

Welcome to welcome Larchwood



Hello and Welcome to Larchwood!

There is a big house in Bracknell called Larchwood. Children and young people can visit to have fun and to feel safe. You can meet new friends and learn new things. You may come to play during the day and some may stay for a sleepover.





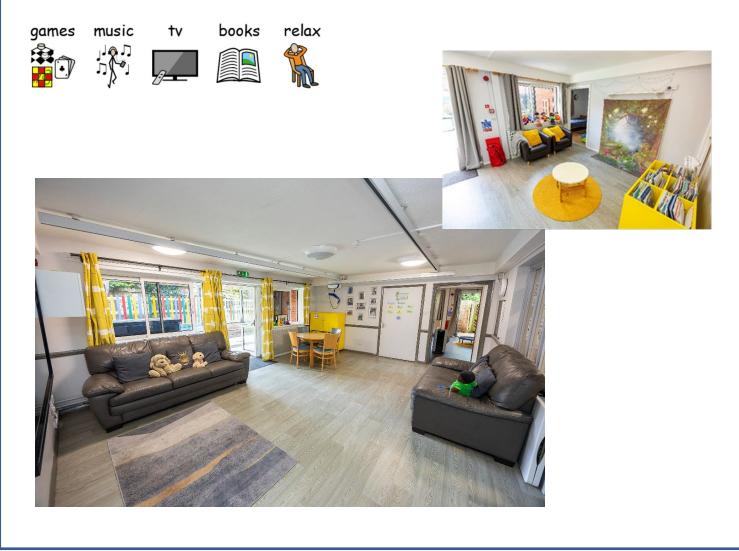




Have a look at the different rooms...

The Playroom

There is lots of space to play with toys and games. You can relax, look at books, listen to music and watch your favourite TV programmes.



The Sensory room

You can use the sensory room and play with the sensory toys. You can enjoy Dance massage and Tac Pac in here with your friends

sensory room





The Garden

There are 2 gardens to play in. There are scooters and cars you can ride on. You can bounce on the trampoline, play on the swings, and go on the slide.



garden



The Dining room

We like to sit and eat our meals together in the dining room. You can sit at the table or at the breakfast bar.

We try to give you food that you like and will encourage you to try different foods. You may have a special diet which we can support you with.

Healthy snacks are always available too.

If you would like to help in the kitchen, we will show you how to do this safely and encourage you to do as much as you can.





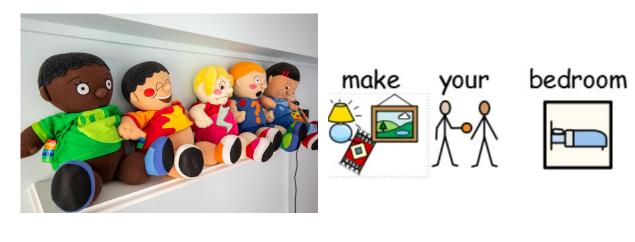


The Bedrooms

There are 5 bedrooms at Larchwood. You can choose your own bedding, rugs, and lamp. You can also choose to put up some photos or pictures on the wall. If you



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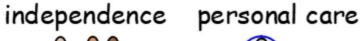
The Bathrooms

There are 2 bathrooms and a separate toilet. One of the bathrooms has equipment to help you to get in and out of the bath if you need it.

You can also choose to have a shower if you prefer.



We will encourage you to do as much as you can for yourself











Keyworkers and staff

One of the staff from Larchwood will be your keyworker.

They will speak to you, your parents and school to learn more about what you like and don't like. This will help us to get to know you and make sure that you enjoy your visits to Larchwood. All of the information including what you show us or tell us that you like will be made into a care plan. This will mean that everyone who is helping you can read it and know what to do.

All of the workers at Larchwood will be there to listen and will help with any choices that you wish to make.

All of the team will try very hard to help you to be happy and to have fun

help











Your views and feelings are important

We will ask you how you feel when you come to Larchwood and you can let us know by showing us or telling us.

We also like to know what you are happy about and what you are unhappy about at Larchwood. You can let us know and we will try to help.

We provide a total communication environment to enable you to express your wishes views and feelings. If you have a communication aid or device please bring it with you.

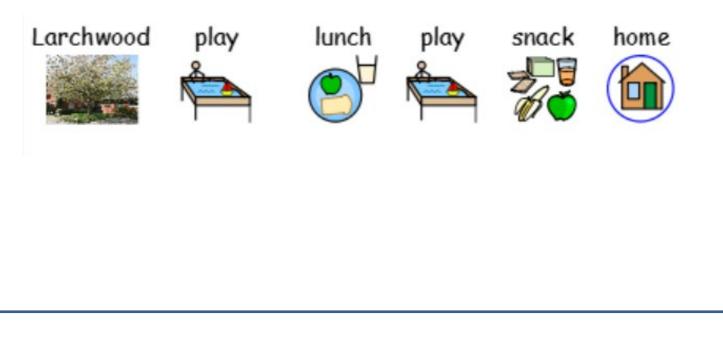


What happens at Larchwood (Daily routines):

If you are coming for a tea visit:



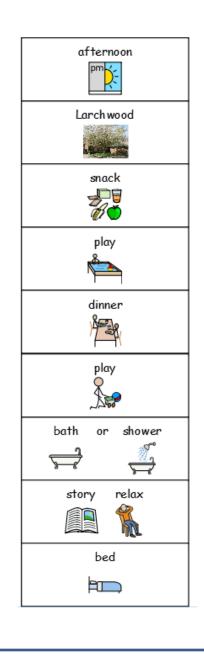
If you are coming for a weekend fun day:

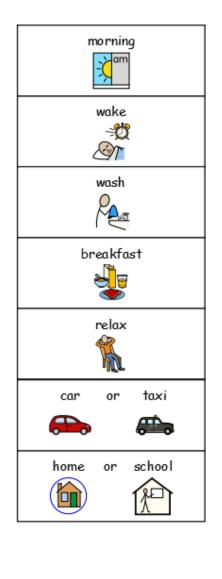


If you are coming for a sleepover:

Afternoon:

Morning:





Your achievements at Larchwood

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Our aim is to support you to do as much as you can for yourself. We would like to help you to be as independent as possible. We will consider your school targets when making goals for you at Larchwood and also try to help you with things you find difficult in your daily life. We will start by setting small goals for you to achieve and move on when you are ready.







As you make progress, we will check that Larchwood is still the right place for you. We want you to enjoy and benefit from your visits and have friends that you can share similar experiences with. If other short breaks can help you to become more independent or give you opportunities to socialise in the community, we can support you to move to these.

General Information

You are encouraged to give your views, your likes and dislikes.

If you are not happy about something during your stay it is okay to let us know. You might like to talk this through with a staff member, manager or your keyworker, who will listen to you and help you sort it out.

If you or your family have a complaint you can contact:

- 1. The manager at Larchwood on 01344 452315
- 2. Your social worker
- 3. Ofsted on 0300 1231231 or email: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
- 4. Children's Complaints Manager at Bracknell Forest Council on 01344 351737
- 5. Complaints Manager at Bracknell Forest Council on 01344 351682
- 6. Child Line 0800 1111

Alternatively, you can contact the office of the Children's Commissioner 'Help at Hand' on 0800 5280731. It is the job of the Children's Commissioner to promote and protect children's right to make life better for children and young people in England.

If you feel that you need some support to get your voice heard by the right people or need someone to help you to take action, you can contact an advocate. An independent advocate can be contacted via the Children and Young People Complaints Manager on 01344 351737.

Contact Information

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