

SCHOOL COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING ELSAs

It is essential for the successful implementation of ELSA support in schools that ELSA trainees have the full support and backing of the schools Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team and staff. As a commitment to support ELSAs, the Headteacher or Principal will need to agree to the following and to sign this form as recognition of the pledge to support ELSAs both in training and in practice in schools.

- ✓ The school confirms that the nominated, or staff member requesting training has the necessary skills to train as an ELSA (please see ELSA person specification).
- ✓ The school agrees that the staff member will be released for the full six days of training, or seven/eight days where the school is opting for advanced ELSA training in Attachment and Trauma and Emotion Coaching. It is a condition of training that ALL sessions are attended.
- ✓ Further to this, the school additionally agrees to release the member of staff for six supervision sessions, led by a British Psychological Society registered supervisor and/or HCPC Registered Educational and Child Psychologist during training and that supervision is maintained post training to retain ELSA registration.
- ✓ The school is committed to following an internal referral process for children and young people who may need support, and which is guided by the principles of the ELSA Network.
- ✓ The school is committed to allocating a minimum of one half day each week for each ELSA to both plan and deliver ELSA programmes in school.
- ✓ The school agrees to appoint a line manager to their ELSA, and which may be the Headteacher or Principal, SENDCo, or Pastoral Lead and who should be knowledgeable about social, emotional, and mental health needs (SEMH).
- ✓ The school agrees that ELSAs will have access to appropriate Emotional Literacy resources (e.g. puppets, books, visual resources). It is likely that many resources are in school and it may be helpful for schools to review resources before buying further items.
- ✓ The school commits to purchasing two core texts for ELSA's in training which are "Emotional Well-Being: An Introductory Handbook" and "Excellent ELSAs" available online from the ELSA Network or by ordering via the course leader.

This should be signed by the head teacher or member of the senior leadership team of the school/ setting.

Name of setting		NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: Position	
Signature		Date signed	