**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 Family Liaison Officer:-** They are available via Parent Carer Support Service Monthly Coffee Morning across Cheshire East. Check out the website for further information about venues and dates.

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

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