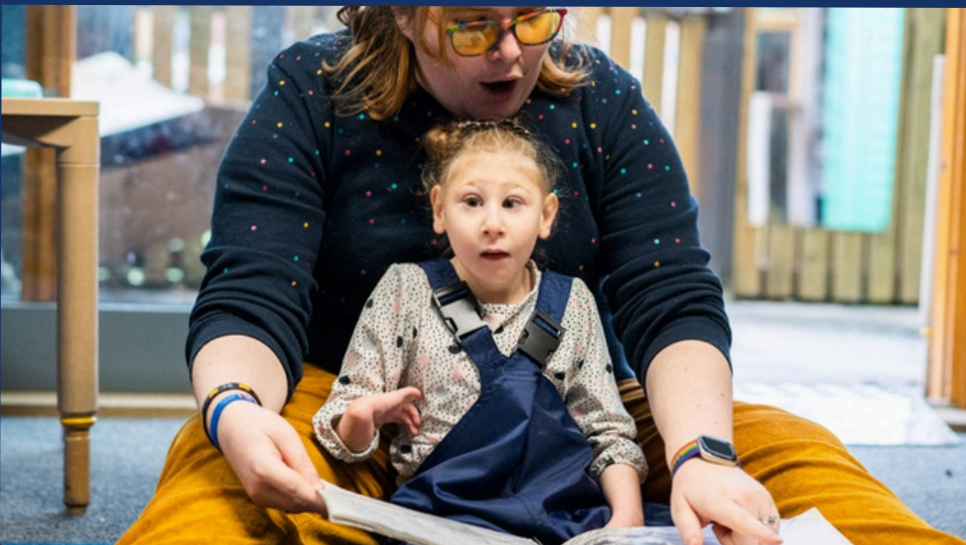


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Reach & Connect

Empowering schools with specialist expertise so all pupils can **Enjoy**, **Engage**, and **Learn** to their full potential



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What is Briarwood Reach & Connect?

Step into a world of expert support and transformative training with Reach & Connect!

Briarwood Reach & Connect is the dedicated outreach and training service proudly offered by Briarwood School, a setting recognised by Ofsted as 'Outstanding' in every category. Our foundational belief, central to Briarwood's values, is that all pupils should Enjoy, Engage, and Learn to their full potential. We are passionately committed to extending this aim to all pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), wherever they learn.

We understand schools are navigating significant challenges, supporting a growing number of pupils with SEND and increasingly complex needs, often with limited resources and expertise. This can lead to pressures such as reduced access to education, disrupted learning, low attendance and high exclusion rates. Reach & Connect is here to help.

Briarwood's expertise has been honed and developed over fifty years as a community special school in areas including Severe to Profound learning difficulties, Autism, medical needs, global developmental delay, complex needs, sensory processing needs, genetic disorders and more. Additionally, Reach & Connect builds on our hugely successful *Belonging in SEND* pilot, developed in collaboration with Bristol City Council and providing a comprehensive and innovative improvement programme around inclusion and well-being for SEND students within other schools and settings.



What does Reach & Connect offer?

Our approach is built on collaborative partnerships, empowering your staff, building confidence, and fostering inclusive practices.

By partnering with Reach & Connect, you can achieve improved outcomes for pupils with SEND, reduce exclusions, build capacity within your school, and create a more supportive and understanding learning environment for all.

Choose from a range of support to meet the specific needs of your pupils, your team and your setting, including:

Specialist Outreach Support: Direct support for individual pupils within their setting through observation, needs assessment, and strategy development.

School Improvement Support: We work with school leaders to develop inclusive policies and highly effective practices specifically related to SEND.

Targeted Training: We provide practical, evidence-based training sessions for school staff including leaders, teachers and LSAs, either at our training and development centre or at your school.

Different Provision: Sometimes pupils just need something a bit different. This may be short term and our focus is always on reintegration.



What Specialist Outreach Support do we offer?

Unlock the incredible potential within every child. Reach out and connect with us today to explore how our specialist outreach can support your school.

