



THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

# Community Home Education Hub

**KS3 Prospectus**

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# Welcome Note

## Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to The Community Schools, a community-born initiative that started 15 years ago at the kitchen table of Claire Meadows-Smith and has now flourished into a dedicated CIC. Our passionate team of over 50 specialist tutors—covering all subjects for Key Stage 2 through to KS5—creates a learning atmosphere that's warm, structured, and delightfully engaging.

We're delighted to offer daytime provision specifically designed for KS3 home-educated learners, ensuring consistent access to our supportive environment during school hours.

Our small-group sessions (maximum four students per tutor) ensure each learner receives tailored instruction, collaborative exploration, and the confidence-boosting support they need to flourish academically and personally.



*Kind regards  
Claire Meadows-Smith  
Founder & Principal*

# What We Offer

## **Small-Group Sessions (1:4):**

Your child will benefit from peer collaboration and personalised attention—perfect for building confidence.

## **1:1 Personalised Support:**

Ideal for targeted skill-building, from algebra hurdles to essay writing.

## **Tailored to Individual Learning Styles:**

Whether your child thrives through visual cues, auditory explanations, hands-on activities, or collaborative discussions, our teaching adapts to their unique learning style

## **Relaxed, Homely Environment:**

We've created cosy corners and quiet nooks for when a child needs a break. No stressful environments or fluorescent lights here!

## **Safety & Professionalism:**

- A qualified first aider is always on-site
- All tutors are fully qualified, experienced teachers with up-to-date Daily DBS checks

## **Curriculum-Aligned but Flexible:**

We follow the National Curriculum for KS3 Maths and English, then customise each lesson to your child's needs and interests.



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# Tutor & Student Commitments

## Tutor Commitments:

**Warm Welcome:** Offer each child a warm welcome and friendly greeting, instantly putting them at ease.

**Punctual & Prepared:** Sessions start on time, with clear objectives and all materials ready.

**Active Listening:** Encourage questions, feedback, and curiosity.

**Adaptive Teaching:** Switch strategies if something isn't working—every learner is unique.

## Student Commitments:

**Respect the Space:** Treat our learning area, tutors, and classmates kindly.

**Be Ready to Learn:** Arrive on time with an open mind and willingness to try new things.

**Speak Up:** If you're stuck or have an idea, let us know—we're here to help!



# Meet Our Tutors

**Wendy Meadows-Smith:** BSc Sport Science(Loughborough), PGCE Mathematics With 14 years teaching in both state and independent schools—and a warm passion for nurturing every child—Wendy blends Maths expertise with heart. As a former boarding-house lead and foster carer, she excels at pastoral care and building lasting confidence.

**Steph Atkins:** With a degree in English Literature and a PGCE in Secondary Education, Steph has enjoyed a diverse and rewarding career. She has taught in high schools, middle schools and primary schools, and also spent four years teaching adults. Steph is an experienced SEN tutor and has supported many students with additional learning needs.



# Our KS3 Programme



The Community Home Education Hub offers a welcoming, small-group learning environment where curiosity, creativity and confidence thrive. Running from September to July, our KS3 programme blends structured teaching with hands-on projects in Maths and English, supported by experienced tutors. With lively, interactive sessions twice a week, children enjoy a balance of academic focus, collaborative work and social time.

Our dedicated tutors bring a wealth of experience in supporting learners of all abilities, meeting each child exactly where they are on their educational journey. We invite you to explore our carefully curated, home-education-focused programme and see how it could fit your family's needs.

**EXPLORE OUR  
PROGRAMME**

If you have any questions or would like advice on planning your child's next steps with us, you are warmly encouraged to book a free 20-minute consultation. We are always here to support the whole family, not just the child—your trusted partner in learning.

**BOOK A FREE  
CONSULTATION**

# Read Our Real Testimonials!

We really are so glad to have found you all that time ago during lockdown. F did well and has secured a place at Sixth Form. He got a 6 in maths (1 mark off a 7 so we will have the paper re-marked to see if we can bump that up!)

**-Mrs J, AUGUST 2025**



I am very pleased to say that he got a 4 after being predicted a 3 in his mocks. We believe that was as a result of his tutoring with yourselves so thank you. No doubt we will be back in touch in the next couple of years for our daughter!

**-Mrs C, AUGUST 2025**



Just wanted to say a massive thank you from both myself & C - he got his 7!! He got 175 marks overall. We are over the moon!

**-Mr N, AUGUST 2025**



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Is this a drop-off session?**

Yes. Parents are welcome to drop off their children confidently and return at the end of the session. Please ensure they are picked up promptly.

## **Is there a café or waiting area?**

There is a comfortable cafe with refreshments.

Younger siblings can sit with you there. Students are welcome to use the cafe facilities in their break time.

## **Should my child bring lunch or snacks?**

Please pack a light snack (e.g. fruit, cereal bars) and a refillable water bottle.

## **Are there any food restrictions?**

Our sessions are nut-free. Please avoid packing any nut-based products.

## **Is there an onboarding form or portal?**

Yes. All families complete a simple online onboarding form via our Parent Portal before the first session. A follow up video call will be arranged to discuss your child's individual needs before joining with a member of our Home-Ed hub team.

## **Can children of different ages attend together?**

We are aiming the sessions to support Key stage 3 learners predominantly but our small-group model ensures age- and ability-appropriate instruction.

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## **Will there be homework?**

Optional follow-up tasks will be suggested, but not compulsory—designed to reinforce learning, not overwhelm.

## **What supplies does my child need?**

Basic stationery (pen, pencil, ruler), a notebook, and any subject-specific equipment (e.g. calculator for Maths).

## **Phone regulations?**

We encourage students to keep phones on silent in their bags to minimise distractions.

## **Do you offer SEN support?**

Yes. Our tutors are trained to adapt lessons for a range of additional learning needs. Please indicate any SEN requirements on the onboarding form and discuss helpful accommodations in the onboarding video call.

## **How can I contact my child's tutor during the week?**

All registered families have access to our Parent Portal, where you can securely message your tutor, notify us of any non-attendance, and arrange to rebook sessions for the next term.

# Stay Connected!

Stay connected with our community by joining our Facebook group, where we share the latest news, session updates, and helpful resources.

It's also the first place to find our new information blogs—designed to support and inspire your home education journey.

*Come and be part of the conversation!*



**JOIN HERE**



# Ready To Join Us?

**Secure a Spot:** Our small-group places fill quickly—reserve today!

**Free 20-Minute Planning Session:** Book with Wendy Meadows-Smith at no cost

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