

# The PACE Centre



PACE is a charity and a non-maintained special school.

Our Early Years and Primary School Services are both rated outstanding by Ofsted.

We provide an 'Education for Life' through a specialist curriculum tailored to the individual needs of children with motor impairments such as cerebral palsy, other acquired brain injury and genetic disorders which may result in developmental challenges. Our services cover the age range 0 to 18 years.

Our approach is inspired by the principles and practice of Conductive Education, delivered by a trans-disciplinary staff team including teachers, conductors, therapists and learning support assistants.

We operate from two sites:

- **The Weston Centre.** The Bradbury Campus, Wendover Road, Stoke Mandeville, which offers the following services:-

PACE Infant and Parent Services (PIPS). An early intervention service for newborns and babies aged 0 - 2 years who may have been born prematurely or be at risk from developmental issues.

Parent and Child Services. A service for children from 24 months to 4 years of age who have motor disorders and associated learning challenges including communication difficulties and sensory impairment.

Nursery Services for children aged 3 to 5 years who have learning challenges as above, related to a motor disorder. Children may attend full-time or part-time with dual placements and outreach support available.

Our school provision for children aged 5 to 7 (Key Stage 1) who have motor disorders and related learning challenges.

Outreach Specialist and Sessional Services which are available for children and young people up to the age of 18.

Our administration, marketing and fundraising departments are also located on this site.

- **Philip Green House**, Coventon Road, Aylesbury-
  - Primary School Services for children aged 5 to 11 who have motor disorders and related challenges such as sensory impairments and communication difficulties.
  - Key Stage 3 Secondary Services for young people aged 11 - 14 who have motor disorders and related challenges such as sensory impairments and communication difficulties
  - Key Stage 4 Secondary Services for young people aged 14 - 16 who have motor disorders and related challenges such as sensory impairments and communication difficulties.

In both centres, we provide a full assessment and reporting service carried out by a highly trained and experienced trans-disciplinary paediatric team which includes:

- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Conductors (professionals specially trained in working with people with movement disorders such as cerebral palsy)
- Early Years Professionals
- Special Needs Teachers

Many of our staff are able to use British sign language and are experienced in supporting children with complex communication difficulties through the use of augmentative and alternative communication strategies.

Across the entire range of our services we also offer advice for further input, provision and equipment needs; family and carer training; counselling; a family residential programme and home visits.

All our facilities are purpose built and fully accessible.

PACE has a very strong partnership with parents and families facilitated by the PACE Parent Partnership (PPP) which meets regularly and provides support, advice and social opportunities for both children and families.

Referrals accepted from parents and professionals working with families. Please contact 01296 392739 to make an Initial Enquiry. You will then be contacted by one of our therapists for a further discussion and to arrange an assessment appointment if appropriate.

Our Early Years Services receive some funding from charitable and statutory sources, however parents/families are requested to become involved in fund raising activities and/or make a contribution towards the cost of their child's provision. Places in our school's services are normally funded by local authorities however the fees charged do not cover the full costs to the charity and therefore parents are encouraged to take part in fund raising activities and/or make a donation.

We do not operate a waiting list system and endeavour to accommodate the child/young person within a suitable group where possible.

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