By partnering with Reach & Connect, you access a credible, expert team dedicated to helping you build capacity, reduce exclusions and barriers to learning and improve outcomes for pupils with SEND. We provide direct support for individual pupils within their setting, aged from nursery to 19, helping staff to understand complex needs, supporting curriculum adaptation, and developing positive behaviour strategies. We act as a bridge, connecting your school and families with other necessary agencies and support services.

Our dedicated and expert team provides targeted outreach support directly within your school context focusing on:

- understanding individual pupil needs
- empowering your staff
- fostering inclusive practices

Unlock Specialist SEND Support with a Free Consultation to discuss your unique situation. Our structured support packages include:

1. **Comprehensive Initial Child Support:** Understanding Needs, Unlocking Potential
2. **Enhanced Support & Implementation:** Practical Implementation and Progress Reviews
3. **Targeted Diagnostic Assessment:** Understanding the Root Causes
4. **Applying Expertise:** Bespoke SEND Solutions



Discover how Reach & Connect's SEND Specialist Outreach Support can help your setting

Book a Free Consultation today!

Briarwood Reach & Connect aims to provide specialist support, training, and resources to schools to better meet the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We are committed to improving outcomes for pupils with SEND and building capacity in mainstream schools.

To help you identify how our expertise can benefit your school or organisation, we offer a free initial consultation visit. This is a vital opportunity to discuss the specific challenges you are facing, whether it's for an individual pupil or a broader school-wide approach. We will work with you to discuss and identify where and how our experienced outreach and school improvement team can provide targeted support.

The free consultation is the first step in formalising our offer and understanding how we can best support you.

We can then recommend which of our structured support packages, or combination of packages, can best meet your specific needs.



Comprehensive Initial Child Support: Understanding Needs, Unlocking Potential

A focused first step specifically designed to support your understanding of an individual pupil causing concern and develop a clear pathway forward.

For this package, a Briarwood specialist will visit your school to conduct a targeted observation of the child, allowing us to see their interactions and challenges within their familiar environment. It is designed to be a valuable investment in understanding and addressing the needs of individual pupils. Following the observation, we will engage in a focused discussion, of up to one hour, with relevant school staff to gather crucial context and insights.

Drawing upon the observation and discussion, our specialist will provide a basic needs assessment to help pinpoint potential underlying difficulties or contributing factors and an outline of recommended strategies that your staff can begin to implement immediately.

This initial stage will then conclude with a proposal for further support, clearly suggesting potential next steps or services that could be commissioned from Briarwood Reach & Connect or onward referrals to other services for more in-depth or ongoing assistance, tailored to the needs identified. This could range from focused training, functional behaviour assessment support, curriculum adaptation advice, or further targeted interventions.



Enhanced Child Support: Practical Implementation and Progress Reviews

An in-depth and practical approach to pupil support.

This package includes everything in the Comprehensive Initial Child Support package, in addition to the following:

- **3 Hours Direct Support for Strategy Implementation & Provision of Resources:**

A specialist practitioner will provide hands-on time dedicated to supporting your staff in actively implementing the recommended strategies within the school setting. This includes modelling techniques and strategies, working alongside staff and providing relevant resources to aid implementation, drawing on a range of effective and supportive materials.

- **Dedicated Review Meeting following the Implementation Period:**

This meeting provides an opportunity to discuss the impact and effectiveness of the implemented strategies, reflect on the child's progress, consolidate learning, and refine the plan for any further support. It ensures accountability and helps formalise next steps.



Targeted Diagnostic Assessment: Understanding the Root Causes

In-depth analyses uncovering the underlying reasons for a pupil's difficulties or barriers to learning

Building on the initial stages of consultation, observation, basic needs assessment, strategy recommendations, and foundational implementation support (packages 1 & 2), our **Targeted Diagnostic Assessment** offers a deeper, more detailed exploration of a pupil's unique challenges. Activities included in this package may comprise of any or all of the following:

- **Functional Behaviour Analysis (FBA):**

A systematic analysis to understand the function or purpose of specific behaviours, moving beyond simply reacting and towards proactively understanding and addressing underlying causes.

