



ES Education Support Services

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About us

Welcome to Education Support Services (ESS).

We are a traded division working within Walsall Council that offers a wide variety of support services to schools, academies and other educational settings, not just within the borough of Walsall but also nationwide.

Listening and taking on board our customer feedback, the range of services we offer has continued to develop, with the updating of existing services and the incorporation of new ones.

Our educational professionals and support staff have extensive experience of providing high quality services to all educational settings. Their combined expertise provides the support establishments require to enable them to focus on delivering educational excellence to all children and young people.

We are mindful that the budgets for schools are increasingly tighter, year upon year, and with that in mind, we remain committed to offering high quality and competitively priced services to establishments that best suit your needs.

Please contact the individual service areas to find out more or discuss your options.

Over the coming year we look forward to working closely with you and doing all we can to meet your expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Nick Perks, Walsall Council

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How to purchase our services

We aim to make purchasing our services as seamless as possible.

Our teams provide a wide range of quality services to schools and academies.

We have a dedicated point of contact in each area if you wish to purchase a service or have any enquiries.

You can contact any of the service providers for a discussion on how to best meet the needs of your school. We can provide ready packaged or bespoke services specifically designed for you.

Contact details are listed on each service page.

If there are specific services you need or are looking for, and you can't find listed, please contact Nick Perks on 01922 653000 for help and advice.

Behaviour and School Support

The Integrated Behaviour Support Service (IBSS) provides schools with support for all aspects of positive behaviour management.

Interventions are provided where individual pupils demonstrate behavioural issues; in addition to implementing class, year group, staff and/or whole school approaches.

The Service provides:

- 10 sessions (a morning or afternoon) per academic year of Specialist Teacher time
- 16 sessions (a morning or afternoon) per academic year of Integrated Behaviour Support Worker (IBSW) time
- Clinical Nurse Specialist time as necessary, by referral
- Attendance at IPMs, Parent Consultation Meetings, Early Help Meetings, etc
- Lead Behaviour Professional Training and support for school staff

Training Packages – at no additional cost:

- CDI Strategy (choice, decision, instruction) Training
- De-escalation Training
- Mid-day Supervisor Training
- TA/Support Assistant Training
- Positive Behaviour for Effective Learning
- Peer Mediation Training
- Positive Playground Behaviour Training
- Transition Support – Year 6 to Year 7
- Developing the School's Behaviour Policy
- An Approach to Managing High Risk Behaviour
- Building Resilience Training for Pupils – Year 5 and above
- Building Resilience Pupil Support
- CDI Workshop for Parents
- Restorative Practice Training – commissioned from The Children's Society
- Child Advocacy Training – commissioned from The Children's Society

Why choose us?

Working with the Integrated Behaviour Support Service has had a positive impact on managing persistent low-level disruptive behaviour in Walsall schools, whole-school behaviour management approaches and intensive interventions for pupils at risk of exclusion. The Service has a team whose range of skills, comprehensive knowledge and expertise provide specialist and bespoke support for schools in promoting positive and inclusive behaviour management.

Find out more

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Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance

The service has been redesigned to meet the careers information, advice and guidance needs of all young people, with a particular focus on those young people most at risk of not making a successful transition into work. The traded services offer is designed to support students, schools and colleges through:

- Individual careers interviews from years 9 upwards
- Drop-in clinics
- Group interviews
- Group sessions and workshops for pupils on a range of topics – for example option choices, raising aspirations, occupations and progression routes, local labour market, employability skills etc
- Supporting pupils with SEND at annual reviews
- Going to university – ‘aiming higher’, HE workshops and individual interviews and coaching
- Support at Parents’ evenings and events
- Support with Raising the Participation Age
- Support with post 16 progression into EET (e.g. Apprenticeships, traineeships etc)
- Supporting event days – for example work related learning days, work experience briefings, careers fairs, options events, PSHEE days etc
- CV and Personal Statement Preparation Session

Why choose us?

- We offer excellent value for money, with services delivered at cost
- We provide an integrated and impartial service
- We tailor our service to the needs of your school – from a contracted number of days per year to a bespoke package to suit your budget
- The experienced team undertakes continuous professional development to refresh and develop their skills. We offer peace of mind with DBS clearance, professional indemnity insurance and safeguarding training
- We are professionals who are skilled at working with vulnerable young people at risk of becoming NEET

Find out more

Contact **Kirit Patel** or **Kerry Wootton** for a tailored service to meet your needs:
Telephone: 01922 636333

Children's Workforce Development

The Children's Workforce Development team lays under the umbrella of The Academy of Social Work and Early Intervention. The Academy was officially launched in March 2017 and aims to promote reflect and respond to local and national social care issues and initiatives. The Academy is a virtual concept that brings together all aspects of learning and workforce development for Children's Services.

On behalf of Walsall Council, we act as an appropriate body (AB), independent quality assurance of statutory induction for the newly qualified teachers (NQTs).

Why choose us?

In Walsall we pride ourselves with the quality of leadership and aim to develop leaders for the future, encouraging schools to have a succession plan and develop quality leader. The team works in partnership with teaching schools, sector leaders, Regional Providers of Assessment (RPA) and specialist staff in the development, delivery of all aspects of learning and teaching, CPD, career progression, management and leadership for teaching and non-teaching staff.

Our NQT Induction programme has an excellent track record of completion that is supported by the School Improvement team. Robust Quality Assurance Systems are in place to ensure both schools and NQT have a successful, supported induction year that exceeds recommended standards.

Services Offered

We also offer a range of specialist training for teaching and non-teaching staff at schools to increase their impact through advanced skills. These include:

- NQT statutory induction registration and assessment
- NQT (newly qualified teacher) professional development
- HLTA Preparation for Assessment (2 days)
- HLTA Assessment Moderation
- Level 4 Leadership Qualification
- The Diploma in School Business Management (SBM)
- In addition, we offer more specialist training which enhances the skills of both social workers and teachers from all phases

Don't take our word for it

"I thought this was very helpful in highlighting and making me reflects on my planning, teaching and assessment strategies"

Practical Strategies for Assessment for Learning in the Classroom for NQT

"A clearer focus of our roles within school and a tool to identify the way forward"

Preparing to be a Deputy Head

Find out more

For further tailored support packages and cost, please contact us via:

Telephone: 01922 650715 Email: ChildrensWorkforceDevelopment@walsall.gov.uk

Website: www.walsallchildrensworkforce.co.uk

Curriculum ICT Support

A range of guidance, including consultancy, to support the purposeful and creative use of technology to advance learning and teaching and to assist schools' with using technology to make a distinctive contribution to the whole school.

