

## CHILDRENS INTEGRATED THERAPIES

### The Iffley Academy Newsletter

#### Introduction

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust provides Integrated Therapy Services (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy & Speech and Language Therapy) for children attending their Local Authority Special School in Oxfordshire. We work in close partnership with our education colleagues. The specialist therapy interventions are outcome focused, individual for each child, and put the needs of the child first. Some of this information may not be applicable to you and your child as they may not require involvement from all the therapy services. However we want to share our contact information in case you have any queries you would like to discuss.

#### Who are your child's therapists?

Therapy	Name	Contact details	Day in school
Speech & Language Therapy	Laura Vasev	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:laura.vasev@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">laura.vasev@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> <b>Mobile:</b> 07887 847544	Thursday
Speech & Language Therapy	Sarah Overton	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sarah.overton@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">sarah.overton@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> <b>Mobile:</b> 07796 338125	Thursday
Physiotherapy	Julia Hyde	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:julia.hyde@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">julia.hyde@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> <b>Mobile:</b> 07887 650398	As needed
Occupational Therapy	Hanlie Terry	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:hanlie.terry@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">hanlie.terry@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> <b>Mobile:</b> 07717 697987	Tuesday (once every 10 weeks)

#### What we do

We see children with therapy needs identified on their Education and Health Care Plan (SEN Statements) or those newly referred. We work in collaboration with school staff within the classroom and school environment. This includes; assessment; joint target setting; training; producing therapy programs; review and discharging when outcomes have been achieved. Children may be seen individually or in groups with home visits to support parents with therapy at home. We have strong links with many partner agencies across the county and an excellent knowledge of local services and resources.

#### ***Speech and Language Therapy***

We aim to support your child to achieve their full potential in their speech, language and communication. In school we provide class-based support for demonstrating and modelling strategies to create and facilitate communication opportunities in functional situations throughout the day. We support the weekly communication groups which are run by teaching staff. We provide training and work closely with teaching staff in setting communication targets across the school year. We have 1:1 sessions to assess and review progress as well as to work on specific skills, if appropriate. In addition we provide eating and drinking assessments and programmes, if required.

### ***Physiotherapy***

We work with your child to maximise their physical potential and gross motor development. This may involve handling and positioning advice, specialist equipment to support their position 24 hours a day, exercises working on balance, control, coordination, strength and function. We aim to help the child move effectively whether it be in lying, sitting or standing

### ***Occupational Therapy***

The Occupational Therapy Service works primarily with children who are physically impaired as well as children who have sensory processing problems or have co-ordination difficulties that affect their ability to participate in everyday activities. In school we provide class based support for demonstrating and modelling therapy techniques and strategies to staff and produce therapy programmes to address targets as appropriate. Where relevant, the OT will be involved in seating, toileting, feeding and drinking, and manual handling assessments with recommendations and provision of special enabling equipment.

### **How to contact us**

Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

You can contact us in a number of ways;

- Mobile phone
- Telephone
- Email
- Write a note in the home-school diary
- Drop in at school to speak to us directly
- Liaison through the class teacher
- Via appointments with therapists at, for example, school parents evenings

***Link to Oxford Health website for further information***

**<http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people/oxon/integrated-therapies>**

***We would appreciate your feedback in order to help us to further develop our Service***

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***Compliments or Complaints [PALS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:PALS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)***