



# TLG EARLY INTERVENTION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

*A programme for Churches*



Do you want to  
make a difference  
in your  
community?

Would you like to  
bring valuable support  
to children and families  
in your area?

Could your church  
build a partnership  
with local primary schools?



What a difference an  
hour makes

**1** volunteer,  
child,  
hour a week

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\* Supporting a struggling child will bring an opportunity to support the whole family with weekly visits or phone calls to their home.





## THE CURRENT SITUATION



Every day thousands of children are absent from school. The causes are vast and complex, ranging from bereavement to drug abuse, from bullying to family breakdown. For the children that these issues affect the future is uncertain. The majority will leave school with no qualifications, many will end up in prison, and more still will end up trapped in a cycle of low self esteem, low aspirations and poverty.



Each year there are over 37,000 exclusions in primary schools across the UK

**Children with free school meals are 4 times more likely to get a permanent exclusion from school.**

**Boys are 4 times more likely to be excluded than girls.**

## EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES



"TLG's provision is outstanding for social development. They promote a well structured and well organised learning environment, within which pupils are able to develop their personal and social skills by taking greater personal responsibility for their behaviour"  
(Ofsted)

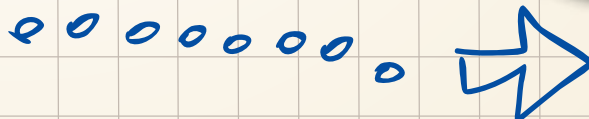
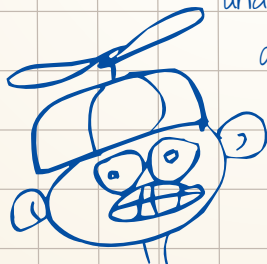


TLG support primary aged children who are struggling with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties.

The 'timeout' programme is delivered in partnership with local churches and has been developed to tackle behavioural difficulties, in school as they emerge, averting potential future crisis.

The programme brings space and a timeout for the child in school, during school hours. They are coached through their issues and encouraged in their abilities.

It gives each child the opportunity to understand their feelings, look at coping strategies, explore the choices they have and related consequences of the choices they make.





## HOW DOES OUR EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMME WORK?

3  
hours  
a week

### \* With a church based Volunteer Early Intervention Coordinator

Together the church and TLG will identify a coordinator from within the congregation who will lead the volunteers and ensure that they are encouraged and supported. TLG will work closely with the coordinator and help in all management aspects so that the programme will have maximum impact. Stringent safeguarding practice will be at the heart of the partnership to ensure suitability of those supporting children with CRB, recruitment procedures and ongoing evaluations in place.

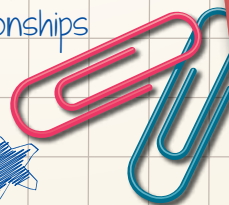


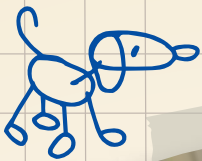
2  
hours  
a week

### \* With Early Intervention Volunteer Behaviour Coaches

TLG will train up to 10 volunteers who are involved in your church community to become Behaviour Coaches. This is a great opportunity for those who have some experience supporting children professionally, in church or as parents.

The role will involve building relationships with the child, their parents/carers and school staff.





## Bringing a positive presence in school



The coordinators will have an active role in establishing and maintaining the smooth running of the early intervention programme in school with the head teacher and a designated key contact person. All behaviour coaches will report to the school office each week and then liaise with the class teacher of the child they support.

## \* Giving family support

When a child is experiencing difficulties in school there is usually an anxious parent. The programme seeks to support the home life of the child too by involving those who care for them outside of school. Each coach will meet with the parent/carer of the child they work with, to agree the best way to keep in touch throughout the intervention.





## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The initial cost for a partner church is £1800 a year, £150 each month. The full cost of running an Early Intervention Centre is £3600 a year. TLG will directly fund through half of the costs through regular giving.

Year 1 cost £3600  
Church = £150 pcm  
TLG = £150 pcm

### The cost covers:

- \* All initial & development training for the coordinator and volunteers
  - o half day - coordinator training
  - o 1 day (fully catered) initial training for all volunteers
  - o Ongoing annual = 1 day (fully catered) additional development training for all volunteers
  - o Resources and support for 2 training sessions per year, facilitated by coordinators
- \* Each volunteer will be given an Early Intervention 'timeout' resource pack and full use of the portfolio of TLG materials, and approaches needed to carry out the programme.
- \* Advice and support necessary to establish the partnership with local schools
- \* Full management support for the coordinator, ensuring that the programme remains current and effective over the long term
  - o Regular ongoing contact for coordinators with TLG EI manager via Email and phone calls
  - o Termly one to one reviews to assess the effectiveness of the programme
  - o Year 1 audit by EI manager with coordinators, church leader and school head teacher to ensure continued effective Intervention
- \* Access to peer support / learning from coordinators and coaches in other cities
- \* Full use of the timeout interface and the additional resources for behavioural support

After a year, when the annual audit has been completed, the cost is reduced.

