Therapies Assistant

Chaigeley School, Lymm Road, Thelwall, Warrington, WA4 2TE
37 hours per week, term time only
8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.
NJC point 12 -18 £26,700 to £29,445 Actual Pay
Plus SEN Allowance £1383.79

(FTE Pay £29,541.00 to £32,578.00)
To start as soon as possible

About Us
Chaigeley School is a Non-maintained Special School that caters for young people between the ages of 8 and 16 who experience Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) difficulties. We provide a specialist environment where all pupils have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Our school ethos is rooted in the Quaker principle of respect for the individual and valuing every person's contribution. We are an Ofsted-rated 'Good' school committed to supporting every pupil to achieve their best. Our Vision is to prepare and empower our young people with all the skills they need to live independent lives, become valued members of the community and achieve their true potential.

Juniper Therapy is the integrated therapy service at Chaigeley School, supporting pupils' social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs through personalised and specialist intervention. At our SEMH specialist school, we understand that children thrive when they feel safe, understood, emotionally secure, and connected to the adults around them. We recognise that behaviour is a form of communication, and that social, emotional, sensory, communication, and relational needs can affect learning and relationships. Our approach is relational, trauma-informed, attachment-aware, and child-centred. Therapy is embedded throughout school life, within classrooms, routines, relationships, and everyday interactions, creating consistent environments that promote safety, regulation, predictability, and belonging. We believe the best outcomes happen when staff, families, carers, and therapists work together with a shared understanding of each child's strengths, needs, and experiences.

About the role

This is an exciting opportunity to join our dedicated Juniper Therapy team, supporting children and young people at Chaigeley School.

This is a cross-disciplinary role, supporting the delivery of a range of therapeutic interventions across the school. The successful candidate will work closely with qualified clinicians and the wider education team to provide high-quality, individualised support tailored to the needs of our pupils.

Working under the direction and clinical supervision of qualified clinicians, the Therapies Assistant will support the delivery of delegated therapeutic programmes and interventions across a range of areas. These may include Speech and Language Therapy, sensory regulation, creative and play-based interventions, outreach support and other evidence-informed approaches used within the school.

The role may include supporting interventions such as:

· Sensory circuits and sensory room provision
· Speech and Language Therapy programmes and interventions
· LEGO Therapy
· Zones of Regulation (ZOR)
· Motional

· Outreach support and work within ELM
· Communication and sensory-based interventions
· Individual and group therapeutic activities
· Bespoke interventions designed around individual pupil needs

The successful candidate will work collaboratively with education staff, pupils, families and other professionals. They will contribute to observations, communication and sensory profiles, pupil support plans and the ongoing monitoring and recording of therapeutic interventions.

The role may also involve attending multi-agency meetings, supporting outreach activity and contributing to the continued development of the wider therapy service.

There will be regular opportunities for continuing professional development, enabling you to develop your knowledge and skills within a specialist therapeutic and educational environment.

Who we are looking for

We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Therapies Assistant who has experience of working with children and young people with special educational needs and a genuine interest in therapeutic approaches.

The successful candidate will be able to work independently within the boundaries of the Therapies Assistant role while recognising when to seek advice, guidance and clinical supervision from qualified professionals.

You will be someone who enjoys working creatively and flexibly to develop and deliver bespoke interventions that meet individual pupil needs. You will be confident working across different areas of the school and able to adapt your approach in response to the needs of individual pupils.

You will be a strong team player with excellent communication, organisational and interpersonal skills, and a commitment to achieving positive outcomes for children and young people

If you've got what it takes to join our amazing team, download an application form from our website at Vacancies | Chaigeley School and email the completed form to HR@Chaigeley.org.uk no later than:
22nd November 2026 at midnight. Interviews will take place shortly after the closing date.

You are welcome to come and visit the school and therapy centre prior to submitting your application. To do so, please email your request to HR@Chaigeley.org.uk

This position is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Therefore, the successful applicant will be required to disclose any relevant criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands, or final warnings.

An Enhanced DBS check will be undertaken for the successful candidate. An online check will be carried out for all shortlisted candidates and references may be requested prior to interview. Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees and encourage applications from individuals regardless of race, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion. If you have a disability and need any adjustments to help you with an interview, then let us know and we will be happy to work with you to find out more about what you need.

All personal information provided in the application process will be handled in accordance with data protection legislation and will be used solely for the purposes of recruitment and selection.