

Which other professionals may be involved with my child?

Referral procedures

School may need to involve other professionals from outside agencies to work with your child or to advise staff how best to support your child's specific needs. Some agencies come into school to work with staff and pupils while others provide clinic appointments for pupils and their parents.

School will always have discussed the reasons for referral with parents and obtained parental permission before they refer a child or family through to any outside agency. The SENCo can make a direct referral to most outside agencies but referral times do vary depending on the agency involved.

Outside Agencies

School has access to a wide variety of outside agencies who can offer support and advice to staff, parents and pupils.

We work with the following main agencies / professionals:

- Educational Psychologist (EP) – assesses and observes pupils at school and provides advice to school.
- Specialist Teacher Team (STT) – assess individual pupils at school to help identify learning difficulties and suggests programmes of work to support learning.
- Speech and Language Therapy Service (SALT) – pupils with speech and language difficulties are either seen at school or in clinic and suggested programmes of work are usually delivered within school.
- Lincolnshire Behaviour Outreach Support Service (BOSS)
- Pupil Reintegration Team (PRT)
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) – provides support for social and emotional needs.
- Working Together Team (WTT)– specialised support and advice for pupils with social communication difficulties.
- School Nursing Team – provide medical advice through clinic appointments, in the family home and at school.
- Family Action / Family Support Workers – provide support for the family in the family home.
- Community Paediatrics (NHS) – provide medical advice through clinic appointments and can diagnose specific difficulties such as Autism and ADHD.
- Teacher of the Hearing Impaired – provides advice and support for pupils with a hearing impairment.
- Teacher of the Visually Impaired - provides advice and support for pupils with a visual impairment.
- Physiotherapist / Occupational therapist – provides programmes of work at school to support pupils with physical impairments (School is unable to refer directly to this service as a referral must come from a GP or paediatrician)

Jargon

We use many different abbreviations in school that you, as a parent, may not be familiar with. Here are a few explanations:

ADHD – Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder

ALM – Active Learning Mat
ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
BOSS – Behaviour Outreach Support Service
CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
EHCP – Education, Health and Care Plan
EP – Educational Psychologist
ESCo – Early Support Care Co-ordination
EWO – Education Welfare Officer
EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage
IEP – Individual Education Plan
OT – Occupational Therapist
PCP - Person Centred Planning
PSP - Pastoral Support Plan
SALT – Speech and Language Therapy
SENCo – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SEND – Special Educational Needs and Disability
STT – Specialist Teaching Team