



Myth Buster – CISS

What is CISS/what can CISS provide?

- CISS is an early intervention project which aims to help reduce the risk of exclusion for KS1 and KS2 aged children in mainstream settings.
- **For KS1**, CISS undertakes observations and screening assessments to identify any potential underlying SEN, completes baseline assessments, and compiles a written report, with advice and strategies to support school staff in meeting the child's needs.
- CISS also provides supportive visits to help schools implement advice and strategies in the classroom.
- **For KS2**, CISS offers collaborative online consultations to explore concerns whilst helping professionals to identify areas for change. This is followed by an action plan incorporating goals for change, short term targets and specific actions to support identified need.
- CISS can signpost to other services for further involvement if needed.
- CISS has developed a package of specialist training for schools to access, based on current identified need locally.

What CISS isn't/can't provide

- Comprehensive psychological assessment: Educational Psychology involvement is likely needed for more complex children with persistent and enduring needs.
- Children who have recently received a comprehensive assessment from another service or professional where advice is yet to be fully implemented e.g. Educational Psychologist (EP), EHCP, SALT.
- Children who are already receiving support from an external agency that involves advice and strategies to be implemented by school staff e.g. Golden Hill.
- CISS cannot provide diagnoses or in-depth reports as may be required for Integrated Assessment (EHCP) or other specific purposes.

If in doubt as to whether your referral can be accepted, please do not hesitate to contact the CISS team for further information.