

LINDEN LODGE SCHOOL

Job Description



STATUS

Job Title: Dance Movement Psychotherapist / Creative Arts Therapist

Hours: 14 Hours per week, Term Time Only

Accountable to: Mental Health Lead / Co-Headteachers

Grade: Scale 6/SO1

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.

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 Lead 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 as required.
- Provide advice, consultation, training and support to others working with the client group as appropriate.
- Commitment to continuing to develop 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.

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/safeguarding 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 notes and records
- Attend relevant professional meetings that the caseload requires.
- Use audio-visual material and photographic material to aid with assessments and progress
- Liaise with parents/carers, teaching staff and external professionals of students on your caseload as required.
- Advocate for pupils 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 student
- Act as Placement Manager/Supervisor when facilitating training placements

Other duties

- Attend and engage with relevant CPD, training and supervision provided by the school
- Contribute to school development planning within your area of expertise.
- Undertake any other duties commensurate with the post and grade that may be required of you by your line manager or Co-Headteachers.

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.	