Support under this agreement can take place in any/all of the following ways:

- Pupil Projects: Covers any use of computing in the classroom. Projects can take place within school or in our dedicated training room (A3). Programming, Robotics and CAD (3D design) projects have been particularly successful in many Walsall primary schools
- Classroom Support: Our team is experienced in introducing new ideas, technologies and practices into classrooms. Changing pedagogy puts added pressure onto busy teachers so we can support your school to implement and embed computing in the classroom
- Staff Training: We offer specific software training for all staff, for example; Scratch, iPad, PurpleMash etc. both through INSETS and the regularly hosted range of workshops, specifically aimed to meet the needs of schools
- Computing leader support: We are able to work with Computing leaders in order to support their development and offer advice in areas such as the Computing Curriculum, Planning and Assessment, and guidance on software and hardware solutions for schools

Ongoing Support:

- Support in identifying, prioritising and action planning to maximise the impact of technology throughout the curriculum
- Drop-in sessions on a Wednesday afternoon between 1pm and 4:30pm to work on any use of technology in the school
- Publishing regular EdTech updates
- Arranging computing workshops/events with external providers
- An annual Computing conference held in Autumn 2 term
- Programming resources for Early Years, KS1 and KS2
- Creative use of iPads in the classroom
- Support with assessment of computing to inform teaching and learning
- Using class sets of Lego Mindstorms and Lego WeDo to create and program Lego models
- Supporting the use of Apple hardware and software (iPads and Mac's) in the classroom to enhance creativity

New for 2017

- 3D printer to bring CAD projects to life
- Minecraft Education Edition classroom ideas
- Robotics Workshops

Find out more

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E-Safety Support

Our e-Safety Advisory Service addresses how schools and organisations working with children can protect children online and effectively embed e-safety strategies.

The service will bring together best practice approaches on empowering and educating young people to use the internet and digital technology responsibly and safely. This will allow young people to take advantage of the opportunities the internet and new technologies can offer, whilst responding to any risks.

What we will be offering

- Whole school training, including all staff, SLT and governors, students, parents
- An e-safety Audit, a report uniquely tailored for your school that identifies any gaps and/or risks from both a safeguarding and Ofsted context
- Advice and consultancy for any 'Bring Your Own Device' Scheme
- Twilight sessions for teachers and support staff
- Evening session for parents and/or governors
- Assembly or class sessions for students
- E-safety conferences and termly update seminars

Why choose us?

- As with many areas of education, e-safety is most effective when it is integrated into the curriculum and a consistent message is shared amongst staff, parents and students
- Examine the latest approaches to safeguarding children and young people from grooming and harmful content online
- Understanding the latest developments from Twitter and Facebook on encouraging young people to stay safe online and the positive use of social media
- Understanding the potential risk areas online and the dangers of sharing images
- Knowing how to engage with issues of cyber-bullying and 'sexting' and dealing with what upsets children online
- Gaining insight from other schools on their approach to developing an effective e-safety strategy that encourages the safe use of the internet and new technologies
- Guidance on the use of apps both personally and organisationally and the relationship between new technologies and consistent behaviours
- Advice on data requests and transferring data securely between institutions

Find out more

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Education Business Partnership Walsall

We are a leading Education Business Partnership (EBP) with the specialist capability to nurture talent for successful futures. We bring together education and businesses to facilitate collaborative working relationships, both within the borough of Walsall and regionally across the West Midlands with our neighbouring EBP partners.

We pride ourselves on delivering tailored programs that align academic outcomes and objectives with employers' corporate social responsibilities and future recruitment needs through projects in the education sector, which provide real benefits and outcomes for young people.

Why choose us?

- EBP Walsall was the first in the country to be given the award for Education Business Excellence (aebe), and has long been recognised as one of the best in the field of enterprise and career delivery
- Working in partnership with business professionals, teachers and students, our aim is to inform, motivate and inspire young people at all levels through the development of their employability skills

It is not only the students who benefit, feedback we receive indicates that there are a number of advantages to working with the EBP:

For schools working with business:

- A better understanding by students and teachers about working within different industry sectors
- Opportunities for work experience and practical application of skills within a business context
- Opportunities for teaching staff to develop curriculum around “real life” situations that reflect current working practices
- Introducing students to potential future employers

For businesses working with schools:

- Opportunities for staff to develop presentation and interviewing skills
- Personal development opportunities for their staff
- The ability to contribute and be involved within the local community, fulfilling their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or raising the profile of their business
- Identifying training needs within their own organisation
- Attracting quality recruitment through improved company reputation

Find out more

Much of the work we do is tailored to fit the curriculum needs and challenges of individual schools. To find out how your school could benefit from working with EBP Walsall contact:

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Educational Psychology

We are applied psychologists who work with schools, academies and other settings with the aim of supporting the progress and well-being of children and young people aged 0-25 years. Our work is delivered through consultation which means we work collaboratively with children and young people, school staff and other key adults in a process of structured problem solving. Educational psychologists address concerns in relation to child and adolescent development, learning and special educational needs through work in the following areas:

- Developing learning and cognition
- Supporting children and young people with particular needs and SEND
- Understanding and managing behaviour
- Mental health/social and emotional development
- Family and community focussed work
- Organisational change

Educational psychology services have a statutory role in relation to Education, Health and Care needs assessments (Children and Families ACT 2014); this work is commissioned by Walsall Council. Every school or academy in Walsall has a link educational psychologist. Our services are commissioned by schools, academies and settings.

Specifically we offer:

- Support to vulnerable children and young people
- Work with children with complex needs in the early years
- Support to parents and carers to help secure positive outcomes for children and young people
- Research and development projects at a whole school/setting level
- Bespoke training for schools and settings

Why choose us?

We are a team of experienced and creative professionals who apply psychology to address a range of needs experienced by children, young people and the adults around them. We are skilled in assessment, problem solving and facilitating solutions in difficult situations. Schools rate us highly (SEND service delivery questionnaire December 2015).

Find out more

Further information is available in our service brochure which is available on request

Educational Psychology Service

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Education Welfare Service

Provides schools with a complete School attendance service

- Tiered approach to managing School attendance
- In brief, Specialist Advisor Trainer
 - support to help schools prepare for Ofsted by creating and managing a data tracking system; attendance policy development; specialist training; in school attendance panels; registration audits; developing whole school attendance strategy; external verification for whole school attendance management processes
- In brief, Attendance Officer
 - targeted work to reduce persistent absence; investigation for irregular school attendance; home visits; direct work with schools, children and families; lead/contribute to multi agency casework; parent meetings; collation of evidence for prosecution; parent contracts

Why choose us?

- Trading with Walsall Education Welfare Service has had a positive impact on school's overall absence and persistent absence
- This specialist service has a proven track record in supporting schools who are able to commission dedicated expertise to meet their overall requirements

Don't take our word for it

Our persistent absence rates (PA) and overall absence rates (OA) continue to improve significantly and some figures reflect better than national averages

Find out more

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Governor Support and Development Team

Walsall Governance Support & Development Team provides a wide range of competitive services to support governors, school leaders and clerks in their governance roles. As an experienced and professional team we can offer tailored support to meet the needs of your school.

We offer:

- A comprehensive induction programme for new governors
- A training programme, designed to meet the changing demands on governors which is fully reflective of the expectations placed on governors by Ofsted and the Department for Education's competency framework for governance. Training is offered both centrally and also through school clusters and bespoke training for individual schools
- A professional clerking service with a named clerk who has access to regular continuous professional development
- Comprehensive training for new and existing clerks
- External reviews of governance with a risk based analysis of progress towards nationally defined good practice of governance in schools and subsequent support and development to implement recommendations
- Up to date statutory guidance on all aspects of governance for schools/academies
- Support, advice and information on governor responsibilities and effectiveness
- Guidance on the annual cycle of governing body business, including statutory reporting requirements
- Termly briefings for chairs and clerks
- A half termly governor newsletter to update governors on current developments locally and nationally
- Conferences: opportunities for governors to network and share good practice
- Support and guidance on different forms of school governance, acadamisation and Instrument of Government/Articles of Association and advice on all constitutional regulations
- Skills based governor recruitment & selection

Find out more

Governor Support & Development Team

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Information Services – Schools Data Team

The Information Services Team provides support to schools on all aspects of performance data to provide evidence for monitoring and self evaluation. We offer training on the best use of performance data and the process of turning data into intelligence to support school improvement.

