



# Schools Counselling Partnership

Therapist Position  
Stanhope Primary School, Greenford, Ealing

Hours: 2 days per week, Term Time Only (Freelance Position)  
Salary: £140 per day, plus group supervision

The Schools Counselling Partnership was established in 2011 and now works across 45 schools in London.

## Our Philosophy

We take a holistic approach to working with children, young people, families and staff in schools. We aim to work with the child and the 'team around the child' – be they parents, carers, extended family members, teachers, teaching assistants, etc.

We look at a child's attachment style, try to understand their inner world and help them make sense of it. Whilst doing this, we offer advice, emotional support and strategies to those around the child so that everyone can support the child – and benefit themselves.

The aim of our service is to slowly become embedded into the school, to be seen as an integral part of the school team who can offer support, advice and understanding about the impact of trauma on children.

Providing vulnerable children with access to an emotionally available adult, who believes in them, relates to them with compassion, empathy and unconditional positive regard. Someone who understands their attachment and mental health needs, knows their life story and offers enriched relational, regulatory and reflective opportunities and modelling these skills to parents and teaching staff.

We are looking for either a Child/Adolescent Psychotherapist, Child Counsellor or Art Psychotherapist to join our dynamic team.

The role requires the therapist to:

Offer one to one therapeutic support to children (between 4/5 per day depending on the school timetable)  
Meet regularly with parents and teachers

Collect data using soft targets and SDQs  
Write termly reports

Support is offered by the Therapeutic Lead who

Will meet regularly with the therapist to discuss caseload, support with data, safeguarding and any practical matters that arise

SCP

Will provide fortnightly group supervision

Level 3 Safeguarding Training

CPD (various CPD is run throughout the year which the therapist will have the option to attend or not it is not compulsory)

Personal specification

A recognised qualification in child/adolescent psychotherapy, child counselling or art psychotherapy

An understanding of attachment in schools, practise and interventions with children, young people and adults

A member of a professional body eg BACP, UKCP, BAAT, HCPC, BAT

Experience

Experience of working with children, young people or adults

Experience of working with marginalised families

Work in an educational setting (desirable)

Skills & Abilities

Excellent time management, planning and organisational skills

Ability to use initiative and work autonomously

Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Good IT skills

Ability to establish personal and professional credibility and build effective relationships

Attributes

Personal and professional integrity

High levels of confidentiality and discretion involving both clients and fellow employees

Commitment to best therapeutic practise

Resilient, with flexible approach and hands-on attitude

Positive attitude, with friendly and approachable manner

