

RE: Links with Other Professionals

Dear Parents and Carers

Teaching staff working with the young people who attend Kennel Lane School are part of a wider team that includes professionals from other agencies. We often share information and request involvement for the benefit of young people in our care. Where a specific young person is discussed in a meeting with professionals, outcomes from any meetings will be communicated to parents and carers. The ongoing dialogue with the professionals and families is essential to provide the best possible opportunities for our young people. We hope that by maintaining regular communication, we will contribute to young people's wellbeing, achievement and independence.

Kennel Lane School will request that copies of reports from our professional partners, including the NHS services, are shared electronically as well as in paper form. We will store copies of these reports on the school computer system. If you have any questions about how this information will be stored and used, please contact Maureen Steele, School Secretary. Please sign and return the email consent form enclosed with this letter.

Health Services

Information about all of the services offered by Berkshire NHS, which includes the CYPIT service, can be found at <http://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/>.

Children and Young People's Integrated Therapies (CYPIT)

The Children and Young People's Integrated Therapy (CYPIT) team, which includes Speech and Language Therapists (SALT), Occupational Therapists (OT), and Physiotherapists, is based at Kennel Lane School on a part-time basis. If a young person needs input from one of these teams, we may complete a referral and ask you to provide information. The CYPIT team may respond with direct involvement, through setting and monitoring targets for the class and family to work on, or by providing an advice service that can be accessed on request.

Paediatrics and the Community Nursing Service

Some young people will attend regular clinics with one of the paediatricians who visit school. This is usually to address a specific, ongoing medical concern and is not a substitute for the service provided by a general practice. The Children's Community Nursing (CCN) team support students who have individual healthcare plans and provide training for staff, but do not support with other medical needs (for example, with First Aid).

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

We may sometimes make a referral to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). Your GP can also make a referral to CAMHS. Where a young person needs a referral to a medical service for other specialist input, you can usually request this through your GP.

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Social Care

We work closely with Children's Social Care and regularly meet with social workers and families. Meetings are usually arranged by the Social Worker and provide an opportunity to review the support offered to families, and for school staff to provide an update on young people's progress. We sometimes request involvement from Children's Social Care through a Common Assessment Framework (CAF), and we may ask you to contribute to this document. More information about Children's Social Care can be found at <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare> .

Educational Psychology

We have regular input from the Educational Psychology Service (EPS) and parents and carers of may be invited to a consultation meeting if the need arises. An Educational Psychologist meets with the SENCO every term to discuss concerns and priorities for individual work. The decision to request involvement of the EPS is based on priority and to provide information beyond those assessments that school staff can conduct.

Teachers for Hearing and Visual Impairment

Some young people who attend Kennel Lane School have impaired hearing or vision. The school employs a qualified teacher for visual impairment (VI). The Sensory Consortium also supports young people who have a visual impairment or hearing impairment. These teachers are able to offer support and advice to other staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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