Some of the data products that schools will receive throughout the year:

- Primary School Data Summary
- Secondary School Data Summary
- FFT Self Evaluation Report
- Primary iSID Report
- Risk of NEET Indicator (RONI)
- Little SID (Nursery/Reception Assessment Tracking Tool)

We also include regular data managers meetings which are open to all schools to cascade the latest information and showcase best practice at both local and national levels.

What services we provide to schools:

- Bespoke data analysis and support during Ofsted inspections
- Support and training with Fischer Family Trust data
- Access and support to FFT Aspire
- Support for the Secure Access website
- iSID workshops
- Data Workshops to provide support with the best use of our data products
- Little SID early years termly tracking system
- Big SID using assessment without levels
- FFT Aspire estimates

Why choose us?

Our approach is solely focused on education. We can review the individual needs of your school, sharing strategic and local approaches for the effective use of data to inform teaching and learning within the classroom.

Don't take our word for it

“The Information Services Team have provided an excellent service and made a real difference to our staff confidence in handling and using the data effectively. The team are approachable, flexible and really helpful. I would recommend their service unreservedly”

Catherine Amos – Head teacher – St Mary's of the Mount Catholic Primary School

Find out more

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Safeguarding in Education

The Safeguarding in Education team provides support and challenge to schools on all aspects of safeguarding to promote safe learning environments for childrens learning and development. We offer training on safeguarding and child protection and provide the option of audits, support with embedding the most current guidance/legislation, model policies and presentations in addition to regular workshops to develop strategies to cope with the demands of fulfilling the role of being a Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Some of the services that schools will receive throughout the year:

- Invite to termly Safeguarding Workshops
- Annual offer of advanced child protection training
- Overview of changes for updated guidance and legislation (i.e. Keeping Children Safe in Education, Working Together to Safeguard Children)
- Annual updated model Child Protection policy
- Safer Recruitment training
- Annual presentation for level 1 Safeguarding Children and Young People
- Regular sharing of good practice across schools
- Regular support with embedding the Ofsted Inspection Framework requirements for safeguarding

We also include regular data managers meetings which are open to all schools to cascade the latest information and showcase best practice at both local and national levels.

Ofsted

Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings has seen changes in the way we safeguard, the Safeguarding in Education team supports schools deliver systems to embed procedures/understanding of:

- Prevent agenda
- Peer on Peer abuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Governance of Safeguarding
- Safeguarding children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities
- Safer recruitment checks
- Female Genital Mutilation

Why choose us?

We are a long established team who are capable of supporting and challenging schools to ensure they have robust procedures for safeguarding. Networking opportunities are promoted to share good practice to improve and uphold the vision of school to school support.

Find out more

**Seona Baker, Child Safeguarding Coordinator –
Education and Early Years**

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Management Information Services

Support for the use of Management Information Systems (MIS) such as SIMS across whole-school environments as well as school based and on-site courses and consultancy.

Our partnerships with professional specialist organisations mean that we ensure training is up-to-date and aligned with current standards and best practice. We can also offer on-site and remote support to help in a variety of other ways including one-off or cyclical tasks, such as upgrades, or help with school census.

Ongoing Support:

- Telephone and remote support for your MIS
- Advisory and technical support including using your MIS in the classroom for attendance and assessment
- Consultancy in the best use of MIS software
- Support for Schoolcomms communication system
- 2 free places for all MIS courses during the year
- Training for all supported software

Why choose us?

Effective use of information and data is now an essential aspect of school management and improvement. Our team provides training, guidance and support on the full use of the school MIS. The service is designed to accommodate changes made to statutory requirements by the DfE throughout the year and to support the school in implementing its development priorities, which may include:

- Good quality information to support the management of the school
- More efficient and confident staff
- Tracking and monitoring and analysing pupil progress
- Raising attainment of underachieving pupils and groups
- Raising attainment and achievement of vulnerable pupils and groups
- Analysing and exploiting school assessment data to its full potential
- Supporting the school self evaluation process
- Using ICT as a tool to support teaching and learning within the classroom
- Monitoring and tracking pupil attendance and behaviour
- Rewarding pupil attainment and achievement

Don't take our word for it

"The SIMS team provide invaluable support to my school; a service we would not be without! A friendly, helpful and professional service we would highly recommend."

Jo Wilson, Headteacher, Castlefort Primary School

Find out more

Nick Perks, Information Services Manager

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Music Education Hub

- An extensive outreach programme for music and arts in schools at all age ranges
- Music and arts for pre-school, early years and children's centres
- Instrumental and vocal teaching, orchestras, bands and choirs at all levels
- Whole class delivery at Key Stage 1/2 for the 'first access' initiative in the National Plan for Music Education (NPME)
- Facilitator for NPME singing strategy and choral activities
- Special needs music support and facilities
- Large scale events, concerts and festivals for Walsall schools
- Hosts Big Sing, Big Orchestra, Primary Singing Festival, National Youth Orchestra events, etc.
- Commissioned activities for School clusters and individual schools
- In-reach participation and taster programmes to include World Music and Arts
- Musical theatre and combined dance companies
- KS2 digital arts and film making programmes
- Weekly after school and evening centres for a broad spectrum of music and arts
- Holiday arts and music workshops

Music Facilities at the Hub

- Three fully equipped performance auditoria (200, 350, 600 seats)
- New state of the art A3 Arena
- Three soundproof rehearsal studios
- Recording suite and specialist music rooms
- World Music facilities including Gamelan, Steel Pans, Samba, Djembe
- Specialist special needs facilities and resources

Other services on offer at the centre

- Assisted Instrument Purchase scheme
- Instrument loan and repair service
- Specialist facilities for the staging of school productions, awards ceremonies, concerts, etc.
- Weekly participation opportunities at evening centres for orchestras, bands, ensembles, jazz and choirs
- Workshops for strings, brass, woodwind and World Music
- Schools and cluster festivals for singing, dance and drama
- Rock & Pop Academy
- CPD opportunities for teachers

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

Music Commissioners:

Scott Hollins, Glen Taylor, Monica Hollins

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Online Monitoring Service

Following increasing demands to safeguard our children from online threats such as radicalisation, extremism, cyber bullying, pornography and grooming, we are offering a digital monitoring service.

Walsall Education is continuously developing its safeguarding programme to ensure schools have all of the support they need to keep children safe in education. This provides your school with the most comprehensive e-Safety solution for keeping users safe online, while allowing access to all the benefits of the online world.

How does it work?

The Digital Monitoring Service protects pupils by monitoring, capturing and alerting schools to potentially harmful content or behaviour. Show Ofsted you are taking your responsibilities seriously by allowing our professionals to monitor your system on your behalf. By subscribing to the Walsall Digital Monitoring Service, you will receive scheduled summary reports and email alerts driven by serious incidents that have taken place within your school. In addition to this, you can also customise and request your own reports to give you the information you need the most.

Walsall will monitor all PCs and Macs inc iPads running the Future Digital software, while analysing the captures for your school during the office hours of term time and during the holidays where necessary. The captures and reports will be assessed according to the level of risk in line with guidance from the government including Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre and the encompass the PREVENT agenda.

