

As a school we value the input from specialist outside agencies to ensure our children with Special Educational Needs receive the best support possible. As a school we buy into the following external agencies:

Educational Psychology

As a school we commission this support through Coventry's SEND Support Service. Our Educational Psychologist is Dr Kate Clissold. She provides advice to support the development, learning and well-being of young people. She will work with some children and with parents/carers as part of the support we offer as a school. Also, when an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) has been applied for, often an EP will come into school to assess the child as part of the process. As a school we have termly planning meetings and parents must give their consent and their views before any work begins. For more information on what their service offers, please visit their website: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/educational-psychology/eps-information-young-people-parents>

Complex Communication Team (CCT)

As a school we commission this support through Coventry's SEND Support Service. Dianne Gilmore is our CCT Specialist Teacher and she works closely with Mrs McVittie, our SENDCO, to provide support for individuals, groups, families and school staff. Dianne also delivers staff training on a bespoke basis.

As part of the support offered, Dianne will meet with parents to discuss ideas for how to support their child at home.

Information from parents, the child and school is used alongside Dianne's professional judgements to determine priorities and next steps. Recommendations for supportive strategies and interventions which will have a positive impact on pupil progress are provided to school. As a school we have termly planning meetings and parents must give their consent and their views before any work begins. To find out more information, please visit their website: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/coventry-send-support-service/complex-communication-team>

Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Learning (SEMHL)

As a school we commission this support through Coventry's SEND Support Service. Lesley Patel is our SEMHL Specialist Teacher and she works closely with Mrs McVittie, SENDCO, to provide support for individuals, groups, families and school staff.

Our SEMHL specialist teacher promotes the positive mental health and wellbeing of children and young people with SEMH needs to increase their potential to live happy, healthy and fulfilled lives. SEMHL Specialist Teachers also use their expertise to help diagnose students with an isolated area of learning need, such as literacy or numeracy in order to raise attainment and life chances. Part of the SEMHL service allows us to refer to Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) teachers who use their expertise to diagnose students as having a SpLD (e.g. dyslexia) or help students through interventions or train staff in order to raise attainment and life chances. As a school we have termly planning meetings and parents must give their consent and their views before any work begins. To find out more information, please visit their website: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/social-emotional-mental-health-learning-team>

Speech and Language Therapy

As a school we commission this support through Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service, Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust. We value the importance of developing children's speech and language and through teacher observations, assessments and working with outside agencies we make referrals into the Speech and Language Therapy service. We aim to support children to reach their full potential with speech, language and communication. These sessions are held in school and parents and carers are invited to all of the sessions. Please visit their website for more information: <https://www.coventrychildrensslt.co.uk/>

Other Outside Agencies

As a school we are also able to refer children to other services to help support your child's needs and you as a family. These are the services that we use on a regular basis. There are also bespoke services that we use when required.

Occupational Therapy (OT)

Children's Occupational Therapy Team offers a service to children with identified co-ordination and/or fine motor difficulties that are clearly impacting upon function at home or school and cannot be attributed to their level of learning. Also for children with a physical disability within mainstream school where the physical disability is affecting function. This is a service which the school can refer your child to if you have any concerns or you can seek advice from your GP. To find out more information, please visit their website: <https://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/service-detail/health-service/occupational-therapy-childrens-23/>

RISE - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

This is a multi-agency and multi-disciplinary service specialising in the assessment and treatment of moderate to severe mental health difficulties that children and young people experience. If you have concerns about your child's mental health, please contact Mrs McVittie, Mrs Storer or your GP. More information can be found on their website: <https://cwrise.com/>

School Nursing Service

The school or your GP can refer you to the School Nursing Team. The School Nursing Service help with a range other needs such a behaviour, healthy eating, general health, sleeping and toileting etc. In some instances, the service may do a full health assessment of your child and then refer them to other professionals who may be better suited to supporting them and the family such as a paediatrician. Please contact Mrs McVittie or Mrs Bratt if you would like more information or take a look at the following link:

<https://www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-services>
<https://cid.coventry.gov.uk/kb5/coventry/directory/service.page?id=AJyljRfddYs&familychannel=6>

Other Support Available

SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS)

Free, impartial, confidential information, advice and guidance for parents/carers of children with SEN.

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/sendias>

Community Autism Support Service (CASS)

If you live in Coventry or Warwickshire with a diagnosis of autism, or are awaiting a diagnosis, we may be able to help you, your parents or your carer. You can start by calling the Navigation Team and ask about available support. Our team is made up of autistic individuals and those with lived experience, including parents or carers of autistic individuals. Call 024 76 012333 or email navigation@casspartnership.org.uk

<https://casspartnership.org.uk/>

ADHD/Mental Health - Young Minds

Young Minds are leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges. We're here to make sure they get the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/mental-health-conditions/adhd-and-mental-health/>

Dyslexia - British Dyslexia Association

As a parent or carer for a child with dyslexia, you want to provide the best possible support for them. The information contained on this website looks at indicators of specific learning difficulties, as well as supporting your child both at home and within the education system to ensure that they achieve the best possible outcomes.

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/children>

Dyspraxia - Dyspraxia Foundation

Offers help and advice to people with dyspraxia, parents, carers, and families about or on the subject of dyspraxia.

<https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/advice/dyspraxia-in-children/>