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# The Bridge London Outreach Service

## About Us

The Bridge Outreach is a well-established team of specialists supporting the inclusion of school aged pupils (3 - 19) with autism, Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) or Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) in mainstream settings. We are a team of Senior Teachers and a Senior Teaching Assistant who have many years of experience and expertise in working with pupils with autism/SLD/PMLD. We liaise and co-operate with all other Islington based Education, Health and Care professionals.

We support staff in developing their understanding of autism, SLD and PMLD and their skills in meeting the needs of pupils with SEN in mainstream settings.

## What we do

### How our service works

- Schools refer pupils to the Outreach Service with parental consent
- Outreach staff may observe the pupil and meet with key school staff to identify priority needs and plan support accordingly
- Schools receive written recommendation/resources
- Outreach staff monitor pupils' progress and provide ongoing support

### We can advise on

- Inclusive classroom practice, Curriculum Differentiation, Behaviour, Communication, Social Skills, Understanding diagnosis, Transitions

### The Bridge Outreach is a service to schools and as such does not work directly with parents/carers

- Parents/Carers are given a leaflet explaining the work of the service and permission is always obtained before a pupil is seen or discussed
- When individual pupil reports are written (e.g. following an observation), schools will share them with parents/carers
- We meet parents/carers at school-based meetings

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## Training and CPD

### Training for staff

- Autism Education Trust (AET) Tier 1 – Introduction to autism
- Autism and the Early Years
- Autism and Classroom Strategies
- Autism and Challenging Behaviour
- Autism and Sensory Needs
- Autism and Playtime
- Autism and Girls

### Webinars

Please visit our Vimeo page to access the following training:

- Introduction to autism
- Autism and classroom strategies for Primary School
- Strategies for Secondary School
- Getting Back to Green – whole class emotional regulation programme

### Training for Students

- Autism Peer Awareness. A whole class 3 to 5-week programme for pupils in Y4, Y5 and Y6
- 'Getting Back to Green'. A whole class emotional regulation programme for Primary schools
- Autism Awareness assemblies for Secondary schools
- 'The Buddy Project' A peer inclusion programme for Secondary schools

Each Islington school is entitled to choose two free training sessions per year at a date that suits them. We can deliver training during INSET days, as twilight sessions or during the school day.

Our training can be tailored to meet the needs of the individual schools. We highly recommend that schools allocate at least 90 minutes per training session.