

Pen portraits of possible care needs

These are intended to be exemplars of the mix of care needs likely to be encountered.

Pupil A

Boy aged 11 with degenerative condition. Managing care is complicated by extreme challenging behaviour. Able to verbalise.

- Unreliable bowel/bladder control, may need showering to clean.
- Support and encouragement to eat with spoon/drink without spilling.
- Physical support and encouragement to dress/undress, clothes need to be organised and presented one item at a time.
- Physically very clumsy so needs support and careful supervision.
- Medication at lunchtime.

Pupil B

Girl aged 14. PMLD, spastic quadriplegic, uses VOCA

- Hoist dependent for all changes of position and care tasks.
- Doubly incontinent.
- Full support to dress/wash/clean teeth.
- Fed with a spoon, thickened liquids.

Pupil C

Boy aged 5. PMLD, brain injury, spastic quadriplegic, can indicate YES/NO by body position.

- Hoist dependent for all changes of position and care tasks.
- Doubly incontinent.
- Full support to dress/wash/clean teeth.
- Eats well from spoon but needs slow pace.
- Epilepsy recovery medication
- Allergies

Pupil D

Girl aged 7. PMLD, chromosome abnormality, physical and multi-sensory impairment. Needs close observation of mood expression to gauge response.

- Hoist dependent for all changes of position and care tasks.
- Doubly incontinent.
- Full support to dress/wash/clean teeth.
- Tube fed through peg.
- Regular medication
- Epilepsy recovery medication
- Oxygen if breathing difficult.
- Careful skin care to prevent pressure sores

Pupil E

Boy aged 16. PMLD, brain injury, spastic quadriplegic, communicates through facial/body expression

- Hoist dependent for all changes of position and care tasks.
- Doubly incontinent.
- Full support to dress/wash/clean teeth.
- Eats by mouth but has compromised swallow.
- Epilepsy recovery medication

Pupil F

Boy aged 9. CLD, severe epilepsy, single word communication.

- Can walk and weight bear with support to prevent falling
- Uses nappies but can sit on toilet.
- Support and encouragement in dressing
- Eats well with spoon and fork
- Regular medication
- Very frequent epilepsy
- Epilepsy recovery medication

Pupil G

Girl aged 12, SLD, chromosome abnormality, verbal communication.

- Uses toilet independently but needs supervision support.
- Needs reminders and physical help to manage menstruation.
- Dresses independently with reminders and minimal help with fastenings.
- Finds and organises own possessions in routine settings.
- Chooses own meal and eats independently, needs reminders.