

Specialist Support in Dartford

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Other specialist staff who support pupils with SEND in Dartford include the Specialist Teachers for Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, Physical Disability and the SENIF practitioner (EY).

How can you help?

- *By **providing a suitable and appropriate space/room** for us to work in with a child or young person, if required*
- *By **keeping us informed** e.g. when a child or young person is absent on an arranged visit day*
- *By **ensuring key staff are available** to meet with us when we give feedback*
- *By **communicating any significant information with us** between visits, including reviews of outcomes and targets for the child or young person*
- *By **giving us feedback** at the closure of interventions (a short questionnaire via Survey Monkey)*

The STLS team are based at Rowhill School, Main Road, Longfield, Kent DA3 7PW

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Specialist Teaching and Learning Service (STLS)

Dartford District



Information for staff in schools and EY settings

About Dartford STLS

We are a **service for mainstream schools and early years settings** commissioned by Kent County Council. The Specialist Teaching and Learning Service (STLS) Team aim to **advise and support** early years' settings and schools to **build the capacity and confidence** to deliver high quality provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to improve pupil progress and outcomes.

A **collaborative problem solving approach**, using the skills and experience of STLS staff together with the expertise in all settings and schools, lies at the heart of the Service delivery.

Based at Rowhill school, the STLS are part of a wider network of services from Education, Health and Social Care, bringing children's services together to ensure seamless provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

A wide range of **training workshops** for professionals, are offered at Rowhill School. In addition, bespoke training packages are delivered to settings and schools throughout Dartford, where appropriate.

What can we do?

The STLS team offers a high degree of shared knowledge, skills, expertise and information through:

- Establishing a clear mutual understanding of the support needs and agreeing realistic goals within a given timescale
- Sharing a range of resources and flexible interventions
- Helping with assessment processes in order to establish a clearer understanding of need
- Working directly with children and young people, families, school and setting staff to support the inclusion process
- Working within a multi-agency context, where appropriate, to support the child or young person's needs
- Providing records of visits and, where appropriate, reports
- Delivering a range of SEND training workshops for professionals at Rowhill School
- Delivering bespoke training for settings and schools as appropriate when requested
- Increasing settings and schools' capacity to successfully include and manage the needs of children and young people after the STLS intervention is completed

Referring to the Service

In the first instance settings should refer to the **Best Practice Guidance** and schools should refer to the **Mainstream Core Standards** to identify what can be done to support the pupils access to the curriculum and ability to make progress from within the setting's/school's own resources.

If it is considered that additional advice, training or support is needed then the **Local Inclusion Forum Team (LIFT) Request Form** should be completed and a request made for the issues to be discussed at the next LIFT.

Full details of the LIFT process can be found on the Kelsi website, together with information regarding the additional documentation required for a LIFT referral.

www.kelsi.org.uk

<http://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/special-educational-needs/local-inclusion-forum-teams>