

North and Mid Essex Secondary Outreach

Information for Parents and Carers



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We can help with:

- ✓ Supporting your child's emotional regulation at school
- ✓ Improving your child's engagement with their education
- ✓ Offering wrap around support such as referrals, signposting and chairing TAF (Team around the family) meetings to ensure there is support for the wider family
- ✓ Reducing the risk of your child being permanently excluded in the future

Who are we?

Secondary Outreach is delivered by the Keys Co-operative Academy Trust. The project has a number of Outreach, Engagement and Intervention workers who are highly skilled professionals based within education. There is also wider support available to you from staff within the project which include a Consultant Team Around the Family Support Officer (TAFSO) and Child and Young Person Officers from Essex Police.

Would outreach be suitable for my child?

Outreach is targeted support for secondary pupils (and a small number of Year 6's). They must be in a mainstream school and experiencing challenges with their education. Your child may have already had repeat suspensions or sanctions within school. They might already have had some interventions put in place by school which haven't improved things. There may also be other concerns, such as risks in the local community, or wider issues that also impact on how well your child can engage with their education.



What happens if my child is put forward for outreach?

With your consent, someone at the school who knows your child well will share some key details about your child with the Outreach Team. The Outreach Team will then have a team discussion to help understand more about what may be going on for your child, and if Outreach may be the right intervention for them.

There are some reasons that mean your child may not be suitable for outreach. If this is the case, the outreach team will try to ensure an alternative package of support is recommended such as signposting and advice given via the school.



What happens during the outreach if it's agreed?

Once accepted and agreed, we organise sessions via your child's school. The outreach engagement intervention workers (OEI's) offer a programme of interventions that will enable the young person to develop their emotional regulation skills, and to build a greater understanding of the tools and strategies that will enable them to re-engage with learning in the classroom. Your child may be offered group work, or a 1-1 intervention. Initially this takes place weekly for around an hour.

We want to ensure that your child and family are fully supported through what may be a challenging and worrying time. There are other parts to the Outreach which may benefit your child and wider family. This includes access to a 'task force' which includes a dedicated Consultant TAFSO (Team Around the Family Support Officer). They can work with you all to put together an Early Help Plan, Chair a TAF (Team around the Family) Meeting and ensure the appropriate agencies and support services are in place for you all. The TAFSO will be in touch near the start of the intervention to have a discussion about this with the school and/or you directly, and we will explore what would work best for your family.



We also have Essex Police Child and Young Persons Officers, who schools can contact for further support if required.



How long does outreach last?

The length of Outreach is flexible and will be communicated by the outreach worker. There are no set time frames. We also offer a 'Moving On Plan' to ensure good work continues in school after our support has come to an end. The TAFSO can also remain involved to ensure this and any other recommendations stay in place after the main interventions have come to an end. Outreach are here to support our mainstream colleagues.

For more information please speak to a member of staff at your child's school.



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