

THE BRIDGE OUTREACH SERVICE

Information for families



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Online <https://thebridgetrust.academy/outreach/>

Our service supports the inclusion of school-aged children and young people (3-19) with autism, Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) or Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) in mainstream settings.

We are staffed by teachers and special needs professionals who have experience and expertise in working with autistic pupils and those with SLD/PMLD.

We support staff in developing their understanding of autism and their skills in meeting the needs of pupils with special needs in mainstream settings.

For children and young people with

Autism

Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD)

Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulties

HOW WE WORK WITH SCHOOLS:

Observations and individualised feedback and support for individuals and/or classes

Training for school staff

SENCo support

Learning Walks and Environmental Audits

Modelling of strategies to key staff

We may also attend:

Transition Meetings

TAF/TAC meetings

Parent Coffee Mornings

WE CAN ADVISE ON

Inclusive classroom practice and reasonable adjustments

Classroom and individual visuals

Supporting social skills

Understanding an autism diagnosis

Curriculum access and assessment

Transition (particularly into Year 7)

Emotionally-based school avoidance (EBSA)

Evidence-based interventions and strategies

Behaviour

Sensory needs

Neurodiversity awareness and peer understanding

HOW WE WORK WITH YOUR CHILD:

The school will obtain permission from you for a referral to our service. We will discuss what support is needed with the school and the SENCo.

Following discussion, we may observe your child and recommend strategies, training or other support. Our team may also provide modelling or training to key school staff.

The school may receive a report and resources based on our discussion and observations, and they will share all of this information with you.

When appropriate, we may share and liaise with other professionals working with your child, such as the Speech and Language Therapist.

We may also provide neurodiversity acceptance assemblies or lessons to the school and/or classes.

We will monitor your child's progress throughout the year and support can be on-going.

The Bridge Outreach is a service to Islington schools and their staff. Referrals can only be made by senior school leaders. However, we are happy to meet with you at any professional meeting arranged by your child's school.