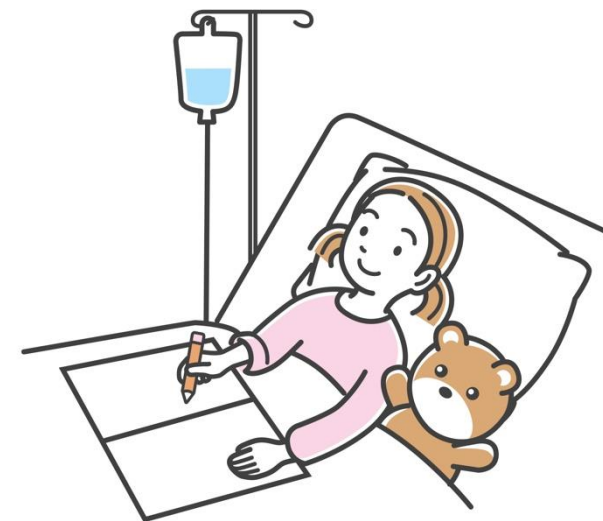


Next Steps

A significant focus for our service is to ensure that your child can maintain contact with familiar adults from their school to support existing relationships. Additionally, we want to ensure that your child is provided with a customised, tailored educational experience while they are in hospital.

The HES team will contact the Council with your permission, to advise that your child is in hospital. We will then work together to develop a timetable that suits your child's educational needs.

Once plans have been developed, in partnership with your child, their school, the Council and HES, then an educational offer will be discussed with you, via your child's school.



Supporting your child while they are in hospital



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Hospital Education and East Renfrewshire Council

In East Renfrewshire, our aim is to support the educational needs of children in hospital using an individual approach for each child.

To ensure that continuity is maintained with a child's educational experiences we will liaise with their school and the Hospital Education Service (HES) in Glasgow to ensure we are developing a plan to suit your child's educational needs at a time when their health is a key focus for you.



Our approach to supporting your child's education at this time

Education can be provided for children in hospital if they are well enough to engage in learning. Where appropriate, teaching support may be provided to children at their bedside or within the HES, as reviewed appropriate and agreed by East Renfrewshire Council (ERC).

Once clinically assessed as ready to learn in hospital, the HES team will contact the Council to work with your child's school to provide a customised, hybrid timetable which suits your child's needs.

Some examples of this service include:

- Face to face contact with a teacher from their school (in person and/or online) e.g. pastoral teacher or year head
- Face to face teaching from the HES teachers
- Online, live lessons from ERC teachers
- Online resources and lessons, for example via Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams



The amount of contact will vary depending on the needs of the child/young person. For example someone who is less able to take part in independent learning or who is working towards examinations may require more contact.

The location of the lessons will depend on the accommodation of the hospital. However, in the case of hospital admissions for mental wellbeing, it may be more appropriate for learning to take place out with the child/young person's hospital room.