- **Learning Needs Analysis:**

An in-depth assessment to identify specific academic or cognitive barriers, often involving observing learning in the classroom, reviewing work, and using assessment tools. This supports adapting the curriculum to be both accessible and pertinent to the child's needs.

- **Environmental Audit:**

A review of the school environment, including specific classrooms or spaces, to assess how well it meets the pupil's needs (e.g., sensory environment, structure, accessibility) and inform recommendations for creating more supportive and inclusive settings.

- **Review of Specific Documents:**

Evaluation of school policies, behaviour strategies, or curriculum plans as they relate to the individual pupil or SEND provision more broadly, providing feedback to ensure they are comprehensive and effective.

- **Data Analysis Support:**

Assisting schools in collecting and analysing relevant data (e.g., behaviour incidents, attendance, assessment data) to identify patterns, inform interventions and assess impact.

Applying Expertise: Bespoke SEND Solutions

Bespoke commissioning of highly targeted interventions, activities and support.

While we offer structured initial support packages that include observation, assessment, strategy recommendations, and foundational implementation support, we recognise that some situations require a more individualised approach.

Applying Expertise: Bespoke SEND Solutions allows schools to commission support that is negotiated and agreed upon based on a detailed understanding of their specific context and goals. Our expertise allows us to develop highly specific and tailored programmes. Following an initial discussion or assessment, we can work with your school to design a support package that directly addresses the identified needs of a specific pupil or targets a particular area for school improvement related to SEND provision.

A bespoke package can draw upon our range of specialist activities and support, which could include:

- **Tailored training sessions** for staff on specific approaches e.g. Positive Behaviour Support (PBS), communication strategies, sensory processing, structure in class
- **In-depth diagnostic assessments** such as Functional Behaviour Analysis (FBA) to understand challenging behaviours
- **Learning Needs Analysis** to identify specific academic barriers and support curriculum adaptation
- **Hands-on modelling** of techniques and strategies within the classroom setting
- **Advice and support** on assessment, moderation, and developing personalised learning plans
- **Data analysis** support to inform interventions
- **Support** with policy and document review

Applying Expertise: Bespoke SEND Solutions

We are able to provide completely bespoke solutions to schools based on their current needs. These packages are costed individually and you are provided with a costed project plan and service level agreement before work commences. An example of activities included in a bespoke solution are:

- Support for specific needs or approaches.
- Support to set up a resource base or specialist provision.
- Conducting audits and evaluation of current provision.
- Evaluating internal documents, policies, procedures etc.
- Providing training on specific areas - this may include whole inset days, training for leaders, twilight sessions etc.
- Support with implementing changes - this may be longer term ongoing support.
- Development of systems, structures and processes.
- Access to Briarwood's twilight programme or clinics.
- Support with specific pedagogy or curriculum approaches.
- Purchasing of specific Briarwood approaches and documentation, e.g. The Briarwood Early Years Curriculum, The Briarwood Curriculum or The Briarwood Standard.
- Ongoing school improvement support.

These are examples only, please get in touch and we can talk about your needs together.



Reach & Connect Outreach: How much does it cost?

Briarwood Reach & Connect: strengthening teams, building expertise and improving educational outcomes for pupils with SEND

We can help all settings meet the needs of their pupils with complex needs and SEND. Our support and development activities will:

- Build staff confidence and resilience
- Increase team expertise
- Aid staff retention
- Decrease behaviours in class
- Improve pupils' enjoyment and engagement in learning activities
- Develop inclusivity

Pkg	Description	Cost
0	Unlock Specialist SEND Support with a Free Consultation	Free
1	Comprehensive Initial Child Support: Understanding Needs, Unlocking Potential	£320
2	Enhanced Child Support Package: Practical Implementation and Progress Reviews	£450
3	Targeted Diagnostic Assessment: Understanding the Root Causes	£575
4	Applying Expertise: Bespoke SEND Solutions	Bespoke



Empowering Schools: Briarwood's School Improvement Offer

Unlock your school's potential with Reach & Connect's School Improvement Partner offer, bringing exceptional SEND expertise into your setting.

