

Minerva House



Welcome to Minerva House



Changing the lives of children and young people

Located in a small Hampshire town and within a rural setting, Minerva House is a spacious, homely and nurturing environment for 6 children and young people aged 7 to 19 years with complex needs. This includes an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and complex associated difficulties.

At Minerva House, the dedicated and skilled staff team take a child-centred approach to care that will help to transform lives. We put the needs, interests and aspirations of each individual at the heart of all that we do and ensure they have a childhood that everyone deserves. Our children's home is rated 'Good' by Ofsted and has a strong focus on building self-esteem, confidence, achieving positive outcomes and developing the skills required for young people to successfully transition to further independence and adult life.

Service summary

The range of services and facilities available at Minerva House includes:

- A spacious 6-bedded property located on the same grounds as Tadley Court School, which is part of Aspris Children's Services
- A quiet and rural setting close to farmland
- All of the young people have their own individualised bedrooms
- Spacious communal facilities, including a large lounge, kitchen and family-style dining room
- Gardens to the front and rear of the property
- Bespoke and person-centred care packages
- Rated 'Good' by Ofsted
- A well-qualified staff team and access to an on-site therapy team, including Education Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Thrive® Practitioners
- A wide range of planned on-site and community-based activities
- Easy access to shops and other facilities, as well as located close to larger towns

Our facilities

Minerva House offers a warm, homely and nurturing environment. Every child and young person have their own en-suite bedroom, which they are encouraged to decorate and personalise to reflect their individual personality.

The home also has a range of spacious communal areas, including a lounge, dining room and kitchen. The children and young people also enjoy the garden, where they can have part of the garden assigned to them for looking after as they wish, including growing flowers and vegetables.

A range of activities

All of the children and young people have access to a wide range of opportunities and are encouraged to participate in leisure activities away from Minerva House, which are facilitated and supported by the staff team.

Minerva House has setup strong links within the community and has local access to recreation and shopping areas, which helps to gain vital life skills. Individual preferences to activities and leisure time are encouraged and supported, where possible.

A high priority is given to providing a full experience to all of the children and young people. Through the variety of extra-curricular activities available, these further help them with recognising their strengths in everyday living and developing the skills they need to be as independent as possible in the future.

Throughout the year, regular social and educational visits occur in the local community. These include:

- Bowling alleys
- Cinemas
- Football clubs
- Gymnasiums
- Libraries
- Museums
- Rock climbing centres
- Parks
- Shopping malls
- Swimming pools
- Trampolining centres
- Youth clubs

"Children enjoy a range of activities outside of school and develop key-social skills. Trips to trampolining centres, climbing walls and swimming pools are firm favourites. Some children have friendships with others in the school. They can call for them and 'hang out' and have made up their own friends' handshake."

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"I'm very fond of staff in the home, and my son is very fond of them too. He would be in a very different place if they hadn't worked so hard."

Parent



Positive feedback

"Children make good progress through the positive relationship they have with the consistent staff team. Staff are enthusiastic and positive with the children. They provide a welcoming and homely environment."

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"Everyone goes out of their way for my son and the team work incredibly hard for him."

Parent

"One parent commented that their son was, 'settled and thriving' due to the 'structure, routines and predictability'."

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"I have found the placement very pro-active in their contact with myself and supporting the young person to engage within his recent assessment and care planning. The young person receives a high standard of person-centred care within the placement, focusing on supporting him to develop independence skills."

Social Worker

"Parents are positive about the home and they recognise the progress their children are making."

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"Genuinely, I feel that the team at the home are very approachable and I do feel listened to. I wouldn't sleep at night if I thought that my son was not in good hands".

Parent



Get in touch

To find out more about Minerva House, to request our Statement of Purpose or for further information on the services we provide for children and young people, please call our helpful team today on **0118 970 8081** or **placements@aspris.com**.

We are also currently seeking enthusiastic and energetic individuals to join our friendly and supportive team at Minerva House. If you are looking for a rewarding and fulfilling position that will help to transform the lives of young people, then you are exactly what we are looking for.

If you want to help inspire and change the lives of our children and young people, then we want you to become part of our team. Please visit **<https://careers.aspris.com>** and search 'Tadley Court'.



Aspris Children's Services