

BASE Academy
Masfield Primary School
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Professionals involved in the assessment of your child

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Educational Psychologist

An Educational Psychologist is concerned with supporting pupils who are experiencing difficulties with their learning. This might include learning difficulties and/ or social and emotional problems.

Educational psychologist will spend much of their time in schools or Nursery.

An Educational psychologist will spend time speaking and observing your child. They will also speak to you. The educational psychologist will focus on helping to reduce barriers in your child's learning.

Ladywood Outreach Teacher

These are advisory teachers who have knowledge or experience working with pupils with additional needs, including communication and interaction.

Advisory teachers work alongside colleagues from other agencies.

Specialist Audiologist

Audiologists are healthcare professionals who assess, diagnose and treat pupils with hearing, balance and tinnitus problems. If a pupil is having trouble with their social and communication skills it is important to rule out hearing impairment in the first instance.

Your child may be referred to an audiologist as a first part of the assessment process and pupils are usually seen in hospital or clinic.

Speech and Language Therapist

Speech and Language Therapists are professionals who specialise in speech, language and communication difficulties. They offer assessment in order to identify your child's communication profile and then agree intervention packages according to individual needs.

Speech and language therapists will work either with pupils in clinic or in school

School nurse

These are community nurses that provide health support for children in school. They often carry out health assessments of height, weight etc. or if there are any concerns regarding the health of a child.

Child and adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

These work as part of a multi- disciplinary service that involves other professionals such as child psychologists, children psychiatric nurses and case managers.

They work mainly with children who have emotional, behavioural and anxiety related difficulties.

Occupational therapist

Occupational therapists are trained to assist people to manage everyday tasks that they may be having difficulties with either because of a disability, illness or injury.

Occupational therapists support and help children who are for instance struggling with their coordination e.g. holding a pen or pencil, tie shoe laces or hold a knife and fork correctly.

Occupational therapists assist children who have motor difficulties including things like poor muscle tone and lack of coordination, they may also be able to give advice about sensory difficulties

Health visitor

Health visitors are nurses or midwives who complete further training. They work with families with preschool children. They are involved in childhood development.

Paediatrician

Paediatricians are doctors who specialise in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and care of children. They work with families and children around aspects of a child's social, emotional and physical health.

A paediatrician will usually see the child and family in the hospital or clinic setting, although they may sometimes see the child in the home or school environment.