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MOORE HOUSE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Prospectus for Children and Young People

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Keeping the promise to children and young people in Scotland



Hello!

I am Dr Stephen Drysdale, Director of Children's Services at the Moore House Group.

I want to assure you that our Virtual Academy is a happy and safe place where you can trust our wonderful staff to help you to develop your confidence and enjoy all the exciting learning opportunities we can offer you - and if you wish you can make contact with some other young people like you who attend our Virtual Academy. This prospectus and our website will give you an idea of what it is like to be a student at Moore House Virtual Academy.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our school.

Dr Stephen Drysdale





**Online
learning**

Why choose Moore House Virtual Academy?

We realised during the recent lockdown and the positive way in which many of our children and young people who attend our three schools responded to online learning, that for some of them learning virtually on a full or part-time basis is a more comfortable way to learn. It can build your confidence, help you to progress and make sure you have better opportunities for life beyond school.

Moore House Virtual Academy has been developed to help children and young people who really do not enjoy school or want to attend for a variety of reasons. Our Virtual Academy provides online learning and emotional support for children and young people aged 5 to 18 years, who require support for their learning and/or social or emotional needs. It may be that you feel unable to attend a physical building that is a school. You can access this support on a full time or part time basis from your own home and also if you live in one of Moore House Group's homes. When you feel ready you can consider attending one of our three schools at the same time as participating in our virtual learning platform.



“I find the chromebook resourceful and it’s good for researching and downloading stuff . I enjoyed my virtual learning”

Hugh - Pupil



“My son is enjoying it so much.
Everyone (Teachers) are excellent.”

Virtual Academy pupil parent.

What can I learn at Moore House Virtual Academy?

You can access your tailor made curriculum from specialists in one of our three schools, using our virtual classrooms, as well as benefit from specialist emotional support from our Psychological Services and Intervention (PSI) Team if you wish. We will listen to your concerns and provide as flexible a programme as we believe you need.

We make sure you have a learning programme that helps you to succeed and progress as much as possible. Our teachers can very quickly assess what level of work suits you and we can offer almost every subject you can think of! Our Virtual Academy staff use Google classroom to deliver English and Maths, music, technology, geography, and modern studies but we will add other subjects to this to suit your needs. We try our best to make learning fun and to be present for your questions if you are struggling.

Some of our students find learning difficult but we make sure they have the right kind of support. We will do our best to make sure you can leave our school with qualifications that help you go to college or university or progress to further training.

Your teachers will provide an Individualised Curriculum Plan which explains what is to be taught and learned across literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and other areas of the curriculum. Regular review meetings with you and your parents are arranged so teachers can report on your progress and ensure you are being well supported.



Will you listen to what I want to say?

The staff in our Virtual Academy listen carefully to what you have found difficult in previous schools. We know you might have been anxious there or not have been able to learn as well as you hoped, or indeed have stopped attending completely. Our Virtual Academy supports boys and girls who have these issues. Whatever your worries, our teachers, our classroom assistants and members of our psychology team have had lots of experience and training, and will know how to help you. You will not feel different. Our Academy is a caring place with an emphasis on mutual respect. We are really like a big family.

How can you start to learn at Moore House Virtual Academy?

If your Local Authority considers they cannot meet your needs because you are unable to attend school, they can discuss options with your parents or carers and you, and discuss the possibility of a placement that suits your specific needs.

If your parents wish to pay for your attendance at the Virtual Academy, they can simply ask for a placement.

What happens when you are ready to move on from Moore House Virtual Academy?

In line with legislation, the school invites all relevant professionals who support you, along with you and your parents or carers, to ensure a smooth transition to full or part time attendance at one of the Moore House Group's schools, or to another school, or to a suitable post school destination.



"I feel very welcome here"



"I enjoy being here
– people are kind"

The Moore House Group

- ✓ Residential care
- ✓ Specialist primary education
- ✓ Specialist secondary education
- ✓ Virtual learning
- ✓ Fostering
- ✓ Social enterprise
- ✓ Psychological services
- ✓ Family support work
- ✓ Continuing care
- ✓ Throughcare & Aftercare
- ✓ Social housing

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