Year 2 cost £2400  
Church = £100 pcm  
TLG = £100 pcm

With the Early Intervention Centre established after one year, the intensity of support can be reduced. This helps reduce the cost while still bringing up to date support as mentioned for the first year.



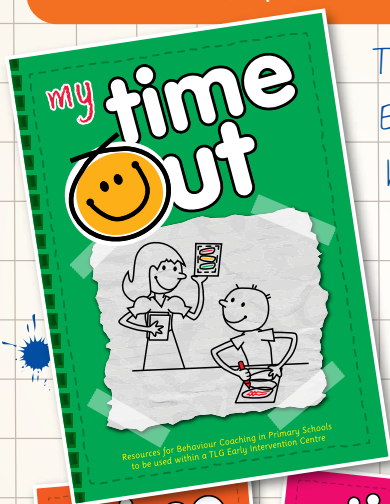
## PARTNERSHIP WITH TLG

Lasting impact in the lives of children, young people and their families, comes from long term engagement and support. Similarly, over the longer term there is a tremendous opportunity to build a productive partnership with local schools. The opportunities for more church involvement in school and with families increase as the relationship with your local primary school grows. With this in mind, TLG ask for at least one year's commitment from the volunteers and along with your church leadership, will assess our partnership annually.

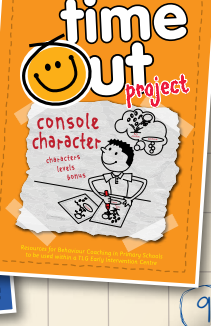
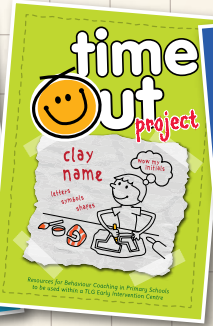
TLG will help to keep the intervention current and offer the forum for continual training and connections to other Early Intervention Centres around the country.



## THE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMME RESOURCES



The 'timeout' materials have been developed specifically for TLG Early Intervention Centres. The resources help to structure each hour spent with the child. They involve projects that incorporate the national curriculum in a creative way and activities that inspire a collaborative approach to tackling behavioural difficulties. As the coaches receive further developmental training, they will receive more resources to add to their existing pack.



## PUTTING THE PROGRAMME INTO PRACTICE



'The coaching is really working, I'm so glad that he's off the behaviour chart and back outside at play times.'

Parent of a child on the programme



'This is possibly the only hour this boy is actively listened to on a one to one basis'

Deputy Head Teacher, Manchester



'This is a valuable intervention, it really makes a difference. We are keen to have the coaches back in school next year'

Head teacher, Bradford



'The training and resources have equipped me to bring effective support to the child and parent I'm working with'

Volunteer Behaviour Coach

## STAGES OF A TLG EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE

### \* Stage 1

### Understanding

- Initial meeting / church leader day.



### \* Stage 2

### Preparation

- Preliminary approach to schools by church with TLG info pack/introductory PowerPoint.
- Possible initial presentation to church by church leader to gauge volunteer numbers.
- Application forms sent for coordinator and volunteers.

### \* Stage 3

### Recruitment

- Early Intervention coordinator appointed and partnership agreement signed by church leader and TLG.
- Coordinator training (1/2 day).
- Coordinator/TLG manager discussion to assess volunteer applications
- CRB's in place (church based).
- Coordinator to establish a formal school contact and begin planning for the Early Intervention programme in school.



#### \* Stage 4

### Training

- Behaviour Coach training for coordinator and volunteers (1 day).
- Launch preparation meeting led by coordinator with behaviour coaches locally.
- Introduction of coaches to schools and timetable set up for following term to begin the programme.

#### \* Stage 5

### Launch

- Church presentation and launch/opening of Early Intervention (corporate prayer for all involved).
- 1st session for all coaches and children involved at the beginning of term.

#### \* Stage 6

### On Going Support

- Support for coordinator from TLG Early Intervention Manager.
- Coordinators forum (1-2 times per year).
- On Line support, training and extra resources.
- TLG celebration and Additional training for all coaches (1 day).
- Written reports for each child completing the Early Intervention programme.

### WHAT NEXT

If you are interested in running an Early Intervention Centre and would like to talk it through with someone at TLG, we would love to hear from you.

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