

Who are the other people providing services to children with SEND in our school?

School staff

- Teacher led groups
- Teaching assistants
- Pupil Well-Being Officer

At Audley Infant School, we have a number of links to outside agencies who may help with the children at our school and their families.

School nurse

Our school nurse works closely with pupils, parents, carers and teachers, offering support and advice on a range of issues. She plays a vital role in children's development, carrying out screening programmes, managing medical conditions and acting as a point of contact on child protection issues.

Educational Psychologist

The Educational Psychologist helps children who are experiencing problems within school with the aim of enhancing their learning. Challenges may include social or emotional problems or learning difficulties. They advise teachers, parents, social workers and other professionals.

Their work involves an assessment of the child using observation, interviews and test materials. Educational psychologists offer a wide range of appropriate interventions, such as learning programmes and collaborative work with teachers or parents.

Blackburn with Darwen SEND Team (Special Educational Needs Assessment Advice Team)

Blackburn with Darwen SEND Team are trained to undertake a wide range of diagnostic tests to support our school in the identification of children with special educational needs and consequent decisions about their support and provision (including staff training). They visit school, observe the children and carry out 1:1 assessment. The areas they cover include:

- Early years
- Specific learning difficulties
- Speech, language and communication needs
- Complex learning needs
- Social communication needs and Autism
- Physical disabilities
- Visual impairment
- Hearing impairment
- SEMH (Social, Emotional & Mental Health)

Occupational Therapy

The role of the Occupational Therapist (OT) is to work with children who have difficulties with the practical and social skills necessary for their everyday life. An Occupational Therapist will aim to enable the child to be as physically, psychologically and socially independent as possible.

Doctors/Paediatricians

Paediatricians are doctors who look at specific health issues, diseases and disorders related to stages of growth and development. This is an area of medicine where the doctor works closely with the patient and their family.