Reporting Captures

Each capture is then graded a level of severity on a scale of 1 - 5. If any captures showing grade 4 or 5 are detected, Walsall Online Monitoring Service will then flag this with your school with an explanation as to why. Each school will need to provide a named contact(s) who will be alerted by email to any Grade 4 and Grade 5 captures requiring attention.

The email will provide details of the graded captures, allowing your school to take appropriate action and then add a comment on actions taken e.g. "spoke to pupil" or "letter to parents".

All actions and comments are recorded with a time and date stamp. Where necessary, Walsall Online Monitoring Service can and will support your school in dealing with or escalating the situation. Your school will retain full ownership and access to the data, stored securely as per requirements of the Data Protection Act.

The monitoring service offers a breakthrough in providing a safer learning environment:

- Without limiting the web experience
- Without excessive network management
- Without significant costs or loss of learning opportunities
- Without the added hassle for staff having to manage the system and captures
- Alleviate your staff from the burden of content monitoring and let Walsall Online Monitoring Services do the work for you

The Walsall Online Monitoring Service will support your requirements as per the latest government requirement. Contact for more information

Nicola Rudge, E-safety Advisor

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School Improvement

In order to raise standards across the borough, with the urgent ambition that all schools and settings will become good or better.

The School Improvement Strategy 2015-20 sets out the Local Authorities priorities and these underpin our core offer to schools. This core offer is the result of wide consultation with stakeholders, including head teachers, and goes beyond the statutory functions required of LAs.

Statutory functions include the following:

- Moderation of Key Stage 1 assessments
- Moderation of Key Stage 2 assessments
- Contributing towards inspection of maintained schools by meeting with the lead inspector
- Contributing towards post-Ofsted plans, where appropriate
- Representing the Director of Children's Services in head teacher appointment panels
- Contributing towards the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE)

Core Offer – Following core offer diagnosis, in discussion with the school and a representative of the governing body, all schools are placed in a bands

Band A schools – Core offer with termly visit.

Band B schools – Core offer plus up to three additional days of support.

Band C schools – Core offer plus up to six additional days support.

Band D schools – Core offer plus up to nine days support.

The additional days support for band B, C and D schools will be bespoke to the school and might include validation of judgements on teaching over time, development of self-evaluation, supported self-review, Improvement Plan development, curriculum consultancy and brokerage of additional support as appropriate.

Traded services

Beyond the core offer, officers and others specifically brokered for the purpose will work flexibly across all ages and phases to tailor provision to meet the needs of your individual setting, school or provision. Support can be designated to meet the individual needs of a particular setting, and by negotiation a group of schools or clusters.

Find out more

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Learning Platform

A range of guidance, including consultancy, to support the purposeful and creative use of your Its Learning Platform. This advanced learning and teaching tool will assist the use of an online environment making a distinctive contribution to the whole school curriculum and safely managing 24/7 learning.

Support under this agreement can take place in any/all of the following ways:

- **Pupil Projects:** Covering any use of the Learning Platform in the classroom. Projects involving discussion groups, wikis, blogs and integrated tools such as PurpleMash
- **Platform Launches:** Both to pupils, parents and staff, showing ways that the platform can be used to increase pupil and parental engagement both inside and outside of your school
- **Staff Training:** We offer Learning Platform training for all staff at both a basic and advanced level, either in school during INSETS or via regular training courses in our training room

Ongoing Support

We support schools in their aim to fully realise and utilise Learning Platforms and use them as part of everyday practice by providing:

- Drop-in sessions on a Wednesday afternoon between 1pm and 4:30pm to work on areas of the learning platform with support and advice
- Inset days and twilights for schools to train all staff on the use of the learning platform
- Hands-on support and advice for launching learning platforms to staff, students and parents
- Learning Platform focus groups to showcase good practise and discuss updates and issues common to Walsall schools
- A central area of ICT resources and materials that can be accessed by all schools that use Its Learning
- Support creating and updating the school website using MyEduWebsite product
- GroupCall – improving your MIS integration
- Microsoft 365 Integration

New for 2017

- New user interface
- Parental logins from MIS if requested
- Its Learning mobile app to provide live notifications on mobile devices

Find out more

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Schools Library Support Service

Supporting quality learning by adding quality and quantity to a school's resources and by enriching children's reading experiences.

We offer a bespoke service via our annual visit with your library contact to set up your individual Service Level Agreement. The service is usually a combination of book and resource loans, library organisation work, book buying, advice and guidance, training and skills and reader development work.

- All our resources support literacy & current national and creative curriculums, mainly at primary and foundation level
- They provide high quality reading for enjoyment, an Ofsted recommendation
- Termly 'read for pleasure' book loans
- Over 100 themed Book Boxes, 75 Storysacks, Sets of 15
- Resource loans – over 500 themed boxes of artefacts, posters, packs
- Support for literacy in the classroom
- Providing lunch time and after school reading clubs
- Professional information and practical help in organising your library
- Staff training – 3 training sessions arranged centrally at extra charge. Available in school from school support work hours
- Discounted book purchase – 20% discount on most purchases

Why choose us?

We are a team of dedicated, professional staff who have many years experience supporting schools to raise standards and improve literacy. Flexibility and good customer service are what schools value and we pride ourselves in offering both.

Don't take our word for it

Of the 72 schools who responded, 61 schools rated our service excellent and 71 schools said excellent or very good. Other comments were:

"The service we get from you is absolutely invaluable." **Jubilee Academy Primary**

"Y2 have really enjoyed working on the Greenaway Shadowing award and so have the staff." **Chuckery Primary**

"Always easy to communicate to arrange the variety of services we use SLSS for. Thank you." **New Invention Junior**

Find out more

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<http://lovelibrarieswalsall.co.uk/schools/>

Banking and Oracle Financial Services

Banking Services

- Interest on cash balances
- Imprest bank account
- Debit card and cheque payments
- Processing of income collected
- Secure collection of cash (charged separately)

Oracle Financial Services (only available to customers using our Banking Services):

- Electronic ordering and payment systems for goods and services
- Electronic system for raising debts
- Production and distribution of monthly monitoring and payroll reports
- Standard monthly financial reports
- Electronic financial reporting system (QlikView) to enable effective budget management and monitoring
- Creation and maintenance of accounting coding structures
- Systems Training
- Comprehensive helpdesk facility

Purchase cards (only available to customers using our Banking Services):

- Access to managed credit card facilities
- Electronic notification of spend (via Spendvision)
- Detailed electronic reports on spend
- System Training

Non Banking Services customers

- Payroll and Cash Income reports
- Read only access to your historical Oracle financial data

Why Choose us?

We have a wealth of experience in supporting schools and other educational establishments. We offer a wide range of benefits including banking services that pay interest on your current account balances. The monies from this interest alone can potentially cover the full cost of our services.

Find out more

Contact us for a demonstration of Oracle's additional systems and how we can make managing your budget easier. We are very keen to visit you and discuss your requirements.

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Oracle Support Team

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Clerking Service – Admissions Appeals

The council will provide schools/academies with a high quality clerking, advice and support service to manage submissions appeals held throughout the year.

