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The Nurture Network: Promoting and Developing Nurturing Practices in Schools



The Nurture Network aims to promote and develop nurturing practices in schools. It provides a termly space for school staff wishing to grow and develop nurturing practices to meet, share best practice, contribute to professional development and provide reflective support to colleagues.

What do we mean by Nurture?

The nurturing approach offers a range of opportunities for children and young people to engage with missed early learning experiences. It supports them to develop the social and emotional skills to do well at school and with peers, develop their resilience and their capacity to deal more confidently with the trials and tribulations of life.

What will being part of the Nurture Network look like?

The Nurture Network gives you the opportunity to meet once a term with professionals from other schools or settings working in nurture groups or developing nurturing practices across early years, primary or secondary schools.

Each afternoon session will have focus on putting theory and research into practice as well as opportunities to learn from and reflect with colleagues working across schools.

We also hope to facilitate a practitioner meet-up over the course of the year as well as opportunities to visit settings with nurture groups.

Sessions take place between 1pm and 3pm on:

Date	Session Focus
3rd Nov 2023	Raising the profile of the Nurture Group in your setting
23rd Feb 2024	'Colleagues who don't get it' – How do we work with those that are not in agreement with nurturing principles?
14th June 2024	Working with other agencies

Nurturing practices are guided by the **Six Principles of Nurture** which are:

1	Children's learning is understood developmentally
2	The classroom/school offers a safe base
3	Nurture is important for the development of well-being.
4	Language is understood as a vital means of communication
5	All behaviour is communication
6	Transitions are significant in the lives of children

Where will it take place?

All sessions will be held online via TEAMS. The Nurture Network will be run by:

- **Laura Dennis**, Education Outreach Lead, The Mulberry Bush
- **Emma Knipe**, Therapeutic Trainer & Outreach Practitioner, The Mulberry Bush Outreach
- **Dr David Colley**, Associate Lecturer, Oxford Brookes University School of Education
- **Katrina Haig**, Therapeutic Trainer & Outreach Practitioner, The Mulberry Bush Outreach

How to book

For more details please contact Angela Brown, email abrown@mulberrybush.org.uk

How much does it cost?

School Membership for 2023/2024 is **£150**. This secures places for two of your staff at each of this year's networking events.

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