

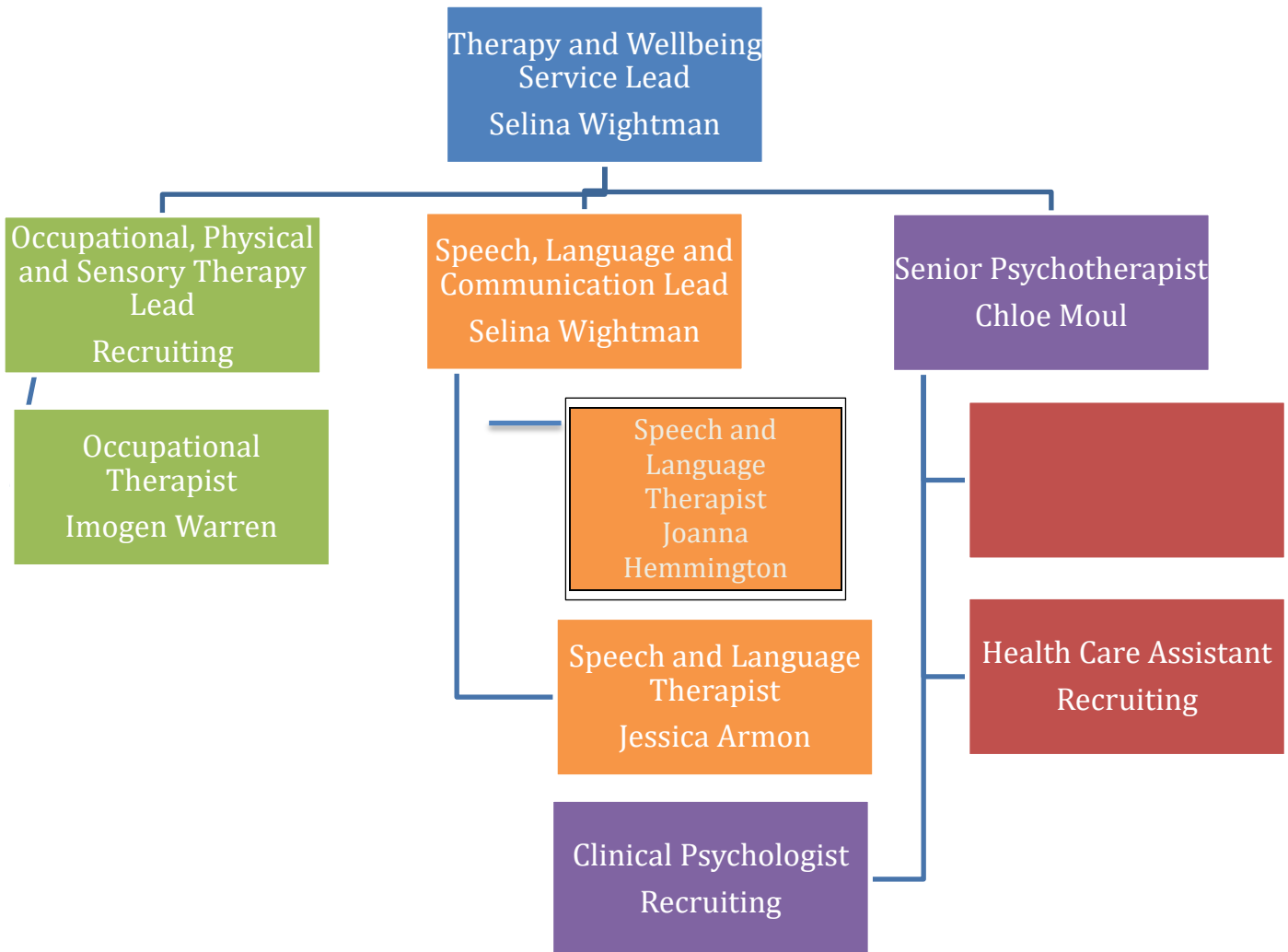
THE THERAPY AND WELLBEING TEAM NEWSLETTER

The Therapy team at Acorn Park includes, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Mental Health and Physical Health nursing.

The Acorn Park Therapy and Wellbeing Team

Our clinical team is made up of each discipline including Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Psychological Therapies. We are also in the process of recruiting new staff to the team.

