

Children and Families Service

One Minute Guide



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CEAT: Cheshire East Autism Team: A guide for parents.

CEAT Who we are: We are a team of autism specialists consisting of teachers, support assistants, a speech & language therapist and a Family Liaison Officer. Cheshire East Autism Team is part of The Children and Families Directorate. We provide a service to Cheshire East maintained schools and academies, offering advice and support to all professionals working with pupils with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) or other related social and communication difficulties.

What we do:- We are an education-based service. The main role of the team is to support schools to successfully include pupils with ASC/social communication differences.

We offer a 3 tier service: -

Tier 1 - Training

We are an AET (Autism Education Trust) training hub. We provide a comprehensive training programme for all school staff to ensure that those working with children and young people with autism have a thorough understanding of the condition and how best to help them.

Tier 2 - Group Consultation

Where a child or young person's needs are more complex, schools can raise them as a case for discussion at group consultation. Strategies are incorporated by school into an action plan/SEND support plan, which is shared with parent/carers. The 'Plan, Do, Review' process is then followed. Group consultations are held once every half term for both new and review cases. We require signed parental/carer's consent for a pupil to be discussed at a consultation.

Tier 3 - Direct Work

For a small number of highly complex cases CEAT can engage in more direct work, this could include observations, modelling of strategies, informal assessments and 1:1 work

CEAT Family Liaison Officer: Provides support via Cheshire & Warrington carers Trust monthly coffee mornings across Cheshire East. In addition, individual appointments can be accessed through Space4Autism and Autism Inclusive. Check out the website for further information about venues and dates.

Support, guidance and training is offered to Family Service workers.

Website: <http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/local-offer-for-children-with-sen-and-disabilities/education/supporting-send-in-education/pupils-with-asc/autism.aspx>

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