## The Aim

The aim is to work in partnership with parents/carers, school and other agencies to support families. As a community, we want to ensure that all children enjoy school & feel happy and secure.



- ✓ Children who are feeling anxious, especially those who find it difficult coming into school.
- ✓ Parents/carers experiencing difficulties in managing their child's behaviour.
- ✓ Parents/carers who wish to discuss concerns around routines, bedtimes and toileting issues.
- Parents/carers and children who are reacting to change, such as parental separation or bereavement.
- ✓ Parents/carers who may need support on a wide range of issues impacting on their family life e.g. illness, change in family circumstances or just feeling you need some advice.
- ✓ Parents/carers who would like some help filling in forms such as school admissions or free school meals, etc.

## What can I provide?

- The link between home and school, such as passing on messages to teaching staff in the mornings as well as making staff aware of anything that may be upsetting your child.
- Support in school for children as well as supporting parents/.carers and families.
- Help to improve attendance and punctuality, where attendance has fallen below 95%.
- Encouragement of positive behaviour and routines.
- One to one support and advice.
- Advice on issues such as head lice, personal hygiene, nutritional problems, bed-wetting and sleep routines. I can make a referral to the school nurse, if required.
- Making referrals for in-school pastoral groups or the school counsellor, if necessary.
- Signposting to other agencies, for example, bereavement support, debt management, Young Carers, parenting advice/courses.



# Home School Link Worker

Working to support children and families within our school

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#### Home School Link Worker

Children are most likely to thrive and reach their full potential when home and school are working in partnership to support their development. As we all continue to "Journey together, guided by God, to do the best we can", we endeavour to embrace Christian values in all that we do. Working with families, I strive to ensure that each child is nurtured, happy and able to forge successful relationships. I can help with many worries or concerns that parents or children may have, however large or small.

We all have days when we worry about things and being a parent/carer can be challenging. Small concerns can become larger problems if they are not dealt with. This is where I can help. I can offer someone to talk things over with, to listen to your concerns and to offer some advice.

Sometimes, talking over a worry with someone or bringing it to the school's attention can make all the difference between you and your child having a stressful day or a stress-free one!

If you have any concerns, however minor they may seem, please feel free to contact me.

#### How can you contact me?

I am available in the playground each Monday to Thursday morning from 8.45am – 9.00am.

I can offer set appointment times through the week.

Please phone, e-mail or complete the attached Message Form and return it to the office; I will contact you as soon as possible.

There is a room available so that we can talk in confidence.