Currently, the team structure at Acorn Park School is as follows:



Meet the Members of our Team:

Leanne Johnson is not based on site, but she has a strategic role in ensuring the smooth and streamline delivery of clinical services across the East region.



Dr Leanne Johnson, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Regional Head of Children's Clinical Services (East Region)

Before training in Clinical Psychology, I was a qualified Special Needs Teacher. I have worked in a variety of services supporting early trauma, such as CAMHS, inpatient services, and residential care and specialises in attachment and trauma informed ways of working.

As the Regional Head of Clinical Services, I have a strategic role in supporting and developing clinical services across the East region in line with service developments across the whole organisation.

'I love supporting young people to gain the best outcomes for now and their future.'



Selina Wightman, Therapy and Wellbeing Lead and Speech Language and Communication Lead.

My name is Selina and I joined Acorn Park School in November 2020. My previous experience has been working in the NHS as a Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist for 21 years, in the field of autism spectrum conditions and other associated diagnoses. I have led the diagnosis and intervention part of the service working closely with other team members eg Occupational Therapy and CAMHS. In the last 4 years, I have worked with adults with autism spectrum and mental health presentations. I am a Dysphagia Therapist too, which is assessing and treating eating and swallowing difficulties. I am also a positive Behaviour Support Coach and I have a leadership qualification. My aim is to work collaboratively with school and residential staff, and provide therapy support in an integrated way in order to address the needs of the pupils and maximise the best clinical and wellbeing outcomes.



Jessica Armon, Speech and Language Therapist

I graduated from the University of Manchester in 2020 and joined Acorn Park in August of the same year. Since joining Acorn Park, I have taken every opportunity to develop my therapeutic skills and improve service quality. I collaborate with education and residential staff to maximise the communication environment for the children and young people and I deliver specialist intervention for those students with identified speech, language and communication needs.

I am trained in the augmentative communication approach Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Attention Autism and smiLE Therapy. Most recently I have trained as an Elklan Tutor as a step towards Acorn Park's 'Communication Friendly Setting' accreditation.



Joanna Hemmington, Speech and Language Therapist

I am a Speech and Language Therapist. I studied at University of East Anglia, qualifying in 2017. I previously worked within the NHS community team in both clinic and school environments. I have been involved with creating and piloting a new Makaton group for pre-school children and their parents. I have continued to develop professionally, undertaking further courses including British Sign Language foundation level, Signalong Phase 1, Makaton refreshers, 5 Good Communication Standards and Palin PCI parent child interaction. I am enthusiastic within my work and aspire to help clients reach/develop to their full potential. I adhere to be friendly and positive whilst maintaining professional boundaries and leadership.



Chloe Moul, Senior Psychotherapist

I'm Chloe the new Psychotherapist at Acorn Park School and Bramfield House School.

A little bit about me

I am a Master's qualified Psychodynamic Counsellor who studied at the University of Essex for 5 years. I have a real passion towards helping children and adolescents focus on their well-being and mental health and support them to gain a better understanding of the world and their place in it.

Aside from counselling, I have been working in the youth support sector for over 15 years and have vast experience of running various education and wellbeing programmes for young people in schools or charity settings. Many of these programmes are aimed at helping young people find their voice, overcome barriers that they feel are holding them back so they can thrive in their communities.

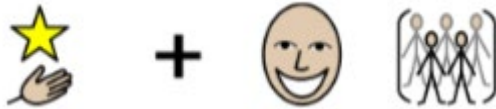


Imogen Warren Occupational Therapist

My name is Immi and I joined Acorn Park School in February, 2021. I graduated from York St John University in 2015 and have worked across a variety of disciplines, including paediatrics. I most recently worked as a Specialist Occupational Therapist within a Neurology Rehabilitation team within the NHS. I am going to begin training for the first module of Sensory Integration Therapy Training in April, 2021. I am interested in all forms of therapeutic intervention and currently I volunteer for surf therapy where this targets confidence and sensory processing! I will be working across APS, Bramfield House and Wetheringsett Manor and am looking forward to developing in my role.

You may hear our names or receive information as part of our work at the school.

Our work will be to support teaching staff in a number of ways including, setting up the classrooms to suit need, skilling up staff by delivering training, providing consultations for pupils and meeting the EHCP needs for each therapy discipline where required.



Kind Regards
The Therapy and Wellbeing Team!