

Feedback on the Outdoor Learning Team

Feedback from anyone who has accessed our service is appreciated and carefully considered. If you would like to provide us with some feedback or suggestions for how we can develop and improve our services, please feel free to contact us.

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For more information, the Outdoor Learning Team can be contacted as follows:

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The Outdoor Learning Team

What is the Outdoor Learning Team?

The Outdoor Learning (OL) Team forms part of the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Inclusion Team and sits within the Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills. The Outdoor Learning service is available to all mainstream primary and secondary schools in Jersey for pupils and staff working up to and including Key Stage 4.

The team's principle role is to support schools across the Island in their management of pupils with complex social and emotional needs, and, associated with this, challenging behaviour.

Guided one-to-one or small group outdoor sessions frequently afford children the opportunity for reflection and personal growth that they may find difficult in a more traditional classroom setting. Learning new skills outdoors often helps young minds focus on wider subjects. The OL Team work closely with parents and school staff in developing outdoor learning strategies that are best suited to each individual pupil's profile.

What type of approaches do the Outdoor Learning Team use?

The Outdoor Learning Team can support schools and parents in different ways, in and out of school. Typically, however, support will take the form of either:

- whole class work sessions led by an Outdoor Learning Teacher, often in partnership with the class teacher
- small group work (2 - 5 children) providing an opportunity for more focused work
- 1:1 work with a child providing a more individualised programme based on specific assessments to support and target a child's individual areas of need

The Outdoor Learning Team are also able to offer consultation, advice and support for school staff.

How might the Outdoor Learning Team work with my child?

Support provided by the Outdoor Learning Team is based on discussions and an assessment of a child's emotional and academic needs. A programme of work is proposed to meet these specific needs and aims to be fun and engaging. For example, learning self-control and improving self-esteem may be two goals.

Activities are designed to motivate and encourage children to enjoy learning in new ways. Sensory experiences, exploring new places and rising to fresh challenges can all translate into an improved quality of life in class, playground and family life.

How does my child get access to the Outdoor Learning Team?

If you have any concerns about how your child is getting on in school, the first thing to do is talk to school staff (class teacher, special educational needs coordinator). If the school feels that the Outdoor Learning Team may be able to support, they will contact the Outdoor Learning Teacher linked to their school for an initial discussion and to talk through concerns and potential programmes of work. Your permission and written consent will always be sought if the Outdoor Learning Team is going to become involved in supporting your child.