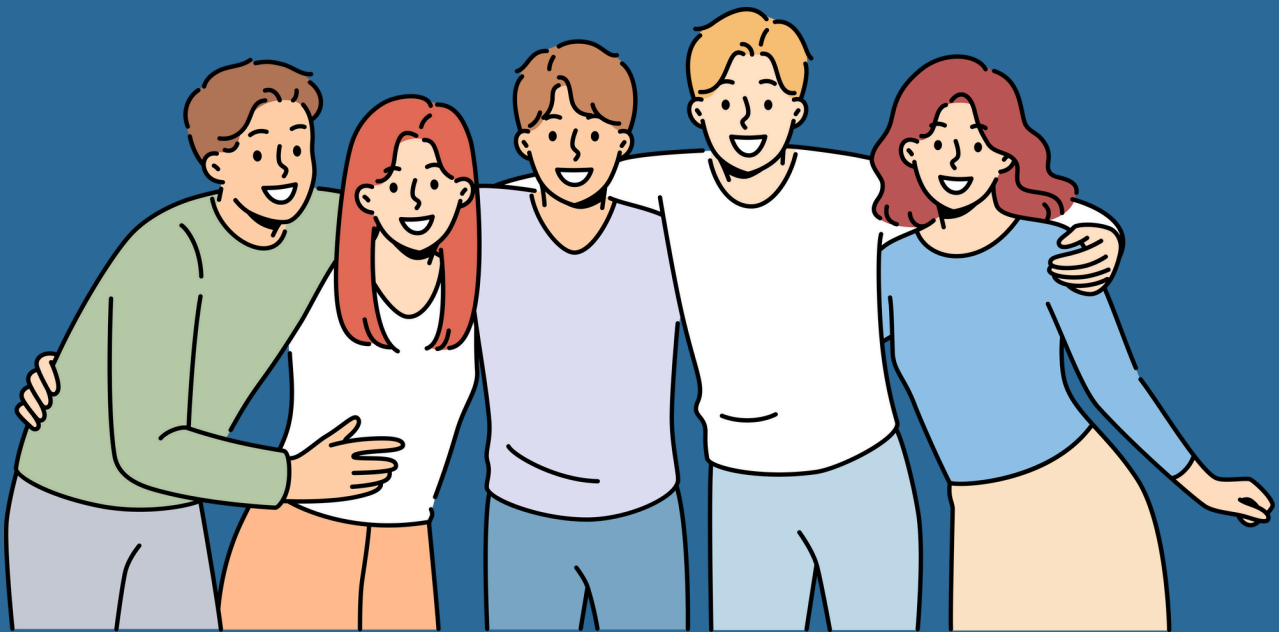




→ WELCOME TO SUTTON VIRTUAL SCHOOL



WHAT IS THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL?

The Virtual School is not a physical school but a team dedicated to supporting the education of children in care. We work with young people, carers, social workers, and schools to ensure every child receives the best possible education and opportunities for success.



WHO IS THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR?

The Virtual School supports children in care aged 2 -18, including those in foster care, residential care, or other local authority care arrangements. We work to ensure that all young people have access to quality education and the support they need.



WHAT DOES THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL DO?

Advocates for You - We make sure your school understands your needs and supports your learning.

Works with Schools - We help schools provide the best education possible.

Personal Education Plans (PEPs) - We review and improve your education plan regularly.

Extra Learning Support - If needed, we provide extra tuition and resources.

Careers and Future Planning :
We help you plan for college, apprenticeships, and future careers.

Wellbeing and Emotional Support:
We offer guidance and resources to support your mental health.



WHO CAN YOU TALK TO?

Your Virtual Education Advisor - Your main contact for education support. (See team profiles below!)

Your Designated Teacher - A teacher in your school who works with the Virtual School.

Your Social Worker - Helps with your overall care and education plan.

Your Carers - They support you at home and in your learning.



Meet the team!



From left to right: Eva Brown, Kate Leyshon, Amy Salter, Georgia Doncaster, Sara Martin, Hannah Miles, Laura Brightly, Moira Adams, Robyn Schofield and Kieron Ifill

Sutton Virtual School is a dedicated education service established by local authorities to oversee and improve the educational outcomes of children who are looked after (i.e., children in foster care, residential care, or under local authority care).

Unlike traditional schools, it does not provide direct teaching. Instead, it works in partnership with schools, social workers, foster carers, and other professionals to monitor, support, and enhance the learning experiences of children looked after.

How Virtual Schools Support Children Looked After :

Monitoring Academic Progress

Virtual schools track the attendance, progress, and achievements of children looked after, ensuring they receive the necessary support to succeed.

