



EMOTIONALLY FRIENDLY SETTINGS

A flexible, whole setting approach to improving staff, children and young people's mental health and well-being

KEY DATES 2026 - 2027

Save the date - EFS Conference - 19 May 2027

EFS Network Meetings

Take place termly over Teams and are used to share good practice and create peer networks between SMHL & SENCOs (3:30pm - 4:30pm):

- Thursday 15 October 2026
- Thursday 28 January 2027
- Thursday 24 June 2027

Headteacher & Senior Leaders Supervision will run again in the Spring and Summer terms.

To book places email: emotionallyfriendlysettings@salford.gov.uk

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation criteria have been updated and can be found on the EFS website.

Accreditation panel dates are:

- 27 November 2026
- 5 February 2027
- 23 April 2027



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The EFS Process

The Salford Educational Psychology Service (EPS) will take your school through a cyclical process in which you plan and take action using a comprehensive whole-school/college approach. By giving you the best available options for improving staff and child wellbeing, it provides you with the flexibility to select and tailor programmes and approaches to meet your community's individual needs.

The EFS process includes:

THE EFS MANUALS

Evidence based manuals (covering the 0-25 age range), providing useful tools, strategies and resources.

WHOLE SCHOOL AWARENESS RAISING TRAINING

A 1.5 hr training which aims to raise awareness and introduce staff to the manual with a focus on promoting staff wellbeing.

AUDITS AND AUDIT TOOLS

These are completed by staff, pupils and parents to identify the priority needs of your setting, staff and children.

ACTION PLANNING MEETING (APM)

This is supported by the EPS and held with the headteacher and the EFS champions team within the setting to plan the next steps based on the outcomes of the audits.

REVIEW

There is an ongoing review where you will measure the impact of your actions (created in the APM) and plan your next steps.

If you are interested in becoming an EFS setting or re-engaging with the process email:

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