

LINDEN LODGE SCHOOL

Job Description



**Linden Lodge
School**

A Specialist Sensory & Physical College

STATUS

Job Title: Creative Arts Therapist / Child Therapist (Play / Integrative Arts)

Hours: 4 days per week

Accountable to: Headteacher/Head of School

Grade: Unqualified Teachers Pay Range Point 1 to 6 (depending on experience)

CONTEXT

This therapeutic role sits within the Creative & Therapeutic Arts (CTA) Team, who work with pupils with sensory impairment(s) and complex needs, on an individual and small group basis. The Therapist will deliver therapeutic intervention for pupils throughout the school and will contribute to whole school approaches that promote positive mental health and wellbeing. A flexible and creative approach is essential in meeting a wide range of needs and delivering an accessible therapeutic provision.

Therapeutic Duties

- Provide individual and group therapy sessions in line with EHCPs and incoming referrals.
- Provide formal written assessment reports and on-going reports as appropriate and to keep up-to-date clinical session records.
- Implement techniques for assessment and treatment, and to regularly review the effectiveness of these.
- Liaise with the Co-ordinator of the Creative & Therapeutic Arts Team and the Management Team, termly to review caseload and service.
- Maintain client confidentiality at all times.
- Contribute to Multidisciplinary team meetings, annual reviews and EHCPs.
- Provide advice, consultation, training and support to others working with the client group as appropriate.
- Provide Inset and training.
- Undergo individual and group clinical supervision.
- Undertake Continued Professional Development.
- Commitment to developing evidence based practice

- Work collaboratively with staff and senior leaders and contribute specialist knowledge as part of the whole school approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing.
- Contribute to school development planning.

CASE LOAD MANAGEMENT

- Ensure delivery of therapeutic provision in response to presenting and emerging needs of each individual
- Ensure all work is effectively monitored and evaluated
- Ensure that all work is undertaken in accordance with the child protection guidelines and policies
- Ensure that all clinical work is thoroughly recorded in accordance with the association/professional body and GDPR.
- Maintain accurate, up to date and comprehensive records
- Attend relevant professional meetings that the caseload requires, where possible.
- Use audio-visual material and photographic material to aid with assessments and progress
- Develop positive channels of communication with pupils' parents/carers, teaching staff and external professionals.
- Advocate for pupils, where appropriate, to ensure access to necessary psychological support both internally and externally.

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Deliver training courses, such as inset day training or information days, for school staff, multi-disciplinary team and families where appropriate
- Work in partnership with other agencies to improve the care of children and young people with learning disabilities
- Act as Placement Manager/Supervisor when facilitating training placements

Safeguarding

Be fully aware of and understand the duties and responsibilities arising from the Children's Act and Working Together in relation to child protection and safeguarding children and young people as this applies to the worker's role within the organisation

Be fully aware of the principles of safeguarding as they apply to vulnerable adults to the workers role

	Ensure that the worker's line manager is made aware and kept fully informed of any concerns which the worker may have in relation to safeguarding and/or child protection
<i>Leadership</i>	To work under overall supervision of the Headteacher
<i>CPD</i>	Commitment to own continued professional development and to undertake mandatory training as required
<i>Service and Self Review</i>	Participate in the School's Self Review of performance Review methods of effective teaching and learning
<i>Behaviour / Risk Management</i>	Work with other colleagues to ensure safety of both workers and users at all times
<i>Supporting other colleagues</i>	Work with and support other colleagues to ensure the smooth and effective running of the School
GENERAL DETAILS	
REVIEW This job description does NOT define all the duties and responsibilities commensurate with the post. As such, it will be reviewed at the end of the academic year or earlier if necessary and may be amended at any time after consultation with you.	