# Setting up Therapeutic Storywriting Groups

**Three day course, plus three group supervision sessions for the first year:**

* **Venue: Rushmoor Council Offices, Farnborough Road, FARNBOROUGH. GU14 7JU**
* **Dates: Wed 19 September 2018; Wed 31 October 2018; Wed 21 November 2018**
* **Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm**
* **Cost: £480, or 5.5 hours of SLA time – includes refreshments**
* **Lunch: Please note that lunch will NOT be provided, please bring a lunch with you**

Cost: £85 or 1 hour SLA per

**What is Therapeutic Storywriting?**

Therapeutic Storywriting uses the metaphor in stories to support children whose emotional and behavioural difficulties are getting in the way of their learning. Evidence-based research shows that the 10-week intervention improves pupils’ writing skills while also developing their emotional and social skills. It is currently in use in over 500 schools in the UK and 60 schools across Hampshire.

**By the end of this course you will be able to:**

* Deliver the 10 week Therapeutic Storywriting intervention to groups of pupils.
* Write therapeutic stories to help address the emotional needs of pupils through metaphor.
* Evaluate and show evidence of the positive outcomes of the intervention.

**Is this training right for me?**

This course is aimed at SEN teachers, learning mentors, ELSAs, teaching assistants, school counsellors and other professionals supporting children with emotional needs in years 2-7.

**Please contact Jemma Murray, Educational Psychologist, with any questions: jemma.murray@hants.gov.uk**

A fantastic course that has given me a valuable skill with which to support pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

*SENCo, Hampshire*



**BOOKING FORM**

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**19th September 2018, 31st October 2018 & 21st November 2018 - 9.30 – 3.30**

1. Please complete this booking form and return to Jo Wright (addresses below) by **Friday 20th July**
2. You will receive an email confirming receipt of the booking form
3. We will then require school to raise an internal customer request via IBC. (We will let you know when we are happy to receive this.)
4. Receipt of the internal customer request will secure the place on the course and this will be confirmed
5. If you are a school/academy/organisation that require an invoice, one will be raised as usual.

* Cost: £480 per participant (includes 3-day course, plus supervision sessions), **or** 5.5 hours SLA time – **please indicate which method of payment you would prefer**.
* You are expected to attend all three days of the course.  Participants who do not attend Day 1 will not be allowed to attend Days 2 and 3 **AND** you will be charged the cost of the whole course
* Please inform us of any special requirements/access arrangements.

**POST:** Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational Psychology, Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough GU14 7JU (Courier Route – CH22)

**E-MAIL:** joanne.1.wright@hants.gov.uk

Please be aware that the following charges will apply for cancellations:

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| **From** | **To** | **Percentage** |
| Two weeks before course | Date of course | 100% |
| Receipt of booking form | Two weeks before course | 50% |

**Participant’s Name**: …………………………………. **Position**: ……………………………

Email address: ……………………………………………………………………………………….

(please note that all information concerning the course will be sent to this email address)

**Agreement from Applicant**

I understand and agree that, as a requirement of attendance on the above course, it will be necessary (after the first day of training) to set up and run a 10 week (1 hour/week) Therapeutic Storywriting group of six young people, and attend supervision sessions after completion of the course.

Signed (applicant) ………………………………………… Date …………………………………

**Agreement from Head Teacher**

I understand and agree that, as a requirement of attendance on the above course, it will be necessary for the applicant to have the time, space and resources to set up and run a 10 week Therapeutic Storywriting group of six young people (1 hour/week plus preparation and reflection time).

Signature of Head Teacher/Head of Department ………………………………………………