals.

All relevant transition paperwork will need to be completed and returned to Maple before a placement can start.

Pupils with Autism and an Educational Health and Care Plan

Referrals to Maple Medical PRU for KS2 to KS4 pupils who have a diagnosis of Autism and an Educational Health and Care Plan are referred via Doncaster Council SEND Panel.

Admission criteria:

- Pupils will have a diagnosis of Autism and have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- Pupils are either in KS2, KS3 or KS4.
- There is evidence that a range of strategies have been implemented by school and have failed e.g. partial time table, pastoral support plan, Educational Psychology involvement, ASCETS support
- The pupil does not display significant violence and/or aggression to peers and/or adults.
- They have not been permanently excluded.

Admission Procedure:

Referrals to Maple Medical PRU for pupils with autism and a EHCP come via the LA SEND panel, who consult with Maple. If there is an available place, Maple Medical PRU aim to meet the pupil, parents/carers and current setting to determine if a placement at Maple Medical PRU is a suitable one.

If a place is agreed, a meeting is arranged with all professionals, parents/carers and pupils to determine a transition package. To ensure smooth transition into Maple transition packages will be reviewed after 4 weeks, where a full or part time timetable will be put in place. All timetables and transition plans are based on advice from EPS and parents/carers. All relevant admissions paperwork must be completed prior to admission.

The Hospital School

Admission Criteria:

- Pupils (4-16years) are admitted to the Hospital School from the wards at Doncaster Royal Infirmary on the recommendation of medical staff.
- Medics give advice as to who may attend the classroom, be taught at bedside on the wards or who to leave for medical reasons
- We work with pupils from day one, on the recommendation of medics, and from experience where we have found it beneficial to the pupils.

Admission procedure:

When a pupil has a planned admission, we contact the mainstream school to obtain work and to ensure consistency of work given.

Home Tuition

This is for pupils who are too ill for mainstream or Maple Medical PRU and need to be educated at home.

Maple Medical PRUs Home tuition service aims to support pupils prepare for return to mainstream school or begin to attend Maple Medical PRU, or for the requirements of the adult world. Home Tuition is also provided when a pupil is no longer hospitalised but for medical reasons is unable to attend their mainstream school. This is strictly at the request of consultants. In addition to the home tuition, we expect mainstream schools to compliment the offer with either some online learning and /or work supplied by subject teachers.

Referrals can be submitted from other hospitals i.e. Sheffield Children's Hospital where pupils have been admitted who live in Doncaster.