

Educational therapy

Useful information for schools and
other educational settings



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Since 1982, Brainwave has been working with families to deliver individual home based therapy and exercise programmes that help children with disabilities and development delay to achieve their potential.

We design therapy to be carried out at home for children with a range of conditions including a brain injury, such as Cerebral Palsy, genetic conditions such as Down's Syndrome, Developmental Delay, Autism and more. Each programme is specifically tailored to suit each child's individual needs. The Programme usually consists of a combination of physical, cognitive and sensory exercises. Teachers work alongside Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists to ensure that all developmental areas are covered.

Brainwave's Educational Therapists are trained teachers with various experiences across mainstream and special needs education. They are dedicated in supporting parents to help their children in developing new cognitive skills.

The list of areas covered by our Educational Therapists is extensive and inclusive of the following:

- Attention and concentration
- Memory
- Body awareness
- Listening skills and following commands
- Early Learning skills such as object and picture recognition
- Counting and knowledge of number
- Letter and word recognition
- Reading and comprehension
- Hand function such as pre-writing skills, manipulation of objects, letter formation and hand writing
- Visual cognition eg sorting, matching, perceptual skills



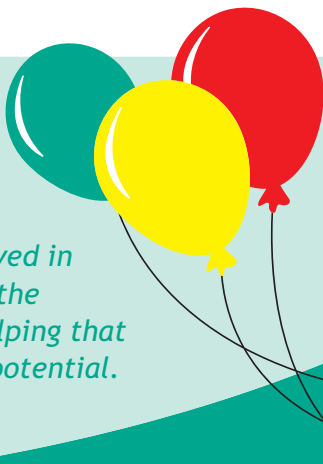
- Simple speech exercises
- Visual time tables and visual learning eg using TEACCH methods
- Communication strategies including Objects of Reference, photographs and PECS
- Behavioural Management Strategies
- Brain Gym Techniques
- Sensory awareness exercises
- Calming techniques

We have a wide variety of resources available to us when planning our objectives. These include:

- The Primary Framework for Literacy
- The Primary Framework for Mathematics
- Practice Guidance for The Early Years Foundation Stage and Letters and Sounds
- Principles and Practice of High Quality Phonics

Before assessing the children, we carry out a thorough interview with each child's parents. Details of the child's current school provision always forms part of this discussion. We ask what the child is doing at school and then seek to complement this within the programme. It is paramount to us that we never knowingly undermine or contradict what each child is learning at school. Obviously the more information that the parents can supply, the better the continuity can be.

We always welcome contact from schools and nurseries. We know that liaising with other professionals involved in the child's care is by far the most effective way of helping that child to reach their full potential.



More about Brainwave

Brainwave is a registered charity with centres in Somerset, Essex and Cheshire. It also runs outreach clinics in Ireland and Scotland. Initial Assessments take place over two days at one of the Centres. Reassessments take place every 4-6 months and last one day.

Goals are agreed with the families and milestones are set. When the child achieves a milestone they are given a Certificate of Achievement that helps motivation. Siblings are involved with the exercises wherever possible.

The length of time that a child remains on the Programme varies enormously but two years is not uncommon.



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