

An Independent Assessment and
Development Centre for Children
with Communication Difficulties

Belle Vue House



introduction

Belle Vue House is an independent assessment and development centre for children with communication difficulties.

We are part of The Witherslack Group's growing portfolio and provide independent professional assessments for young people aged 4 to adulthood. The Witherslack Group is a leading provider of specialist education and care for children and young people with behaviour, emotional and social difficulties, communication difficulties and complex learning difficulties.

We are a facility for parents, carers and local authorities responsible for young people.

Our team of therapists, psychologists and teachers will not only assess your child's strengths and difficulties, but also provide essential recommendations as to future placement and future provision of care.





aims of the centre

Our aim is to find out as much as possible about the way in which your child communicates and to make recommendations from these findings.

We do this in a number of ways:

- ▶ By individual consultation before and when you arrive
- ▶ By observing your child formally and informally
- ▶ By carrying out standardised tests

types of assessment that we provide

Our multi-disciplinary team at the centre comprises of a Speech and Language Therapist, a Specialist Teacher, an Educational Psychologist, an Occupational Therapist and partnership with local Consultant Paediatricians.

During the assessment period, we will assess your child's receptive and expressive language and social communication skills; examine your child's educational attainment – looking in particular at literacy and numeracy and assess your child's cognitive levels. Our team is also trained in the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

speech and language therapy

Judith Brown, Consultant Speech and Language Therapist at Belle Vue House, says: “Children can often feel nervous and intimidated when it comes to being assessed, however, we do all we can to make the process as stress-free and enjoyable as possible.”

A full clinical speech and language assessment looks at:

- ▶ Receptive language
- ▶ Expressive language
- ▶ Social communication
- ▶ Phonology/speech
- ▶ Additional specific areas of communication

educational attainment

Elaine Riley, Specialist Teacher at Belle Vue House, says: “This centre provides parents, schools and local authorities with a comprehensive, quality service and an excellent level of expertise.”

A full educational assessment looks at:

- ▶ Literacy
- ▶ Numeracy
- ▶ Learning styles





occupational therapy

Jane Woodburn, Occupational Therapist at Belle Vue House, says: “We make considered and reliable recommendations for families, schools and local authorities looking for suitable placement and provision of care for their children.”

A full, clinical occupational assessment looks at:

- ▶ Visual perception
- ▶ Gross and fine motor skills
- ▶ Handwriting
- ▶ Sensory processing

educational psychology

Dr Jeremy Swinson, Educational Psychologist at Belle Vue House, says: “All staff at the centre are on hand to provide support and advice to parents both before and after assessments are made.”

A full clinical assessment looks at:

- ▶ Cognitive Functioning
- ▶ Self esteem

your report

Once your child has completed his/her assessments, a comprehensive report will be compiled for you.

This report will provide you with details of your child's strengths and difficulties and will make recommendations as to future placement and provision of care.

We will discuss your report with you in detail and our team will spend time with you going over any questions or concerns you may have.

outreach and training services

The Assessment and Development Centre can also, by arrangement offer advice and customised packages for accredited training, CPD and outreach services.





“ A thorough, friendly assessment, carried out with sensitivity and genuine concern in comfortable surroundings and a relaxed, reassuring atmosphere. ”
parent

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“ To have the whole assessment process on the same day was fantastic and we appreciated the opportunity for professionals to listen to our concerns. ”
parent



For more information about our assessments or to receive a price list, please contact:

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LOCATION

We are situated in Ormskirk, Lancashire not far from the M58 and convenient to rail services.

Our Centre is located in a small house which provides a non-clinical, homely environment where the children are comfortable and relaxed.