The service will:

- Provide impartial independent advice to schools/academies on the appeal process as necessary
- Provide impartial independent advice to parents on the appeal process before, during and after the appeal as appropriate
- Arrange Panels/Chairs, carry out administrative functions, attend hearings and provide impartial independent advice to the Panel and ensure the conduct of the Panel hearing complies with the Appeal Code
- Record the proceedings, attendance, voting outcomes and panel decisions and retain papers as necessary in the event they are required for disclosure
- Notify all parties of the panel's decision in writing
- Respond to allegations of maladministration being investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman; reviews by the Secretary of State, or applications for judicial review, in so far as they relate to the matters referred to above
- Arrange hearing dates and venues (if available) in consultation with schools/academies and allocate members from the pool to panels (external venue costs will need to be met separately by schools/academies)
- Serve written notice of the appeal hearing date on parents with all the necessary supporting documents
- Arrange for interpreting and signing services for parents as necessary (costs of services will need to be met separately by the school/academy)
- Arrange for legal representation for the panel where a parent is legally represented (cost of legal representation will need to be met separately by schools/academies). Schools/academies can provide their own legal representation if they wish
- Send out agenda and supporting documents to the appellants, presenting officer and panel members

Why choose us?

During the period of the agreement period the service will:

- Provide a fully trained and experienced Panel Administrator/Clerk
- Perform clerking services in a proper, skilful and competent manner, to the reasonable satisfaction of the school/academy
- Provide access to a pool of trained appeal panel Chairs and members
- Negotiate dates for the hearings that are mutually agreeable to the council and the school/academy

Find out more

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Human Resources

Walsall Council Human Resources department delivers excellent, diverse, customer focused, and flexible front line HR support services to a variety of educational establishments, across the West Midlands. The services have been developed through our drive for excellence and customer satisfaction, and in recent years have expanded to also support Multi Academy Trusts.

Our range of services at a glance

- Advertising and Assessment
 - WMJOBS
 - Twitter and Facebook
- Health and Safety
 - Fire Safety
 - Radiation Protection Officer service
 - CLEAPSS Membership
- HR Consultancy
 - HR policies and procedures
 - Training including employment law
 - Advice and support to Headteachers and Principals
- Payroll and Pensions
 - Full administration function
 - BACS Bureau service
 - RTI, Year end and Pension auto-enrolment
 - Salary sacrifice provision
- Recruitment and Disclosure and Barring Service
 - Employment checks
 - Medicals
 - Contracts including statement of particulars

For existing schools and customers, Walsall Link provides further information and invaluable guidance on the range of services that have been brought back. All relevant forms and policies are held on this easily accessible website for instant download.

Why choose us?

We are committed to delivering comprehensive and professional HR, advertising, consultancy, recruitment, payroll and health and safety services which meet the needs of all educational settings; ensuring compliance with all statutory and corporate standards. Specifically the service will:

- Be professional, polite and responsive to your needs
- Use appropriately trained, competent and experienced staff to provide services, who understand the needs of educational establishments and local conditions of service
- Ensure all services conform to relevant statutory legislation, national and local standards and best practice
- Always aim to achieve 100% performance against the agreed service levels

Find out more:

For more information on any of the services within HR, a full service specification can be provided on request. Please contact:

Alexandra Bakewell, HR Services Co-ordinator

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ICT Infrastructure Services

A comprehensive range of technical services and high-quality technical support for ICT systems designed to improve the usage of ICT whilst reducing the burden on teaching and management staff.

Services that are designed to take account of local and national strategies and also fit with the Framework for ICT Technical Support (FITS) and we can also offer schools assistance in implementing this.

Why choose us?

- Well-maintained ICT systems and networks are available when required and can provide support to the school's use of ICT and minimise the disruption to the main operation of teaching and learning
- The services are delivered by a team trained and accredited to recognised technical and industry standards with extensive experience and knowledge of the education sector
- We work closely with partners such as RM, Stone and DLink to ensure that all staff are always aware of the latest advances in their products

Being integrated within the local authority we understand the education environment including:

- Whole school ICT networks for both administration and curriculum use
- Management information systems (SIMS, Facility etc)
- Whole school network solutions such as managed wireless
- New initiatives such as learning platforms
- Acting as a gateway to more sophisticated advice for major projects
- Regular scheduled technical visits
- Curriculum and admin server support
- Remote back up of Community Connect 3 and 4 servers

Don't take our word for it

"The IT support team have been a great help to us at St Mary of the Angels in recent years. The professional attitude we have received, coupled with the speed of response and appropriate pace of callouts have been a credit to the team. Many thanks"

Claire O'Hara – Head teacher at St Mary of the Angels

Find out more

**Richard Brookes – Schools ICT Manager
or the Schools Service Desk**

Telephone: 01922 653000

Email schoolsservicedesk@walsall.gov.uk

Internet Connectivity – WGFL

Fully managed and monitored internet connectivity packages for schools & colleges consisting of:

- Packages from 2mb – 100mb secure filtered internet connectivity
- Dedicated uncontended bandwidth
- Education internet filtering
- 50 webmail email accounts with the option to increase the number of accounts
- Hosting of Espresso and Kar2ouche data
- Web hosting for your schools website
- DNS hosting for your domain name
- Remote secure backup of your MIS data
- Secure file transfer of data to the local authority
- Central management of school antivirus software
- Access to WMBC hosted services such as Oracle, HRD Portal and WMBC intranet

Why choose us?

- WGFL offers you a symmetric service, so your users will experience the same speed uploading to the internet as they do downloading. In a world where users create their own internet content, in particular with Learning Platforms, this offers a real advantage over cheaper ADSL solutions
- WGFL provides and maintains a dedicated proxy server on your site which manages caching of commonly viewed websites and hosts content such as Espresso and Kar2ouche
- We manage your filtering and internet security, we also perform regular internet security penetration testing to ensure your network is safe
- Fully monitored connections, via our central management software, we can often detect and resolve connectivity issues before you know about them
- WGFL is a non-profit making service and can be offered with flexible payments
- WGFL is a member of the National Education Network giving free access to educational resources such as www.audionetwork.nen.gov.uk

Don't take our word for it

“Over the past couple of years we have worked closely with the ICT team to develop and enhance our internet provision. Our network and internet provision has proved to be extremely reliable – with any outages resolved almost instantly (often before we realise we have a problem!)”

Andy Nicholls, Headteacher, Moorcroft Wood Primary School

Find out more

**Richard Brookes – Schools ICT Manager
or Schools Service Desk**

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Legal Services

When you subscribe to the Legal Services Support Package you get access to high quality responsive legal services. A dedicated legal team that gives you the experience of having your own in house legal team, the package includes a hot line for queries and access to a heavily discounted public sector charge rate for when things get a bit more serious.

Up to 2 hours quick query service which provides supportive guidance at the end of the phone on:

Staffing issues, exclusions, Special Educational Needs and Disability, teachers' and governors' duties and responsibilities, articles of government, contracts and tendering, health and safety, property issues as well as selling and buying of land, contractual and employment matters and potential litigation.

When you need **specific dedicated** legal advice and support you get access to the preferential Legal Services Package discounted rates for legal advice and representation covering:

Legal representation in any potential litigation (civil and criminal) including employment tribunals and SEN tribunals, formal legal correspondence, drafting and negotiating contracts, acting on your school's behalf on matters such as disputes over contracts, disputes with parents and employment tribunals and we can also arrange for a lawyer to attend difficult meetings with you to ensure you get the back-up and support you need, when you need it.

