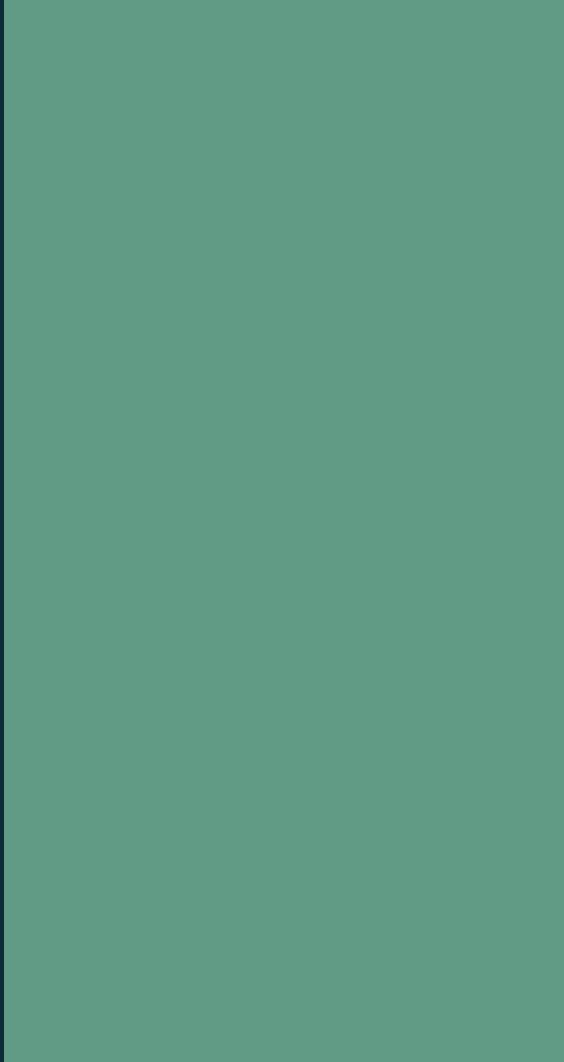




LEARNING JOURNEYS ASSESSMENT PACKAGES

2026-27





THE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

Willow Dene have developed an assessment system called Learning Journeys. This allows us to identify children's progress from their starting point, identify their next steps and address gaps in their understanding.

Learning Journeys provides staff with relevant frameworks for assessing the learning of all the children who attend Willow Dene. It is broken down into four sections.

FOOTSTEPS

is based on 'Routes for Learning'. It is used to identify progress in communication, social interaction and cognition for children working at Early Development levels. It covers the important early processes and skills on which all future learning is built.

STEPPING OUT

was developed by Willow Dene School teachers and therapy teams to assess the learning of children at Emergent Concept level. This focuses on communication, social interaction, attention, physical and play skills and development of early concepts around routines and representation.

PACES

assesses the progress of children working at a Basic Concept level, who are developing their communication skills, including an increasing vocabulary and social communication, and working on early reading and mathematical skills.

STRIDES

assesses children working at an Applying Knowledge level who are able to generalise their communication, reading and mathematical skills to build their understanding in these areas and across the curriculum.

INDICATORS OF WELLBEING

RAG rate against areas such as attendance, behaviour, sleep, medical events, regulation and more, keeping track of potential barriers to learning and the impact that these might have on progress.



TIER ONE - IMPLEMENTATION & SUPPORT

LOCATION: IN-PERSON, WITHIN YOUR SETTING.

TARGET AUDIENCE: LEADERS, TEACHERS, TECHNOLOGY/ADMINISTRATION TEAM, WITH ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL SESSION FOR TEACHERS & SUPPORT STAFF.

DELIVERED BY: COMPASS SPECIAL SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT LEAD, EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER AND ASSESSMENT & LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES OFFICER

This package includes:

- Text copies of the framework for settings to use within whichever assessment software is used (if EFL is not used).
- Guidance documentation – Footsteps Guidance Document , Best Practice Guide, Matching learning profiles to assessment frameworks (webinars).
- In person CPD – ½ day – An Introduction to Learning Journeys Assessment
- Optional CPD within ½ day package – choose 2 of 4 - Baselining Process, What is good quality evidence?, Monitoring and Moderation, CPD and involvement of the whole class team in capturing assessments.
- Technical guidance on setting up Learning Journeys on EFL (if EFL is to be used)
- One hour per term – support call or CPD (virtual)
- Excludes EFL Licensing costs.

More information on EFL licensing costs can be found overleaf.

COST: £1500
+TRAVEL EXPENSES



TIER TWO - IN-PERSON CPD

LOCATION: IN-PERSON, WITHIN YOUR SETTING.

TARGET AUDIENCE: LEADERS, TEACHERS, WITH ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL SESSION FOR TEACHERS & SUPPORT STAFF.

DELIVERED BY: COMPASS SPECIAL SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT LEAD & EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER

This package includes:

- Text copies of the framework for settings to use within whichever assessment software is used. This can be adapted to your own setting.
- Guidance documentation – Footsteps Guidance Document , Best Practice Guide, Matching learning profiles to assessment frameworks (webinars).
- In person CPD – ½ day – An Introduction to Learning Journeys Assessment
- Optional CPD within ½ day package – choose 2 of 4 - Baselining Process, What is good quality evidence?, Monitoring and Moderation, CPD and involvement of the whole class team in capturing assessments.

COST: £1000
+TRAVEL EXPENSES



TIER THREE - VIRTUAL CPD

LOCATION: IN-PERSON, WITHIN YOUR SETTING.

TARGET AUDIENCE: LEADERS, TEACHERS, TECHNOLOGY/ADMINISTRATION TEAM, WITH ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL SESSION FOR TEACHERS & SUPPORT STAFF.

DELIVERED BY: COMPASS SPECIAL SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT LEAD & EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

This package includes:

- Text copies of the framework for settings to use within whichever assessment software is used. This can be adapted to your own setting.
- Guidance documentation – Footsteps Guidance Document , Best Practice Guide, Matching learning profiles to assessment frameworks (webinars).
- Live virtual CPD via MS Teams– 1.5-2hours – An Introduction to Learning Journeys Assessment

COST: £500



EVIDENCE FOR LEARNING

For the Tier 1 Implementation and Support package, it is recommended that Evidence for Learning software is used alongside the Learning Journeys Assessment.

Information about licensing and costs can be found here: [Evidence for Learning Pricing](#)



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