

WHICH OUTSIDE AGENCIES DO WE WORK WITH TO HELP OUR LEARNERS WITH SEND?

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Sometimes we ask for specialist support to help our learners to make progress. Often these children are already on our SEND register, however, if your child needs help to progress in a particular area, we will ask for it, even if they are not on our register.

Speech and Language Therapist



I support children with communication. This means that I support them to form sounds that they are struggling with. I also work with children who use alternative or assistive technologies for communication.

This is important because it helps children to become independent and safe.

We will ask you to help us to write a referral to the Speech and Language team if we identify that your child has a difficulty with communication.

Occupational Therapist & Physical Therapist



I support children with physical and sensory needs. This means that I share techniques and exercises that can help children to overcome barriers to their learning and help them to feel comfortable.

This is important because it helps children to manage their needs independently.

We will ask you to help us to write a referral to the Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy team if we identify that your child is struggling with a physical activity or is finding sensory processing difficult.

School Nurse



I give advice to families and schools about children's health and wellbeing. Sometimes I run drop in clinics so that you can check any health and development worries with me. I can give you advice about who else can help your child's health needs.

This is important because it helps to make sure children are healthy and developing well.

We will ask you to help us write a referral form to the School nursing team if we identify a health need for your child.

Specialist Teacher



I work with children, support staff, teachers and families to support some children who have SEND. I offer tips and advice to staff and families and I may write a report for them with recommendations about support that might be needed.

This is important because it helps us to make sure that we are doing our best in school for every child.

We will ask you to sign a referral form to give permission for us to refer to the Specialist Teacher Team if we think that we would like extra information to understand their needs.

Early Years SEND Teacher



I work with children, support staff, teachers and families to support some children in nursery and reception who have SEND. I offer tips and advice to staff and families and I may write a report for them with recommendations about support that might be needed.

This is important because it helps us to make sure that we are doing our best in school for every child.

We will ask you to sign a referral form to give permission for us to refer to the Early Years SEND Team if we think we would like extra information to understand their needs.



Educational Psychologist

I work with families, children and teachers to understand children's learning needs better. I meet with parents and the SENCo to learn about a child and their development and then observe and work with the child. I will write a report for you which gives some strategies to use in school or at home. Sometimes I may offer a micro-consultation, where I speak to parents and teachers and plan some next steps.

This is important because it helps us to understand and provide the best opportunities for children with changing and challenging needs.

Educational Psychology is a service with limited hours for each school every year. We run an in-school triage for this service, where we prioritise those children with the highest needs.