Why choose us?

We have a team of legal professionals experienced in all aspects of law that impact schools/academies.

- Our employment lawyers are highly effective in dealing with a range of non-contentious and contentious employment law issues including discrimination matters, unfair dismissal, long-term sickness absence, compromise agreements and TUPE regulations and representing clients in the employment tribunals
- The team advises on company governance queries affecting academy trusts
- Our civil litigation solicitors have wide ranging experience of all property litigation matters, debt recovery, possession proceedings and representing clients in court
- The team also has extensive experience in contractual disputes, disputes with parents and anti-social behaviour orders and SEN issues including representation at SEN Tribunals
- A dedicated team of Solicitors specialising in negotiating and drafting Commercial Contracts and advising on public procurement matters
- Keeping up to date with developments in the education sector

Find out more

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Print and Design Services

Graphic design

- Concept creation and execution
- Literature and promotional material: posters, leaflets, brochures, newsletters, direct mail, packaging
- Brand development and corporate identity
- Illustration
- Advertising
- Signage
- Exhibition design and display systems
- Advice on alternative formats and translation

Print

- Colour and black and white printing (digital and litho print)
- Annual reports, banners, book printing, calendars, cards and invitations, labels, business cards, letterheads and stationery, photo books and yearbooks, presentation materials, education materials and workbooks
- Binding service
- Large format print
- Mailing service
- Delivery
- Exhibition design

Digital and interactive media

- Flash development and animation
- e-newsletter design

Make ordering easy with our online ordering system. Tailored to suit your needs, we can provide you with a catalogue of priced products such as workbooks, photo books, book bags, and stationery.

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

Print and Design

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Schools and Early Years Finance

Our Aim

- To provide schools and academies with a comprehensive range of professional financial services which ensure financial resources are deployed in the most economic, efficient and effective ways
- To ensure all schools are compliant with the latest financial regulations and policies relevant to their school
- To advise head teachers and governing bodies on changes in legislation and the impact on their schools
- To ensure financial records and systems are maintained to high standards to allow accurate and timely reporting
- To provide financial information in a clear and concise format, specific to the individual needs of your school
- Access to experienced school finance staff
- To provide a range of services, which can be purchased individually or in combination to reflect the particular needs of your school or cluster

A high quality financial management support service to schools and academies

The team are fully briefed on all forthcoming changes and their impact on Walsall as a borough and individual schools, enabling head teachers and governors to focus on improving standards and attainment in the knowledge that they have a good understanding of their financial position.

The next few years will see significant changes to the funding of education nationally, which will have differing impacts on individual schools at a local level.

New processes and procedures will need to be implemented to manage the changes effectively.

Our experienced staff specialise in school finance, providing high quality, excellent value for money services and are well placed to support schools in the time of change.

The range of financial support services available to choose from are:

Resource Management and Planning service – support via named Finance Consultants:

Governor Support – In addition your Financial Consultant can, on request, attend meetings of your Finance Committee. The support will include the preparation and provision of relevant reports for presentation at each meeting.

Bursarial Service – support via named peripatetic Bursar:

Transaction Service – support via Finance Assistants:

Find out more

For more information about any of the services available please contact:

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Building Cleaning and Caretaking

We offer care, attention to detail and extensive experience working with schools to achieve high cleaning and caretaking standards – protecting your staff, pupils and visitors by providing hygienic, safe and pleasing environments.

All our staff members are fully trained up to NVQ level 2 and hold relevant certificates for health and safety, and working with machinery and chemicals.

All our machinery and equipment complies with industry standards and any chemicals we use comply with COSHH regulations (control of substances hazardous to health). All work is fully insured.

In line with our environmental policy, we strive to minimise our impact on the environment, trialing chemical free microfibre cleaning methods for instance. We are associate members of the Association of Building Cleaning Direct Service Providers (ABCD).

Don't take our word for it

“Our school would highly recommend a deep clean by Walsall Caretaking & Cleaning. They were efficient and thorough.”

Karen Tomkins, Head Teacher of Manor Primary.

“They have in house monitoring sheets and systems but are more than happy to adjust this so that it fits the needs of our Academy. Overall cleaning standards are good and with the increase levels of supervision on site I feel Walsall will deliver an excellent service.”

John Long, School Business Manager of The Streetly Academy.

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

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Building Control Service

Translating your ideas and aspirations into reality is not always easy, specifically when satisfying evermore complex regulatory requirements. It is not always straightforward but that is where your Local Authority Building Control team can help.

What we do

We offer practical and intelligent design advice and appraisal, helping streamline your project development. We will give you the reassurance of formally approving your plans, to certify they comply with the full range of Building Standards and our qualified Building Officers will work with you from project inception, through construction to completion and occupation. We offer free advice even before you submit your application, we're happy to talk about a job long before you start. Early conversations often save money and time.

Why choose us

- Flexible, intelligent, practical and concise design advice
- Electronic plan submission
- Prompt efficient plan appraisal & approval service
- Unparalleled site and local knowledge
- Experienced technically qualified team
- Established relationships with the Fire Service, Planning, Highways, Environmental Health
- Same day inspection service-in an emergency we can usually be on site in 20 minutes
- Value for money-service charged at cost – we are not there to make a profit
- We are totally independent, impartial, and accountable
- Our charges are competitive and good value
- We offer other services, Demolition advice, energy conservation, acoustics and fire safety

What our customers say

“Excellent service – helpful throughout”

“Made really sensible suggestions”

“Surveyors are very approachable and willing to help”

“Very knowledgeable and practical”

Contact us

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West Midlands WS1 1DG

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Events

Unique and characteristic venues to make your event special with a level of involvement to suit your requirements.

To provide a Venue/Event service to exceed your expectation to make your day/event memorable.

Walsall Town Hall

This Edwardian town hall was opened in 1902 and is a grade II listed building located in the heart of Walsall Town Centre. There is a small car park with 15 parking spaces at the front. Walsall Town Hall is a large hall with a stage, organ, two dressing rooms, two small facility rooms, lounge bar and PA system.

Darlaston Town Hall

This Victorian town hall was opened in 1888 and is locally listed. It is located in the heart of Darlaston Town Centre which is a conservation area. There is a small public car park at the rear of the town hall with 20 parking spaces. The town hall underwent a refurbishment in April 2008 but has continued to keep its Victorian appearance. Darlaston Town Hall facilities consist of a hall with a stage, organ, two small facility rooms, council chamber, kitchen, lounge bar and PA system.

What can we provide?

- Venue Hire
- Event Organisation
- Catering
- Security
- Bar Services
- Promotion

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

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Grounds Service

Gardening and landscaping

- Grass and hedge cutting
- Shrub planting and maintenance
- Tree planting
- Weed Treatment
- Landscape work (soft landscape work)
- Arboricultural work (tree surveys/maintenance)

Sports and play facilities

- Fine turf maintenance – sports pitches, cricket squares etc
- Playground marking
- Sports marking

“Excellent service, excellent staff – well done!” Fullbrook Nursery School

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

Walsall Council – Clean & Green Services

Environmental Depot
200 Pelsall Road
Brownhills
WS8 7EN

Contact Centre: 01922 653344
Web: www.walsall.gov.uk/environment
Email: cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk
Facebook: Walsall Bins And Things
Twitter: @CleanGreenTweet

Property Management

Facilities management employ a team of dedicated and qualified staff and contractors to deliver all your building needs to keep you safe and compliant.