Advocacy and Support

We advocate for the needs of children looked after, ensuring schools prioritize these students and provide resources such as tutoring, additional learning support, or access to extracurricular activities.

Personal Education Plans (PEPs)

Virtual schools play a key role in creating and maintaining high-quality Personal Education Plans, which outline tailored strategies to meet the individual needs and aspirations of children.

By coordinating efforts across education, care, and health sectors, we aim to close the achievement gap for children looked after, helping them reach their potential academically, socially, and emotionally.



OUR TEAM PROFILES

KATE LEYSHON



Hi, I am Kate Leyshon,
I am the Headteacher at Sutton
Virtual School and work with a
fantastic team of staff to ensure
our children get the best
educational support and
opportunities/do really well at
school*(secondary/primary). I
love all kinds of sports and
believe we can learn a lot about
ourselves by taking part in
activities

OUR TEAM PROFILES

SARA MARTIN



Hello! My name is Sara and I am the Deputy Headteacher and strategic lead to promote the education of children who have a social worker. I've worked in the Virtual School team for several years and was a teacher and school leader before that. I love spending time with friends, eating out and reading. I look forward to working with you!

GEORGIA DONCASTER



Hi, I'm Georgia, I am the Children Looked After Education Lead. I am Education Adviors. Before working at the Virtual School, I worked as a Primary School Teacher locally. I loved teaching Key Stage 1 and being creative! I have recently become a mum and enjoy spending time with my family and friends! I love being outside and listening to Music.

OUR TEAM PROFILES

MOIRA ADAMS



Hello, I'm Moira, Quality Assurance Manager at Sutton Virtual School. Before joining Sutton Virtual School, I spent many years teaching MFL in secondary schools and leading sixth form UCAS, pastoral and international programmes. I love helping young people to achieve their potential by finding ways to maximise their interests and achievements. I love travelling and the outdoors and find connecting with nature really calming and restorative.

KIERON IFILL



Hi, I'm Kieron, one of the Education Advisors at Sutton Virtual School. Before doing this job, I taught English in pupil referral units and SEN schools. I would also work as a playworker in the holidays too. I enjoy reading, listening to music and cooking (sometimes). Look forward to working with you.

OUR TEAM PROFILES

LAURA BRIGHTLY



Hi! My name is Laura, and I am an Education Advisor at Sutton Virtual School. Before I joined the Virtual School, I was a Primary School teacher, where I specialised in Maths and behaviour management. I have always had a passion working with children and young people; before teaching, I was a Teaching Assistant, Behaviour Mentor and worked in holiday camps. Some of my other passions are music, travelling and spending time with my little one. I look forward to working with you!

AMY SALTER



Hello! My name is Amy, and I am an Education Advisor at Sutton Virtual School. Before I joined Virtual School, I was a primary school teacher. I used to love teaching phonics, English and Reading. I always looked for fun and entertaining books to share with the children as well as ways to make writing creative and exciting! It's no surprise that my favourite day of the school year was World Book Day! In my spare time I love to run, knit and spend time with my friends and family.

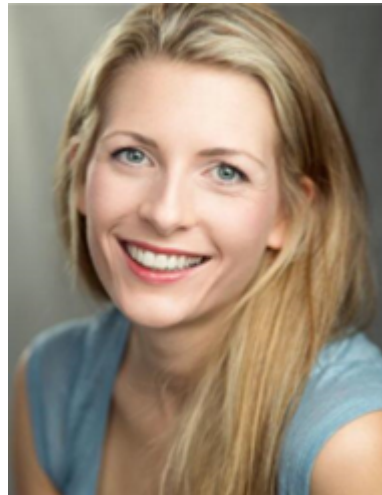
OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

HANNAH MILES



Hello, my name is Hannah, and I am the Extended Duties Education Advisor at Sutton Virtual School. Before joining Virtual School, I worked with young people in high schools and sixth forms. I used to run a team delivering therapeutic work for young people who struggled emotionally and with their behaviour. I worked with Sixth formers to help with their mental health and worked as part of a safeguarding team. I have also worked with young people who have had trouble in school and been excluded. I came to work for Virtual school for lots of reasons but my mum was fostered and my real passion is making a difference to young people's lives. My favourite place to visit is the beach where sometimes we take our kayak out and swim (even in the cold!).

SARAH BASS



My name is Sarah. I'm a Dramatherapist and EMDR therapist. I love to make therapy as creative and fun as possible to give a positive experience, to help self expression and understanding.

