

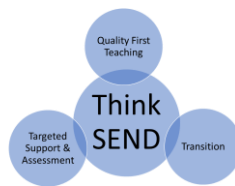
Think SEND

South-West Mainstream Secondary DLP Project

Educational Psychologist Job Opportunity

2-year contract in the first instance

Salary: Soulbury Scale A Point 3-8 £52,440 to £59,456 (+ up to 3 SPAs)



Think SEND is a local authority funded DLP project, (Developing Local Provision), involving 13 secondary schools in South-West Brimingham. The project is entering its third year, bringing schools together on a mission to improve outcomes for children with SEND in our mainstream secondary settings.

Our group of schools is looking to employ an Educational Psychologist for 2 years in the first instance, to work across the thirteen Think SEND schools supporting with assessment and intervention for young people with additional and complex needs. We anticipate extending the role by funding the work between our group of schools from September 2025.

All of our schools are experiencing a backlog of students with SEND who have missed out on appropriate assessment and support during and beyond COVID. We are passionate about ensuring these students have access to the resources and intervention that they need to succeed in mainstream education wherever possible, or to access special provision in cases where that is essential.

We are working collaboratively to improve what happens in the classroom for all our students with SEND. We now need to increase the access to assessment for individual students to ensure that their education needs are properly diagnosed, and their support needs are met more effectively.

We are looking for someone who will enjoy working across a group of schools, supporting SENDCOs to progress EHCP / broader SEND assessments and implement effective in-school SEND strategies. We are excited about the potential for our own Think SEND educational psychologist to take inclusion to the next level across South West secondary mainstream provision.

The Ideal Candidate

You will need an honours degree in Psychology (or equivalent) recognised by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as well as recognised post graduate training and qualification in Educational Psychology. You must be registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)

For further information, please contact Emma Leaman, Headteacher and chair of Think SEND, eleaman@colmers.school or Dave Beards, Oaks Collegiate Co-ordinator and project lead for Think SEND, oakscollegiate@selloak.bham.sch.uk

Closing Date: Monday November 13th

Interviews will be held week commencing November 20th

Our recruitment process:

Our Think SEND project involves 13 South Birmingham Secondary Schools, listed below.

The successful candidate would be employed by Colmers School and Sixth Form College, as the budget holder for the project: the role involves working across all 13 schools. The successful post holder will report directly to Emma Leaman, Headteacher of Colmers School, who chairs the Think SEND project group including a monthly SENDCo surgery for all schools involved. Regular support will be provided by Dave Beards, Think SEND project co-ordinator and chair of The Oaks Collegiate.

While the Think SEND funding is due to end in July 2025, the schools involved are likely to extend the role beyond this time based on the expected impact on the high levels of need that we are experiencing across all the schools in the area.

Think SEND Schools:

- Bartley Green School
- Bournville School
- Colmers School and Sixth Form College
- Four Dwellings Academy
- Harborne Academy
- Hillcrest School A Specialist Maths and Computing College and Sixth Form Centre
- King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy
- King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls
- King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls
- Lordswood Boys' School
- Shenley Academy
- St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
- The University of Birmingham School