We will respond to all repairs and maintenance requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We will ensure that all repairs are responded to within an agreed time scale; these are 1 hour, 24 hours, 5 working days or 20 working days. Each job reported will be given a job priority and assigned a response time.

There is an open and transparent invoicing mechanism, so the customer can clearly identify costs.

- **Planned Works** – we will deliver a full and inclusive package to deliver your school funded projects, from initial idea to final hand over. All project works will be assigned a dedicated officer to manage your scheme.
- **Repairs** – All repairs will be phoned through to a dedicated call centre; they will then contact the correct contractor to resolve your problem within the agreed timescale and importance of the repair.
- **Compliance** – A team of specialist contractors will ensure that your compliance needs are covered and meet the latest standards to keep you and your building safe and compliant. All areas of compliance are covered from automatic doors, electrical services, gas, water hygiene and lifts.

Sign up costs for this service

There is no upfront cost for this service; the costs are covered by a nominal percentage fee on the contractors invoice.

- **Planned Works** – A 5% charge will be added to all invoice costs for all school funded planned works. This will be indicated on the recharge invoices sent by Facility management staff
- **Repair Works** – A 7% charge will be added to all invoice costs for all school funded planned works. This will be indicated on the recharge invoices sent by Facility management staff
- **Compliance works** – A 7% charge will be added to all invoice costs for all school funded planned works. This will be indicated on the recharge invoices sent by Facility management staff

Find Out More

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Fun4Life

We work with schools, NHS Services and the NCMP team to support referrals to our FREE Way4ward exercise advice and support service for children and young people aged 8-16. (Funded by Public Health and delivered by Walsall Council). We support families within your school by running a Fun 4 Life weight management programme within your school.

Courses on offer

Suitable from year 4 upwards

- Healthy Lifestyles – includes one hour of physical activity and one hour of practical lifestyle advice weekly, covering topics such as making healthy choices when eating out, eating five a day and the ‘eat well plate’ concept
- Skilz 4 Sport – includes a weekly one hour physical activity session aimed at improving the motor skills of young people and encouraging them to try new activities
- Virtual Dance Instructor – a wide selection of work-outs, tuition and dance classes which can be tailored to different abilities and ages

“Fun 4 life is very beneficial. It gives the children the incentive to eat healthily and by using goals and monitoring it also gives them something to look forward to and makes them feel like they belong to a fun club. The staff are brilliant with the kids and create a warm and friendly environment which makes them feel more comfortable”

(Parents attending the Fun 4 Life programme)

Fun 4 Life is a weight management programme that helps support young people and their families to make small changes that can make big differences to their health and happiness.

Why choose us?

- We have a team of professional staff who specialise in delivering community and school-based lifestyle programmes
- All staff members are experienced at working with young people and are trained in strategies to help children and parents with healthy behaviours and weight management
- We deliver Fun 4 Life, a FREE weight management programme which benefits young people and their families who need support and advice to manage their weight. Includes 12 sessions of fun physical activity and advice on healthy behaviour as well as education for parents to ensure they can understand the changes needed to support their child. (Funded by Public Health and delivered by Walsall Council)

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

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Outdoor Pursuits

Walsall Outdoor Pursuits is an accredited provider of adventure activities from the following organisations:

- Adventure Activities Licensing Services L0686/R0431
- Royal Yachting Association Recognised Centre for sailing, windsurfing and power boating
- Royal Yachting Association Sailability Foundation Centre for disabled sailing
- We provide urban adventure at two activity centres in Walsall
- DofE Accredited Activity Provider
- NCBA National Training Centre

Adventure for Mainstream Schools and Special Schools.

- Walsall Outdoor Pursuits have extended the range of activities and can be adapted for people with a disability, including: sailing, canoeing, climbing, high rope course, archery, Biking, Air rifle shooting and orienteering
- Able to provide/Training & Assessment both GCSE and B-Tec in outdoor activities
- Provide DofE assessments and Practice Expeditions anywhere in UK
- Provide DofE Physical, Volunteering sessions in Outdoor Pursuits
- Has a 40 seat Narrowboat for half day and full day trips (transport can be provided) along the Staffs and Worcester Canal
- DofE Residentials on the Narrowboat
- All activities can be replicated out of Borough

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

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Outdoor Pursuits Manager

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Aldridge Airport Outdoor Activity Centre

off Bosty Lane,

Aldridge,

Walsall

WS9 0QQ

Sneyd Water Activities Centre

Vernon Way,

Bloxwich,

Walsall

WS3 2PA

The Wharf Narrowboat

Heath Farm Marina

Off Bull Lane

Near Coven

WV10 7EY

Sports Coaching

- Tailored coaching programmes (curricular/PPA cover, and extracurricular)
- National governing body level 2 and 3 qualified sports coaches
- All our staff have enhanced DBS disclosures
- Delivery in schools and community settings
- Performance pathway links to local sports clubs
- Taster sessions

We currently work with over 20 schools and can offer the following sports to Walsall's primary, secondary, special schools and academies:

- Athletics (sports hall or track and field)
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket or kwik cricket
- Cross country
- Football
- Hockey
- Multiskills
- Netball
- Rugby or tag rugby
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Tri-golf

The nationally acclaimed Black Country School Games are now in their fourth year – with teams representing Walsall chosen from a series of inter-school competitions. The competition framework starts with intra-school events at individual schools followed by inter-school competitions across Walsall which are coordinated by 3 Walsall based School Games Organisers, with the successful schools representing the borough at the Black Country School Games.

You can now benefit from our coaching expertise to identify the top performers to represent your school in the next games. Let us plan and deliver your intra-school events or any other coaching sessions tailored to suit the needs of your children to help them bring home the title!

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

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School Meals Catering Services

Management of your school meals service

- Performance management of staff, procurement, production and servicing of meals, health and safety, and food safety
- Provision of a menu to suit the needs of your pupils including analysis to ensure compliance with nutrient standards and school food regulations

Staff

- Assistance with recruitment and selection – advertising, equal opportunities, compliance with legislation etc
- Performance management – target setting, monitoring of work, daily supervision and support
- Provision of free on-site training – induction, food safety, health and safety (COSHH, manual handling), fire, government nutrient standards
- Provision of staff cover available through casual pool Food Prep Assistants
- Management of procurement processes – food, cleaning materials, equipment
- Process and payment of monthly invoices
- Ensuring the quality of raw ingredients meets government regulations on school food
- Use of local suppliers including free range and halal providers
- Provision of fresh fruit and vegetables

Health and Safety

- Provision of work place risk assessments
- Management of annual inspections and servicing of equipment – gas, electrical, portable appliances, ventilation systems
- Accident reporting and investigation
- Annual maintenance of equipment and management of contracts

Food Safety

- Maintenance of temperature probes
- Preparation and monitoring of cleaning schedules and annual deep clean
- Facilitation of mandatory food safety training
- Completion and filing of food safety documentation to ensure due diligence
- Management of contracts for the maintenance of pest control measures
- Adherence to national recalls and bans on products

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

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School Swimming

- Swimming pool hire in one of our state of the art facilities with 8 different pools to choose from
- Swimming tuition from

Why choose us?

We believe that learning to swim at a young age is a vital skill for life. Our team of trained and experienced instructors and poolside staff are focused on supporting the development of confidence in the water and improving swimming proficiency.

