

AWARENESS RAISING ASSEMBLIES / WORKSHOPS

Investing in Children can provide assemblies for the young people in your school, which aim to raise the awareness of anxiety within your school. They also offer assemblies and workshops which are focused on raising awareness about autism too.

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TERMLY TARGETED ATTENDANCE MEETINGS

The Attendance Improvement Team offer termly targeting support meetings with each school in County Durham. The aim is to:

- 1. Identify, discuss and agree join targeted actions for pupils who are persistently or severely absent or those at risk of becoming so this can have a particular focus on children who are absent due to anxiety.
- 2. Agree what support the LA can provide.
- 3. Help schools analyse their own data and learn from other schools in similar situations.

Clare Nicholls

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ANXIETY CPD

There is a range of CPD available relating to meeting the needs of children who are anxious about school. It is free for schools to access. Please scan the QR code below for details of the training offered:

Helen Sellars- Advisory & Inclusion Teacher helen.sellars@durham.gov.uk 03000 263 333- both Vikki Smith - Advisory & Inclusion Teacher vikki.smith@durham.gov.uk



WHOLE SCHOOL AUDIT TOOL

The Whole School Audit Tool can help schools evaluate their current practices and environment with children who are anxious about school in mind. It is available within the Anxious About School Guidance Document located on the Durham Local Offer website, QR code link here:



FEARLESS FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

A course for parents/carers of children aged 6-14 years. This course helps where you have a child who has anxiety which might be causing them to miss school.

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PARTICIPATORY PRACTICES

Investing in Children can support schools to consider how they are working with children, young people and their families to ensure their voices are heard and a collaborative approach to support is at the heart of all their practices.

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