

1. What is the Boxall Profile assessment?

The Boxall Profile provides a framework for the precise assessment of people's social and emotional aptitudes. It provides staff with insights a of entry into the child's world, allowing teachers to think about what lies student's behavior and how to plan accordingly.



“The Boxall Profile gives us a structure to look at young people’s behavior, to discuss it constructively and plan together what we can do about it. We have not discussed our pupils as positively as this before.” – Secondary School Teacher, London.

VSK will be able to work collaboratively with schools by using the tool as we have access to the Boxall Profile Online system. It may be at the child or young person’s Personal Education Plan (PEP) meeting that the network considers whether this would be a useful tool to use. We might use the findings as a basis for target setting, using strategies or new resources.

2. How does it work?

The Boxall Profile is, from a practical point of view, very easy to use. The two-part checklist is completed with staff who know the child best in a classroom situation – and VSK will help contribute to this. It is quick to use — and, very importantly, it is constructive. The checklist asks questions about how the child/young person socializes, plays, learns and behaves in their educational setting.

We can use the findings to discuss personalized and achievable social/emotional targets. The Boxall Profile can be reviewed and re-assessed periodically – for example this might be done as part of a PEP meeting.

VSK staff will be working alongside schools to support the completion of the Boxall. We will be able to provide help with target setting and be part of discussions around the best type of interventions that will meet those targets.

3. What age groups does the Boxall Profile support?

Children and young people from the ages of 4 to 18 can be supported with the Boxall Profile tool. There are two assessments - one for children (nursery/primary school pupils), and the other for young people (secondary school and students up to 18). The online Boxall Profile system automatically selects the right tool for the age of the child/young person.

At VSK our staff across areas, teams and age phases are trained in using the Boxall Profile whatever the age of the child/young person in this age range. Additionally, our team who advise on Previously Looked After Children (PLAC) are trained to offer this service in an adapted way for their remit.

More information about the Boxall Profile can be found at:
<https://www.nurtureuk.org/introducing-nurture/boxall-profile>