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# Foxgloves Children's Home

*Providing respite for children with  
Learning Disabilities and Autism*

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## Inside Foxgloves



Foxgloves is a large Victorian house, located on the north side of Bedford. Inside Foxgloves, we have 3 large bedrooms with ensuites, 3 other bedrooms, dining room, sensory room, 2 lounges, a kitchen and kitchenette and a large annexe. The house has a big back garden full with equipment such as a trampoline, outdoor cinema cabin and other various play equipment.

At Foxgloves, there is a computer suite which the young people can access during their stays, as well as other activities such as TVs, books / reading and PlayStation.



The annexe is set up specifically for young people with sensory perception difficulties which can result in high anxiety and behaviours that may challenge.

## Eating at Foxgloves

At Foxgloves we have a chef who cooks us our dinner. The chef will create weekly menus for the young people and will accommodate any food allergy or preferences made. Staff will also log food intake of the young people on the daily logs.

The chef likes to have catch up meetings with the young people to see what food they'd like to eat at Foxgloves. He uses pictures of foods, verbal communication and information which can also be found in their care plans.

The chef will also use the 'What's for dinner board' and place pictures of the meal and dessert for the young people to see. In the kitchen there is a folder with the young people's eating preferences and special dietary requirements.

## Activities and Outings



At Foxgloves we have an activities co-ordinator who uses the voice of the young people to provide activities which are based on the young peoples interests.

We take our young people to cinemas, swimming pools, restaurants, trampolining and various other outings.

Foxgloves provide in house activities also such as PlayStation, Nintendo Wii, dolls, arts and crafts, sensory room and an outdoor cinema cabin.

We also provide an achiever of the year and this young person will get to choose where their special outing is. Some of our activities have taken young people to various places such as LEGOLAND, Chessington, theatre trips etc.

## Routines and Care Plans



At Foxgloves we make tailored care plans around your child and how they like their routines best, to provide them with the best home from home care and support.

We have a standard house routine which is: Lunch 12pm, Dinner 5pm, and Supper in the evening.

The care plans of your child will be based entirely around them, with information about their needs and support for staff to follow.

Your child's keyworker will make care plans and risk assessments based around the information given and will ask for parental signatures to make this a working document to use within the home.

## Keyworker

At Foxgloves your child will have a keyworker. The duty of the keyworker will be to keep your child's files including their care plans and risk assessments up to date.

The keyworker will make school and home visits every 6-12 months and will make phone calls to keep up to date with your child and make sure the information we have is relevant and valid to them.

Staff at Foxgloves complete key work sessions for the young people which are carried out bi monthly and add-hoc. The key work session has a general topic and pictures taken to match the observations and engagements made.

## Safeguarding



At Foxgloves we pride ourselves on protecting the children / young people that we care for.

Staff at Foxgloves liaise with social workers, schools, parents and any other relevant professional in their life.

It is the duty of the staff at foxgloves to keep the young people safe and to make sure that we comply with our safeguarding policies and procedures when your child is attending Foxgloves.

Medication is given at Foxgloves providing consent forms are filled in and the medication has a label with dates of expiry and issue, the young persons name and dosage.

Staff at Foxgloves are medically trained and follow all medication policies when issuing medication to your child.

## Rights of the Child

The UN convention on the rights of the child is a 54 article which states the rights of children till they reach the age of 18. Below are some examples of the rights of the child.

Article 27: your child has the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and all their basic needs met. Your child should not be disadvantaged so that you cant do many of the things other children can do.

Article 23: children have the right to a special education and care if they have a disability, as well as all the rights in this convention. So that the children can live a full life.

At Foxgloves we have child friendly symbol book explaining the rights for children to read and make sure all their rights are protected and met when accessing Foxgloves.

## Young Person's Voice

At Foxgloves, we use many varieties of ways to let your children be heard. We use PEC cards, POD books, talking mats with pictures, signing, Now and Next, and of course. verbally.

We encourage all our young people to write in our wish book and the capture book to voice their opinion and wants. Foxgloves have a children's voice champion who will monthly audit the books and try to make their wishes happen within reason.

We encourage children to communicate using the method that meet their needs best for them.

## Referrals

Referrals to foxgloves are made via your child's social worker. Who carry out an assessment of need. This in partnership will be reviewed by Bedford Borough's panel and Foxgloves.

Once agreed a further assessment will be carried out for finer care detail.

Please find more information regarding this on our website.

## Important Information

Foxgloves Manager:

Alex Milligan - [Alex.Milligan@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:Alex.Milligan@bedford.gov.uk)

Responsible Individual:

Christian Weatherly - 01234 267422

Ofsted report for Foxgloves:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/2/SC409506>

Regulations 44 independent visitor / inspector:

see [www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk) for contacts

## Advocate and Regulations 44

NYAS advocate for our young people and they visit Foxgloves once a month to spend time with the young people and talk to them about their stay on how they are mentally and physically. Also, If they are happy and safe at Foxgloves.

Our Regulations 44 provide a different topic to check and inspect at Foxgloves and they make sure that Foxgloves are compliant with meeting Ofsted's level of expectations they may make any relevant suggestions and feedback to the manager to improve the home.