Our core values are to ensure all pupils Enjoy, Engage, and Learn to their full potential and we are committed to extending this aim to all pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in every setting. We recognise the growing challenges schools face, with increasing numbers of children requiring SEND support and many struggling with limited resources and expertise to implement truly inclusive practices.

Our Reach & Connect service is specifically designed to empower your school with the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to effectively support pupils. We believe that good SEND provision is good provision for all, and that starts with strong and impactful leadership and consistent systems and processes. We will support you to embed long term change.

We will collaborate closely with your leadership team to assess your school's context, co-create improvement plans aligned to your priorities, and deliver targeted CPD, coaching, and strategic guidance. Reach & Connect is your bridge to inclusive excellence—empowering your school to deliver transformative outcomes for all learners, especially those with diverse needs.

Our offer enables schools to benefit from bespoke SEND-focused support—co-designed and delivered by Briarwood's specialist staff. Whether enhancing whole-school provision, embedding trauma-informed and sensory-inclusive practices, or boosting staff confidence in SEND strategies, we bring practical solutions rooted in proven expertise.



School Improvement; What do we offer?

Core Strategic Support

- Reviewing school self-evaluation and development plans.
- Supporting leaders with SEND strategy and inclusion priorities.
- Analysing data on pupil outcomes, attendance, exclusions, and progress of pupils with SEND.
- Helping schools prepare for Ofsted, with an emphasis on SEND provision.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Observing lessons and learning walks to assess inclusive practice.
- Reviewing quality of teaching, learning, and curriculum adaptations.
- Analysing provision maps and the impact of interventions.
- Monitoring use of additional funding (e.g., EHCP provision, pupil premium for SEND pupils).
- Reviewing safeguarding arrangements, particularly for vulnerable pupils.

Capacity Building

- Coaching and mentoring for senior leaders, SENDCOs, and governors.
- Providing CPD for staff on areas such as differentiation, sensory needs, behaviour, and trauma-informed approaches.
- Modelling effective SEND strategies in classrooms.
- Facilitating peer-to-peer support between mainstream and special school staff.



School Improvement; What do we offer?

Partnership & Engagement

- Supporting schools in developing effective parent/carers partnerships.
- Signposting external agencies and services.
- Helping governors/trustees understand their SEND responsibilities.
- Leading SEND-focused improvement networks or workshops.

Practical SEND Support

- Reviewing individual pupil pathways and provision for those with EHCPs.
- Advising on curriculum design for inclusivity.
- Supporting personalised approaches (communication strategies, sensory regulation, positive behaviour support).
- Evaluating accessibility of the school environment.

Workforce

- Headteacher and senior leader performance management.
- Change and workforce planning.
- Single central record reviews.
- Leadership interviews.

School Improvement work is tailored to every individual school and short one off visits are just as welcome as long term projects, we will work with you to provide the best support, including providing your school with a variety of expertise and training offers. Half day visits are charged at £300 and full day visits at £575, additional services are charged hourly or on request.



Training - Courses and INSET

Reach & Connect offers a wide variety of training and CPD opportunities.

This is constantly evolving and developing so please check our website for the latest opportunities: www.briarwoodschoool.org.uk

All of our training is customisable and we work directly with schools, MATs and other provision to design training to meet your unique needs.

Training courses

We offer a variety of training courses at our dedicated training and development centre in Fishponds, Bristol. These are changing and developing regularly so please check the website for current availability. The range of courses available is extensive from specialist Team Teach courses to leadership training and lots in between.

The Briarwood Standard and The Briarwood Curriculums

If you are looking to implement The Briarwood Standard or any of our curriculums, you will need to book onto one of our training courses. Please see the website for more information.

INSET training

We regularly work with schools and MATs to design their INSET training requirements. Perhaps you're looking to implement a Positive Behaviour Support approach or would like training on Sensory approaches, we have a wide range of expertise. Take a look at the website or get in touch to discuss your needs.



Training - Twilights and Level 3 Award

Twilights

One of our most popular training offers is our twilight programme. Our twilights are available in person and online and cover everything from teaching specific subjects with a SEND focus, to positive behaviour support, to specialist safeguarding areas.

Additionally you have the opportunity to achieve a **Level 3 Award in Supporting Learners with Complex Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** when you take part in our twilights.

