



## Referrals

- We accept self-referrals, as well as those from health, social care and educational professionals through the centralised email address below.
- We aim to respond to all contacts within 2 working days.
- We are always looking for ways to support parent and families and participate in parent drop-ins, parent evenings and family gateway schemes.

Service hours: Monday – Friday 9am-15.30hrs

Please note a special needs nurse will not always be on school site.

Please contact the service on 01234 846155 (answerphone available out of hours) or email [ccs.beds.childrens.specialschools@nhs.net](mailto:ccs.beds.childrens.specialschools@nhs.net)

Special Needs Nursing Team  
Woburn Court  
Railton Road  
Kempston  
Bedford  
MK42 7PN

To see details of the local offer in your area please visit:  
<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services>

If you require this information in a different format such as in large print or on audio tape, or in a different language please contact the service on the details above.

To find out how we use what we know about you (Privacy Notice) or how to access our buildings (AccessAble), please visit [www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk](http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk) and follow the links or please contact us.

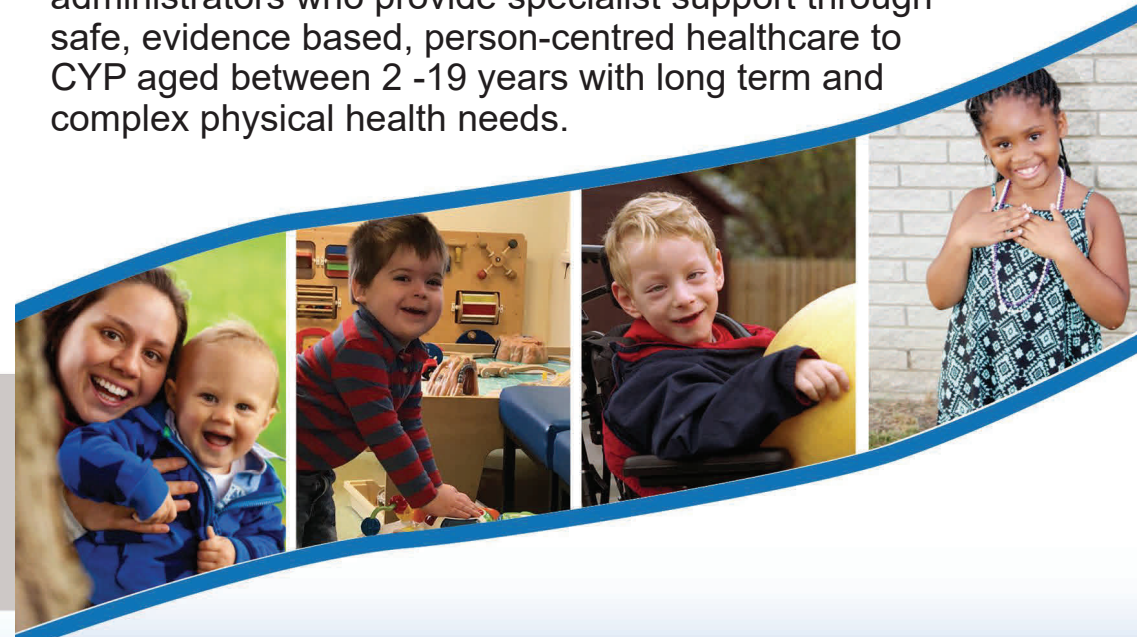


If you have any compliments about this service or suggestions for improvements, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0300 131 1000 (charges may apply depending on your network) or email: [ccs-tr.pals@nhs.net](mailto:ccs-tr.pals@nhs.net).

For free, confidential health advice and information 24 hours a day, 365 days a year please contact NHS 111.

# Special Needs Nursing Service (SNNS) for Children and Young People (CYP) who attend Special Schools in Bedfordshire

A nurse-led team consisting of registered nurses, specialist nursery nurses, support workers and clinical administrators who provide specialist support through safe, evidence based, person-centred healthcare to CYP aged between 2 -19 years with long term and complex physical health needs.



## Our Role

We aim to work in partnership with Children and Young People (CYP), their family and carers, our wider service, educational settings, other agencies and professional groups in order to meet the individual needs of CYP and ensure they are able to safely access education and development opportunities.

The Bedfordshire SNNS is delivered to CYP who attend:

<p><b>St. John's School</b> Austin Canons Bedford Road Kempston Beds MK42 8AA</p> <p>www.st-johns-school.co.uk</p>	<p><b>Ridgeway School</b> Hill Rise Kempston Beds MK42 7AB</p> <p>www.ridgewayschool.com</p>	<p><b>Ivel Valley School</b> Hitchmead Road Biggleswade Beds SG18 0NL</p> <p>www.ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk</p>
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## We offer:

- Telephone advice and support for families and schools (see back of leaflet for availability).
- Admission planning and preparing for adulthood.
- Pre and post-operative planning to promote a timely return to school following surgery.
- Liaison between specialist services and universal services.
- Contribute health related advice to Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP).
- Develop, monitor and maintain condition specific care plans.
- Specific safeguarding support and guidance around issues relating to the CYP long term and complex health needs.
- Signposting to other support services relevant to the CYP/family's needs i.e. behaviour workshops and 1, 2, 3, Magic.
- Sleep workshops and access to Sleep Scotland trained practitioners.
- Continence support and product assessments/reviews.
- Liaise with an identified lead professional or become this role where appropriate.
- Growth and blood pressure monitoring following referral from an appropriate professional.
- A confidential health service, working closely with school to promote a healthy lifestyle, including diet and exercise, sexual health and substance abuse awareness.

## Training

Our aim is to ensure that education staff supporting children and young people in the school setting will feel confident and be competent to deliver the best possible, CYP centred care. Therefore, we provide a competency based model of training and assessment. This requires the learner to be tested on their theoretical knowledge through direct observation, questioning and discussion and then supported to undertake the required task under direct supervision. Once both elements are completed and the individual is confident, competency is achieved and documented.

## Health Clinics

The SNNS co-ordinate health care clinics which are held on school premises and in school hours to minimise disruption to the education of CYP.

### Clinics provided are:

- Medical reviews (led by Community Paediatrician or Nurse)
- Contenance
- Dental
- Dietician
- Vision
- Audiology

