

# One Minute Guide

## CEAT: Cheshire East Autism Team: A guide for parents

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### Who we are:

We are a team of autism specialists consisting of teachers, support assistants, speech & language therapist and a 'Family Liaison Officer'. Cheshire East Autism Team is part of Children and Families. We provide a service to all schools throughout Cheshire East, offering advice and support to all professionals working with pupils with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) or other related social and communication difficulties.

### What we do:

We are an education based service. The main role of the team is to support schools in the identification of pupils experiencing social and communication difficulties, autism spectrum conditions and to meet the needs of individual, named pupils who have been referred to the team.

In order for schools to gain access to our services, school need to raise the pupil with us via the 'Consultation Pathway'. We require written parental consent for a pupil to be discussed at a consultation.

Once the request for CEAT involvement has been processed, the aim would be to initially discuss the pupil's needs and then to support school staff in the implementation of recommended strategies to more effectively meet the pupil's needs.

CEAT will work with teachers, teaching assistants, and named pupils to model particular approaches. If a pupil has not had any involvement from CEAT for over two years the schools must follow the 'Consultation Pathway,' including re-gaining parental consent.

### CEAT additional advice and support services:

**CEAT FLO:** -available via Parent/Carer coffee mornings and at various support groups across Cheshire East, (details on the website); offers advice and training to those working directly with the family including Family Service Workers and voluntary services.

#### **Training for Early Years/Schools/Colleges**

CEAT (together with the Early Start Team) are an Autism Education Trust Training Hub and can deliver the AET's training modules to all settings.

**RESOURCE LIBRARY:** - currently based in a secure room in Sandbach Library (appointment with CEAT only) CEAT library has a wide range of current literature about autism and related conditions and a variety of games, activities and resources which can be loaned to schools or individuals for an annual fee. LA Schools £30, Academy/organisation membership £50, Parent/carer membership £10 per annum. All the monies raised are put towards replacing and buying new stock.

Please note that library visits are an appointment ONLY basis on Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9-noon Appointment number 01270 685960

Library Link <https://u014608.microlibrarian.net/default.aspx?ad=true&auth=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000>



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**Website** <http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/local-offer-for-children-with-sen-and-disabilities/education/supporting-send-in-education/pupils-with-asc/autism.aspx>

Or use a search-engine - Cheshire East Autism Team

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