

Most families only need to sign this document. Where clinical photography or video recording may be used, for example for assessment, monitoring or training, a short consent section is included at the end of this form. A second, separate form is only used if your child takes part in a specific activity that is not part of their Education, Health and Care Plan, for example a trial of new equipment. If that applies, your therapist will explain it separately and ask for consent at that time.

Therapy at Pace

At Pace, therapy is an integral part of each child's educational and developmental programme. Our multidisciplinary team includes physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists, who work collaboratively to support each child's physical, sensory and communication needs.

How therapy is provided

Therapy at Pace is delivered in accordance with your child's Education, Health and Care Plan, which sets out the statutory provision your child is entitled to. Pace is required to deliver this provision. It is not something we ask your agreement for, in the way we would ask about an optional activity, and this document is not a consent form for that reason. It is a record that you have been told clearly what Pace provides and why.

Our clinicians also have a professional responsibility to identify and address additional needs that may not be explicitly stated in the plan, where this is necessary to support your child's access, participation or wellbeing in school. This work remains within each therapist's professional scope of practice and is part of Pace's integrated educational and clinical model.

Therapy may take place in classrooms, therapy rooms, playgrounds or community environments, and may involve individual, paired or group sessions, depending on your child's needs.

Care that is part of this provision

The following are part of your child's ordinary therapy provision and are carried out where clinically indicated, as part of Pace's duty of care. They do not require separate consent, because they are how the provision described above is safely delivered.

- Adjustment of splints, orthotics or other supportive devices, for example for fit, positioning or pain management.
- Feeding, swallowing or mealtime management support, where clinically indicated to support your child's safety.

Where these are planned or being considered, your therapist will explain what is involved and why. You are welcome to ask questions at any time.

Where separate consent is asked for

Separate written consent is requested only for:

- clinical photography or video recording for assessment, monitoring or training. This consent is recorded at the end of this form; and
- equipment or interventions that are not currently included in your child's plan, for example trialling powered mobility equipment ahead of any decision to include it.

These are the only circumstances in which you will be asked to give or decline consent in relation to therapy. You may withdraw consent for either at any time by contacting the Therapy Team.

Acknowledgement

- my child's therapy is delivered in accordance with their Education, Health and Care Plan and any additional clinically identified needs that support their education and wellbeing, and that this is Pace's statutory responsibility rather than something requiring my agreement;
- adjustment of splints, orthotics or supportive devices, and feeding, swallowing or mealtime management support, may be carried out as part of this provision where clinically indicated, and will be explained to me;
- my child's comfort, dignity and willingness to participate will always be respected; and

- separate consent will be requested for clinical photography or video recording, and for equipment or interventions outside my child's current plan.

Clinical photography or video recording

If your child's therapist proposes clinical photography or video recording, for example for assessment, monitoring or training, the Therapy Team will contact you separately through a Microsoft Form. This will set out in writing what is proposed and why, and will ask you to give or decline consent at that time. You may ask questions about it at any time, and may withdraw consent at any time by contacting the Therapy Team. Withdrawing consent applies only from that point onward. Photographs or recordings already taken or used will not be removed. Further information on how images and recordings are used and retained is set out in the Pupil Privacy Notice.

The Pace Centre operates under an ISO 9001:2015 certified quality management system. This form is controlled within the Therapy Services documentation set. Uncontrolled if printed.

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