

### **Education Support Service**

Down Syndrome Victoria is committed to ensuring that schools supporting students with diverse needs and learning styles have access to strategies, resources and support.

# What is the Education Support Service?

The Down Syndrome Victoria (DSV) Education Support Service is the only Visiting Teacher Service available for students with an intellectual disability in Victoria.

## Why engage the Education Support Service?

The service promotes an Inclusive educational environment facilitating a better quality education for all children, and is instrumental in changing discriminatory attitudes.

The Education Support Service provides practical support and specialist information to assist your school to deliver appropriate pedagogy and curriculum to students with Down syndrome particularly during periods of transition and change. The Education Support Service will contribute to the strengthening of partnerships between the parents of children with Down syndrome and their school community.

#### What supports will you receive?

Over the course of three school visits (nine hours in total) across the year, the Education Support Service can provide:

• Specialist resources

Education and Training

- Curriculum modification
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Professional development sessions
- Assistance at Student Support meetings
- Email/phone consultation as required

The Department of Education (DE) funds a limited number of ESS places for students transitioning within mainstream government schools. For an annual fee of \$2400, DSV can provide the ESS to all other students. Contact DSV at education@dsav.asn.au for more details.





#### **Education Support Service Registration Form**

DSV is able to offer subsidised and fee paying places for the DSV Education Support Service (ESS).

Student name:
Year Level 2024:
School Principal: Contact at school:
Position of contact at school:
School telephone number:
School email address:
School address:
Mainstream school is:  Government Catholic
If the student is in a transition year please provide the following details:
Preschool/School attending 2023:
Address:
Contact name: Position of Contact at school:
Phone: Email:
Eligibility for funded position:
Final year of secondary school Transitioning to a new school Foundation year Year 7 Not previously assisted
Please tick the relevant option:  Our school is a government mainstream school, and we are eligible for one of the above funded positions. We agree to incur the cost of \$160 subscription fee.
We do not meet criteria for a funded place but wish to subscribe to the ESS. We agree to incur the cost of \$2,400 and to make full payment upon receipt of invoice
We wish to subscribe to an ESS one-off three-hour visit. We agree to incur the cost of \$800 and to make full payment upon receipt of invoice
We wish to subscribe to a one-hour professional development session. We agree to incur the cost of \$250 and to make full payment upon receipt of invoice.
Please note the Education Support Service expires at the end of the 2024 school year.
Parent/Guardian Authorisation Please note applications cannot be processed without parental consent and agreement.
Name:
Address:
Telephone: Email:
I agree to DSV providing the ESS to my child:
Signed: Date: