



Summary of Assessment Packages Offered by Hemispheres Movement for Learning

Hemispheres offers three key assessments, please do not worry, before we book you in for an assessment you will have a FREE 20-minute telephone consultation with a therapist so we can recommend the right assessment to suit your child's needs. If you do not require a written report and are keen to focus on therapy, you can also choose our assessment without report option. We are very happy to explain and advice you more clearly, so please do not hesitate to ask for more information.

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 Number 1: Assessment of Primitive and Postural Reflexes

This is **our trademark assessment**. We assess 14 early primitive and postural reflexes along with the associated neuromotor skills so we can build a picture of any underlying immaturities that are likely to be influencing your child's sensory, emotional, fine motor, gross motor coordination and academic performance. If you are a parent who is interested in treatment, using a tailored movement programme at home, then this is the assessment which will get you started. This assessment which will give you access to the Hemispheres **Reflex Stimulation and Inhibiting Movement Programme (RSIMP)**.

Package includes:

- 90 minutes for the assessment.
- **Provision of an Initial Reflex Stimulation and Inhibiting Movement Programme tailored to your child's needs.**
- **Options: With or without a written report including recommendations and advise for school and home.**

Assessment Number 2: Full Neurological 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 assessment also includes an evaluation 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:

- 3 hours for the assessment.
- **Initial Reflex Stimulation and Inhibiting Movement Programme provided.**
- **Options: With or without a written report including recommendations and advise for school and home.**
- **Options: To add in a standardised Motor Assessment - required if assessing for Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) known as Dyspraxia.**

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.*' **A standardised assessment of motor skills is required and therefore is an option when selecting this assessment.**

Assessment Number 3: Assessment of Primitive and Postural Reflexes with Sensory Processing

Especially designed for our neurodiverse clients, this assessment combines the 14 primitive and postural reflexes with an evaluation of sensory processing difficulties using the sensory profile, a standardised questionnaire of 125 statements looking at auditory, visual, tactile, vestibular, oral motor and multisystem processing. By combining the two assessments we can identify any potential immaturities in the Central Nervous System (CNS) which are contributing to and influencing the way the CNS is able to process and use sensory information for learning, function, and development. This assessment which will give you access to the **Hemispheres Reflex Stimulation and Inhibiting Movement Programme (RSIMP)**.

Package includes:

- 2 hours for the assessment.
- Admin time to score of the Sensory Profile
- **Initial Reflex Stimulation and Inhibiting Movement Programme provided.**
- **Options: With or without a written report including recommendations and advise for school and home.**

Assessment Number 4: 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:

- between 3- 4 hours for the assessment.
- Approximately 10 -15 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 attend meetings or administrative amendments or any additional report writing time is charged at £150 per hour, pro rata.