The Fairy/Wizard Tool



The Fairy/Wizard tool serves the same purpose as the Three Houses Tool, but with different graphic representation. Rather than Three Houses, you can explore the same three questions, using a drawing of a fairy with a magic wand or a Wizard figure. The same process for using the three houses tool applies in using the Wizard/Fairy tool.

The method often breaks the ice for Pre School and early primary school aged children, since young children often engage quickly with the picture of the wizard or fairy. The worker can present the child with a pre-drawn outline or begin with a blank page and draw the wizard or fairy from scratch, asking the child to help, depending on what best suits the situation.

The Fairy/Wizard's clothes (which represent what can/should be changed – just as we change our clothes) to explore and write down, together with the child, the problems/worries from the child's perspective – or "what needs to be changed".

The Fairy's wings and Wizard's cape represent the good things or what's working well in the child's life, since the wings enable the Fairy to "fly away" or "escape" her problems; and the cape "protects" the young Wizard and "makes his problems invisible for a little while". On the star of the Fairy's wand, and in the spell bubble at the end of the Wizard's wand, the worker and the child record the child's wishes, and vision of their life, the way they would want it to be with all the problems solved; the wand represents "wishes coming true" and explores hope for the future.

