

EMTAS Bilingual TALA (B-TALA) parent/carers information

This information leaflet is for parents/carers and young people. It explains the role of a TALA/EMTAS Bilingual TALA (B-TALA).

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Key facts

What is a TALA?

TALA stands for 'Therapeutic Active Listening Assistant'. It is a school-based role, carried out by a member of staff who has been trained as a TALA and who receives training and support from an Educational Psychologist.

TALAs provide children and young people with a safe, confidential space where they can talk about anything that might be impacting how they are feeling.

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What is a B-TALA?

B-TALAs travel to different schools to work with children. The B-TALA uses their skills in other languages and brings knowledge and understanding of the child's culture to the sessions. This can help bilingual children access TALA support.

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How do B-TALAs work with children and young people?

B-TALAs work with children on a 1:1 basis. B-TALAs aim to:

- meet the child for up to 45 minutes once a week, usually on the same day and time, to build trust.
- provide a range of creative and play-based approaches for helping the child to share what might be on their mind.
- follow the child's lead – each session is led by whatever the child would like to talk about.

B-TALA sessions are usually scheduled for an initial period of 6 weeks (about half a term). There is then a review to decide if the child would benefit from further B-TALA time.

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What should I do if I have questions?

If you would like to know any more about TALA/B-TALA and how it might work for your child, please speak to your child's teacher or tutor.

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HAMPSHIRE ETHNIC MINORITY and TRAVELLER ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE (EMTAS) PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM

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Who we are and what we do

Before signing this form to give consent for our involvement with your child, **please tick the two boxes** below to confirm that you have read 1) the **EMTAS Bilingual TALA (B-TALA) parent/carer information**, pages 1 and 2 of this document, and 2) the **EMTAS privacy notice** (below) and you understand what will happen next.

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☐ **1. EMTAS Bilingual TALA (B-TALA) parent/carer information**

This outlines who we are, when and why we might be involved in supporting your child, and how we work.

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☐ **2. EMTAS privacy notice**

This outlines how we process the information we collect from you, with whom we may share information and the legal basis for all data processing.

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[EMTAS privacy notice](#)

By giving consent for a B-TALA to work with your child, you should be aware that anything your child shares will be kept confidential except where there may be safety concerns.

By giving consent for a B-TALA to work with your child, you should be aware that whilst respecting your right to privacy, you recognise that B-TALAs receive group supervision sessions with other TALAs led by an educational psychologist or therapist and that they may raise your child anonymously and confidentially within supervision in order to receive guidance and support.

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Hampshire County Council's generic Privacy Notice is available at Hampshire Council privacy notice [Hampshire Council privacy notice](#)

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If you would like a hard copy of either the EMTAS Bilingual TALA (B-TALA) parent/carer information or the EMTAS privacy notice, or if you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher or the Pastoral Support Worker at your child's school or setting in the first instance.

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b. Information about you and your child

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If you are happy for us to work with your child in school, please complete the boxes below to provide the following information about your child and to give your consent:

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Name of child/young person	<i>Space for translated text</i>	
Date of birth	<i>Space for translated text</i>	
Year group	<i>Space for translated text</i>	
School name	<i>Space for translated text</i>	

c. Consent statement

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I have read the information provided and I give consent for Hampshire EMTAS Bilingual TALA (B-TALA) to work with my child at school over the next 12 months.

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Signed	<i>Space for translated text</i>	
Date	<i>Space for translated text</i>	
Your name	<i>Space for translated text</i>	
Your relationship to the child	<i>Space for translated text</i>	

Use this space for any information you would like to share about your child in relation to their experience of being in school in England.

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Finally, we would be grateful if you would agree to help us by evaluating the B-TALA support we have provided to your child. Please read the following.

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Only tick 'Yes' if you agree with the statement. If you tick 'No', it will not make any difference to our involvement with you or your child.

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1. I give permission for the school to share information with EMTAS about the impact of the B-TALA work with my child. This information will be used for service evaluation and monitoring purposes. I understand that my child will not be able to be identified in any data shared.

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2. I am happy to complete an anonymous questionnaire about the service provided by EMTAS for evaluation and monitoring purposes. I understand that my email address will be used to send this to me.

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If you ticked 'Yes' to number 2 above, please provide your email address:

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Email address	<i>Space for translated text</i>	
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**When you have completed this form, please return it to your child's school.
If you would prefer to send it to EMTAS directly, post it to us at the address below.**

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When EMTAS receive the signed form, we will save a copy for our records.

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If you need to contact us, our details are as follows:

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[EMTAS Website](#)

If you would like to know more about B-TALA support in your own language, use the EMTAS language phone lines, details on the EMTAS website here: [EMTAS language phone lines](#).

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