We offer flexibility and convenience through four facilities:

- Bloxwich Active Living Centre
- Oak Park Active Living Centre
- Darlaston Swimming Pool
- Walsall Gala Swimming & Fitness Centre

Please call us for more information and costs.

Don't take our word for it

70% of the schools hiring our facilities have been repeat customers for over ten years.

Our service standards:

- We will provide a safe and welcoming environment with high quality standards at all times
- We partner with the Amateur Swimming Association to deliver the National Learn to Swim Framework
- Our lifeguard team and swimming instructors are all trained to industry standard levels
- Our swimming coordinators are available to help you structure your sessions in a way that will maximize learning potential for your pupils
- A management representative will be available at all sites to help with your enquiries

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact us by:

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Public Health

School attainment and health are closely linked. Children and young people flourish in a positive environment where physical and emotional health is actively promoted within a whole-school approach involving parents/carers, governors, staff and students. Our work will support the Ofsted Inspection Framework, complement the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme of study for schools, and support the implementation of the Early Help Strategy.

Working with public health and wider health and wellbeing providers to promote the health of pupils, including through supporting child measurement and screening can be an important way of demonstrating your focus on student health and wellbeing and can contribute to a school where students are happy to attend and learn. This then has the potential to impact positively on an Ofsted inspection.

Why choose us?

Public Health and our provider services:

- Know and understand Walsall and the health needs of children and young people
- Will work directly with schools and early year's settings to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone including parents and carers, school staff, children and young people
- Use feedback from the school community and specially developed Walsall school health profiles to identify health and wellbeing priorities for each school.
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We will work in partnership to deliver or support programmes on:

- Redeveloped 'Healthy Schools' Model (launching autumn 2017)
- Support for healthy rating scheme for primary schools to recognise and encourage contribution to preventing obesity by helping children eat better and move more
- Support for children to enjoy an hour of physical activity every day and for school leaders to effectively use and evidence school sport premium spend
- Substance misuse – Access to drug and alcohol screening tool and referrals for 1:1 support. Targeted group support
- Smoking and tobacco use – information around the impact of tobacco use
- Sexual health, teenage pregnancy, healthy relationships – Information and access to support in school
- Teens and Toddlers programme for vulnerable young people
- Emotional health and wellbeing – access to national resources and bespoke training programmes for teachers. Targeted group support
- Accident prevention and Infection Control – advice and support
- Managing long term conditions – training and support for the school through the School Nursing service

Find Out More

**Vikki Tolley, Children's Health and Wellbeing Officer
(Healthy Weight/Oral Health/Healthy Schools)**

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Forest Arts Centre

Facilities at Forest Arts Centre

- Three fully equipped performance auditoria (200, 350, 600 seats)
- State of the art multi-purpose A3 Arena, ideal for large scale events, theatre productions and concerts.
- Soundproof rehearsal studios, specialist music rooms and recording suite
- Two cinemas available for premieres and specialist showings
- Exhibition and gallery space
- Digital arts studio for film production, animation, photography and digital imaging
- Dance studio
- Multiple meeting rooms and break-out rooms

Other services on offer at the centre

- Specialist facilities for the staging of school productions, award ceremonies, concerts and exhibitions
- Capability to stage aerial performance and circus skills.
- Weekly participation opportunities for orchestras, bands, ensembles, jazz and choirs (all ages and inter-generational)
- Weekly participation opportunities and tuition in jazz, tap, ballet, contemporary dance
- Weekly participation opportunities and tuition in musical Theatre and drama.
- Home of the Black Country Dance Hub, multiple arts groups, societies and community groups.

Find out more

For an informal discussion about this service please contact:

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Local History Centre

- A chance for children to visit the Centre and learn using our extensive collections
- Advice to teachers about using local history in the classroom
- Resource packs tailored to the national curriculum
- Online resources via our website
- Local history books and DVDs for sale
- Visits by Local History Centre staff to schools to lead curriculum based sessions on local history

Why choose us?

- The Local History Centre has a wealth of unique local history material covering all of Walsall borough from 1200 to the present day. Nowhere else has such an extensive collection of resources about Walsall's history and heritage. Our collections include a wide range of media including archival documents, the local studies library, maps, oral history tapes and much more
- Using original documents makes history come alive, literally the “wow” factor. Our collections can be used across the curriculum to teach history, geography, citizenship and much more
- We have resources targeted to key stage 2 history modules “What was it like for children in Victorian Britain?”, “How did life change in our locality in Victorian Britain? And What was it like to live here in the past?”
- Our expert staff know Walsall's history and our resources and can advise on whatever you need

Find out more

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The New Art Gallery

- Introductory discussions around the Garman Ryan collection or any artwork from the permanent collection, or a discussion around one of our current contemporary exhibitions. You may be interested in a Back of House Tour
- Practical workshops on skill learning inspired specifically by the art on display, 90 minute workshop with one of our artists, all artwork made can be taken back to school with you
- Use of free self guided resources to support your group engagement with the artworks and a bespoke suggested timetable to help you move around the gallery
- Art specific CPD at your request
- Funded project work when appropriate

Why choose us?

- An open and accessible world class art gallery with a permanent collection of modern, historical and contemporary works, temporary exhibitions, research art library, archives, family gallery and educational facilities all within easy travelling distance
- Increased speaking and listening skills, individually and in group discussion
- Increased skills in problem solving, creative and critical thinking
- Stimulus for cross curricular learning
- Lunch Room on request
- Concessions for Special Needs groups
- Toilet facilities on 3 levels – including disabled toilets
- Lifts to all floors
- Two Art Activity Rooms

Further opportunities

The gallery is open to negotiations for project developments and partnership working. The venue can be hired for smaller performances, workshops, meetings and presentations and is easily accessible in the town centre.

Find out more

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Walsall Leather Museum

We provide a social, local history museum about Walsall's most famous trade and a variety of curriculum-linked activities for schools. In our work we use the expertise of retired leatherworkers, who demonstrate their skills and lead sessions for us. We have:

- Hands-on activities: learn through doing!
- We occupy a genuine Victorian factory building
- We have fascinating displays of local interest
- We hold the Sandford Award for museum education
- We are child-friendly
- We have a coach bay
- We provide plentiful toilets and risk-assessed activities for children
- We support the teaching of Romans, Vikings, Saxons, Victorians, British Values, Greeks, local history, fashion, D & T, science, maths, literacy and work across the key stages

New for 2017

- The museum will charge admission from April 2017 but school parties will not be charged
- We are largely offering 2017 activities at last year's prices
- An amended first person interpretation of Sister Dora, Walsall's Florence Nightingale, differentiated for younger and older KS 2 children.
- In response to interest from schools we can support the teaching of fashion. We can draw upon the Hodson Shop Collection of working class costume and have reproduction costume which children may wear. Free.
- We have amended our sessions for younger children. For example, when children cut out dinosaurs finger puppets or teddy bear parts they follow a line perforated for them by a sewing machine so that they may do the work themselves.

Why choose us?

We are a former Museum of the Year and one of only a small number of local museums to twice win the Sandford Award for excellence in museum education. Our museum accommodates all sorts of learning styles. Our activities offer great fun whilst still supporting the Curriculum.

"Bill was fantastic with the class and gave the children a lot of information. The activities making the keyring and collar were fantastic, thank you".

Watling Street Primary School

Find out more

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