Oxfordshire SEND

Oxfordshire Educational Psychology Service
Experts at Hand Offer

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Educational Psychology support through Experts at Hand (EaH)

Early-intervention Educational Psychology (EP) support is currently available for Oxfordshire mainstream schools, focused on strengthening inclusive support and building capacity within settings. The multi-agency model is still being finalised. The model includes training, staff supervision, consultation and intervention packages.

Consultation and EP Support

While arrangements are being finalised, schools can request support through the SENDCo Helpdesk. Consultations focus on barriers to inclusion for children and young people with SEND, supporting problem-solving and planning.

- *Initial contact*: a telephone consultation with an EP. Training, staff workshops, supervision, further consultation or direct work may follow where appropriate.
- *Access*: capacity-dependent and limited to one request per school per term; direct EP involvement is not guaranteed.
- *Priority*: where no other service is regularly or imminently involved. Focus is on early intervention work (not those who already have EHC plans).
- *Review*: all EaH work includes a review meeting or process, agreed during the initial consultation.

Make your consultation requests here: SENDCO Helpdesk

Online opportunities

Training and professional development
A range of webinars have been developed with support from other teams within OCC and are running over the Autumn and Spring terms.

Topics include:

- Emotionally based school avoidance (EBSA)
- Demand-avoidant behaviours
- Early-years cognition and learning needs (with EY team)
- Understanding social and emotional needs in the early years (with EY team)
- Understanding adversity (with ATTACH team)
- Supporting maths difficulties
- Supporting literacy difficulties

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Staff Supervision Groups

Online reflective Group Supervision to support psychologically informed problem-solving on a theme, practice and resource sharing, provide peer support. Available for all members of staff in schools, particularly those supporting SEND and Inclusion.

In-person opportunities:

Current availability

Nurture Group Training	Fully booked.
Additional ELSA training cohort (Traded)	Six training days across spring and summer terms, starting 12 January 2027.
Relational Approaches Conference	9 February 2027, Didcot Civic Hall for ELSAs, nurture practitioners and emotional-wellbeing support staff.
Suicide Prevention and Postvention Response Training	11 February 2027, Westgate Collaboration Space.

How to book support

For Staff Supervision groups, webinars, in-person training and Assistant EP packages, book through the Oxfordshire Education Services portal:

https://educationservices.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Check this portal regularly for dates, availability and new opportunities.