I like spending my spare time with animals, being outdoors and with people I love.

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

ROBYN SCHOFIELD



Hi, my name is Robyn Schofield and I am Sutton's Local Offer Coordinator. Before this I worked as a Higher Learning Teaching Assistant in a Primary School. I was a Cheerleader for 10 years where I also Coached and Assistant Coached my own teams. I love travelling (I recently solo travelled Australia), going for hikes and reading.

EVA BROWN



Hi I'm Eva Brown, I am the Business Support Officer for the team. Before doing this job I was an Assistant Headteacher at Green Wrythe Primary School, however I worked the longest at St Elphege's RC Schools where I was a Deputy Headteacher and a maths specialist. My favourite part of my job was to teach maths to children of all ages. I was a mastery specialist teacher which meant that I was able to travel to China with 70 other teachers from the UK and learn from them first hand how to teach mathematics so that there was variation involved in my teaching. Two Chinese teachers then visited our school which was great fun and they became my lifelong friends. Other than work, I love going for long walks, I love sport in general, reading and spend time with my friends and family.

HOW DO WE HELP?

One-to-One Support:
Help with schoolwork, revision, and personal goals.

Enrichment Activities:
Trips, workshops, and mentoring opportunities.

Tutoring & Mentoring:
Extra support in subjects where you need help.



YOUR EDUCATION YOUR FUTURE!

We believe every young person deserves to achieve their potential. Whether you need help with school, making friends, or thinking about your future, we are here to support you.

OUR 2025 EVENTS:

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FEBRUARY 2025

Financial Literacy:



MAY 2025

Trip to Mote Park
Water Sports:



JULY 2025

Summer FAMILY FUN
Day:



DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Event

CONTACT US!

If you or your carer wants to reach us, here's how!



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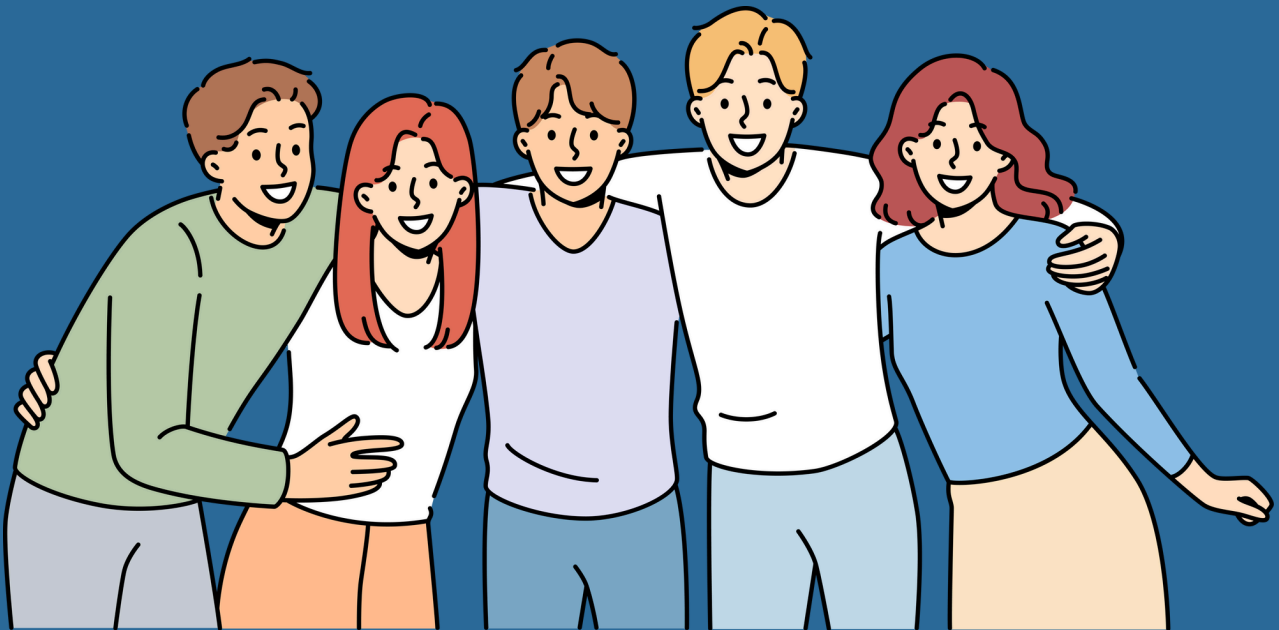
OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.cognus.org.uk/services/suttonvirtualschool/>

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**REMEMBER: YOUR EDUCATION MATTERS, AND WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!**

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