Elmtree Learning Partnership Bristol

Information for schools and settings

Supporting young people to achieve education success

Welcome to Elmtree Learning Partnership Ltd.

Elmtree is a very special setting, a safe place for young people to have the opportunity to reset their experience of education and build their confidence and self-belief. Ultimately to have the skills to succeed in education and beyond.

We talk a lot of what does success look like, what does this young person need to be successful. Often too much time is spent discussing what has prevented success rather than what has enabled it. All learners spending time with us have access to Thrive, Reading [Including ReadEggs], Maths via Mathletics, PE and Creative projects.

Upon starting with us a personal project is decided, led by the young person to support their voice being heard and a task they can buy into, us getting to know them and them us! This has seen us build sharks, swords, elephant toothpaste, set up fish tanks, presenting historical guides, exploring the local area and more! Participation from adults at home is most welcome with this task and we like to show off our efforts!

Elmtree is an Alternative Education Provision. This means children can spend up to a maximum of 18 hours per week with us and we cannot be the sole provider of education, nor can we prevent access to other education provision. Many of our children spend time in their School or at a number of other therapeutic and creative provisions in addition to working with Elmtree. We are more than happy to work with other providers to ensure we are all working for the benefit of the young person and their success.

Working collaboratively to support the success of every learner?

We use an app called IConnect which provides families, carers and commissioners with updates, notifications of attendance, achievements and progress. Elmtree staff upload information during each session the learner attends.

> **The level of communication from Elmtree is great, and we have enjoyed the stream of positives and the emphasis on successes.**
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> New parent Sept 2023

We work with Education Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, SALTs and other education professionals to provide safe known spaces for learners to be assessed, engage in programmes, counselling or treatment. Ultimately to promote the learner succeeding.

We are proud to have achieved approved status on the Bristol ALP Framework – this framework covers Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire. Further information on this can be found here: Alternative Learning Provision: bristol.gov.uk

This framework gives the parents, carers and commissioners the assurance of the checks and due diligence that has been carried out by Bristol Local Authority. Full information is available on the Bristol Local Authority website.

Success at Elmtree...

Learners attending Elmtree will receive support and opportunities to build skills and tools to achieve success in education. Looking ahead to employment we look at employability and careers ideas.

Our rules are few but essential and we ask the learners to participate in everything Elmtree and to work with us to:

- Keep themselves safe
- Keep others safe
- Kind to themselves
- Kind to others
- Respect themselves
- Respect others
- Listen to each other

Racist and abusive language towards other learners or adults cannot be accepted and where appropriate this will be reported to the Local Authority in accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education. We work closely with the Local Authority SEND, Social Care and Safeguarding teams, in line with the requirements of those working with children and vulnerable adults we report concerns and act on concerns professionally and efficiently. Please do not hesitate to talk to us for support.

Our approach

The curriculum we operate focuses on confidence, self belief, belonging, independence, resilience and problem solving. An education reset to experience success to take forwards. The curriculum develops throughout the year but allows for learners to join at any point, engage, complete projects and transition back into their next settings, or return to their current provision.

We operate a tiered approach ranging from 121 supervision through to small group intervention. We can provide transport at additional cost as well as lunch where the learner is eligible for free school meals. Many of our learners have EHCPs, some have them in progress or we are able to support applications during their time with us. Learners are referred to us with our referral form, accompanied where appropriate with EHCP and risk assessment documentation, we then arrange a visit for the learner and their significant adults.

Once a Service Level Agreement and initial learning plan have been agreed the learner either starts their timetable to begins a number of transition sessions. We carry out reviews every 6 weeks to ensure we are succeeding and achieving maximum engagement.

What are people saying about Elmtree?

Elmtree was recommended by James, Clinical Psychologist from CAHMS.

When we visited- and from discussions with Sarah, we felt they had the right skills and understanding of my son's complex needs. My son is diagnosed Autistic, with anxiety, OCD traits and ADHD traits. Transition has been slow and sensitive. By the third week (two weeks were short visits with me), J was happy for me to sit in the waiting area. The next week he has happy for me to leave him and come back after 2 hours. We are slowly increasing his hours alongside other important provisions such as rebound therapy and horse care.

J has struggled to trust strangers and show his lovely, funny true nature. However, he seems so relaxed and calm at Elmtree. He designed a sword, which they are building out of scrap. He is doing PE, reading, science and a variety of other subjects-interwoven into the day.

I cannot emphasise enough how amazing the staff have been with J. They have been sensitive and kind, respectful and fun. J looks forward to attending. He is learning how to navigate different social situations with guidance.

Parent of one of our current learners

They are just thriving at Elmtree, such a contrast to last term and we can see the progress they are making and how this is building towards a more traditional classroom environment again.

Carer of a current learners

We could not be prouder of Elmtree and the fantastic team of staff who are committed to the young people working with us. We are also humbled by the larger network of people and organisations who support the vision of Elmtree and Elementa. If you would like to get involved in any of the work, we are doing please get in touch.

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