



Summary of Assessment Packages Offered by Hemispheres Movement for Learning

Hemispheres offers a range of assessments to target the differing needs of children who seek occupational therapy support. We offer a free 20-minute telephone consultation with a therapist, in which we can advise you on the most appropriate and cost-effective assessment, based on your concerns.

Hemispheres therapists are qualified Occupational Therapists, with a minimum of 9 years' experience including post graduate training in neurology, paediatrics and how to stimulate and inhibit the primitive and postural reflexes.

Selecting the right assessment will give you peace of mind.

Assessment of Primitive and Postural Reflexes and Motor Programme.

If your child is exhibiting signs that they are struggling with their movement and coordination, sensory and emotional responses, fine motor and handwriting skills, as well as independence and performance skills at school, then the probability of them having retained primitive and postural reflexes is high.

This is **our trademark assessment**. We assess 14 early primitive and postural reflexes along with their associated neuromotor skills. **This assessment provides entry into the Hemispheres Reflex Stimulation and Inhibiting Movement Programme (RSIMP).**

Package includes:

- 60 minutes for the assessment.
- 20 minutes for the therapist to score your child's results.
- 30 minutes for the therapist to feedback to you and discuss the findings and recommendations.
- Provision of an Initial Reflex Stimulation and Inhibiting Movement Programme tailored to your child's needs.

Screening Assessment Package.

Not sure if your child needs occupational therapy? For peace of mind we offer a screening assessment, developed by Hemispheres, which screens the underlying key reflexes that we specialise in, handwriting and some assessment of your child's neuro - motor skills. This assessment identifies if there are any underlying neurological immaturities, which would benefit from some therapeutic intervention. **The assessment provides entry into the Movement, Balance and Learning Movement Programme for Parents.**

Package includes:

- 1 hour for the Movement, Balance and Learning Screening Assessment and Scoring.
- 30 minutes for the therapist to feedback to you and discuss the findings.

Full Occupational Therapy Assessment

If you are concerned about your child's physical/sensory/social/emotional development and they are showing some difficulty in class, then this assessment offers you an all-round assessment of your child's needs. The foundational assessment tool we use is our trademark assessment of the Primitive and Postural Reflexes. This will help to identify any immaturities that are affecting your child's movement, sensory processing, emotional expression and learning skills. This also includes an assessment of handwriting, sensory processing and, if required, aspects of the Dyspraxia Screening and the Early Years Assessment. **This assessment provides entry into all Hemispheres treatment packages.**

Package includes:

- 2 hours for the assessment.
- Initial Reflex Stimulation and Inhibiting Movement Programme provided.
- Written report with recommendations and advice for school and home.

Early Years Assessment (0-4 years)

Especially designed for our younger clients, the screening assessment looks at the natural development of the reflexes in combination with how your child is progressing in terms of achieving their milestones. We can help parents identify any particular areas of development that would benefit from some specific intervention and provide advice and recommendations on how to support emerging skills.

Package includes:

- 1 hour for the assessment.
- 15 minutes for the therapist to score the assessment results.
- 30 minutes for the therapist to feedback and discuss the findings and recommended intervention with you.
- Provision of your child's first tailored movement programme.

Assessment of Handwriting

Children who struggle with handwriting will notice the negative impact this has on the legibility of their work, the speed and quantity of their writing and that it may be harder for them to express their learning and keep up in class. This assessment looks at legibility, letter formations and provides an outcome measure in regard to their handwriting speed. It also considers areas like grip, posture and fine motor skills that are required to support handwriting skills. This assessment can be used to support access arrangements for examinations, like having increased time for examinations for example. Please note if your primary concern is handwriting, you may like to consider our Handwriting Intervention Programme, which includes an abridged screening assessment.

Package includes:

- 1 hour for the assessment.
- 20 minutes for the therapist to score the results.
- 30 minutes for the therapist to feedback and discuss the findings with you.
- A short-written summary of the results will be emailed to you.

Screening Assessment for Dyspraxia (DCD)

Developmental Coordination Disorder or Dyspraxia is covered under a medical classification called The DSM V which requires evidence that a child has *'Motor performance that is substantially below expected levels, given the person's chronologic age and previous opportunities for skill acquisition.'* and that it is *'not better explained by intellectual disability (intellectual development disorder) or visual impairment and are not attributable to a neurological condition affecting movement.'* Our assessment is designed to provide a standardised measure of your child's motor skills, and a screening for any potential cause for the difficulties observed. We also provide a written summary to support any medical diagnosis.

Package includes:

- 60 minutes for the assessment using a tool called The Movement ABC.
- 20 minutes for the therapist to feedback to you on the findings and recommended intervention plan.
- A short-written summary of the results will be emailed to you

Assessment of School Performance (School AMPS)

Are you and your child's teacher concerned about how well your child is coping in the classroom? Then let us help identify why they are struggling and provide advice and information on how best to accommodate and meet their needs, so they can show everyone their true learning potential.

Being able to listen, understand and then complete tasks within the classroom requires both cognitive/thinking and physical skills to be integrated together. Hemispheres is able to offer a school-based assessment, the School Assessment of Motor and Process skills (AMPS), observing your child's performance in both these areas as they participate relevant class activities. This enables us to identify which of the motor and processing skills are impacting most on their performance. Specific

recommendations can then be made to reduce the impact of the weaker skills and support an improvement in your child's ability to engage in the classroom.

Package includes:

- 1.5 hours for classroom observation.
- 1.5 hours administration time to summaries and report the findings with recommendations.
- A written summary of the results will be emailed to you
- Travel costs are **not** included

Independent Occupational Therapy Assessment for EHCP Purposes

Many children's needs require support from an Educational, Health Care Plan or EHCP, issued by the Local Educational Authority. This assessment is specifically designed to provide independent evidence of your child's sensory / motor and learning needs and the occupational therapy provision that is needed to meet those needs. This package provides a detailed and comprehensive occupational therapy report that is fit for EHCP purposes.

Package includes:

- Up to 2.5 hours for the assessment.
- 3 hours of administration time for reviewing other documentation, liaising with other professionals and composing a full and detailed report that is fit for EHCP purposes.
- Any additional admin time needed to complete the report is charged at £100 per hour, pro rata.