Examples of our current offer include;

- **Phonics for Pupils with SEND**
- **Implementing Positive Behaviour Support: A Comprehensive Guide**
- **Practice & Principles: Math through play for students with SEND**
- **Building & Maintaining Staff Resilience in SEND Settings**
- **Trauma Informed Practice: Protecting Childhood Wellbeing**
- **From Research to Practice: Cognitive Science in SEND teaching**
- **Creating Capable Learning Environments**
- **Understanding Multi-Sensory Impairment**
- **Sensory Processing in Practice: Impact & Inclusion**
- **Functional Literacy: Preparing SEND Learners for Adulthood**
- **Introduction to Autism: Building Knowledge for Better Support**
- **Total Communication Approaches in SEND**
- **Developing a Careers Curriculum for Students with SEND**
- **Relationships & Sex Education in SEND**
- **Exploring Science in SEND: Practical Enquiry & Lasting Learning**



Different Provision

Sometimes children and young people with very complex needs, require something a bit different.

Reach & Connect provides opportunities to Enjoy, Engage and Learn outside of the classroom, but always with a focus on reintegration back into the most appropriate provision for that child or young person.

We support schools where pupils may be on part time timetables, waiting for specialist provision, not yet attending or are finding being in the classroom difficult. We do this by assessing what the pupil's needs may be, including sensory, learning, communication and behavioural needs and then designing a package of support for both the child and the school.

We use our wider school and local community to support with this including targeted sessions in our onsite cafe, our specially designed play areas, our independent living practice flat and our allotments. We also access amenities in the local community and wider Bristol area including shops, farms, parks, sensory spaces and attractions. We can also support pupils in their home.

We offer packages of up to 12 hours support per week, pupils must be registered at a school provision. Our offer is designed to work with the pupil, family and school, to better understand their needs and make integration into school a more positive and successful experience.

Please get in touch to discuss working with us on something different.



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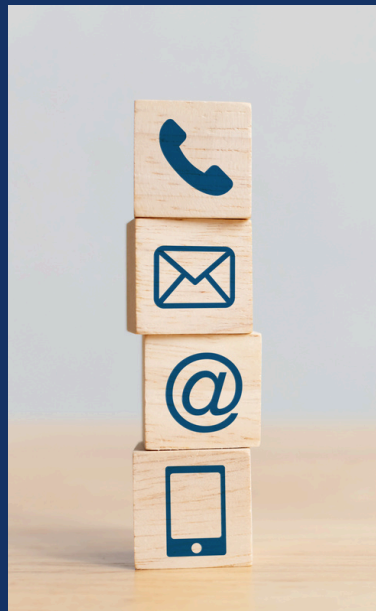
Please use our website to request an initial consultation or to find out more information about any of our Reach & Connect services:
www.briarwoodschool.org.uk

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Testimonials

"Reach & Connect gave us the practical strategies and confidence we needed to truly include a pupil we were struggling to support. Their expert observation helped us understand the 'why' behind the behaviour, and we saw incredible progress almost immediately!"

"Facing increasing complex needs with limited resources, Reach & Connect was a lifeline. Their tailored support provided exactly the 'fresh eyes' and expertise we needed to keep a child thriving in mainstream."



"The observation and diagnostic assessment from Reach & Connect were invaluable. They quickly identified the root cause of a pupil's barriers to learning, providing a clear pathway to help them Enjoy, Engage, and Learn."



"The specialist team from Briarwood were brilliant! They didn't just tell us what to do, they worked alongside our staff, helping us adapt our approach and build capacity right here in our school."

"Thanks to Reach & Connect's timely intervention, we avoided an exclusion. Their deep understanding of complex needs and non-judgemental approach made all the difference for the pupil and our team."



Building a community where all feel at home,

Respecting diversity, no one stands alone.

Innovation and excellence guide our way,

Adapting to challenges, we seize the day.

Relationships cherished, connections deep,

Welcoming each other, our bonds we keep.

Open hearts and minds, ready to learn,

Opportunities abound at every turn.

Dedicated to growth, in spirit and mind.

