

THE BEST FOR ALL, THE BEST FROM ALL



"The school ensures there is always an adult available if pupils are worried and need to talk to someone. This includes working with families who need support."

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Pastoral Care



The Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team comprises
of a Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)
and two ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants)

The role of the Pastoral Care Worker is:-

- To listen and talk to children who may need help with a variety of pastoral issues e.g. family difficulties, divorce, separation, friendship difficulties, illness, bereavement etc.
- To offer parents information and resources, including signposting to appropriate agencies.
- To work closely with our partner schools and other professionals to support our children and their families.
- To work with staff in ensuring good pupil support.

The role of the ELSA is:-

- To help children with social skills, emotions, social stories, bereavement, anger management, self-esteem and friendship issues
- ELSAs may work with children on a 1:1 basis or in small groups.
- The ELSAs are supervised by the PCW and by a clinical psychologist

Our Pastoral Care Worker, Mrs Cowling, is employed by the school and has a background working in psychiatry and counselling services.

How to see the Pastoral Care Worker or ELSA

The Pastoral Care Worker is available to all pupils and parents.

All referrals to the team are assessed by the Pastoral Care Worker to see which member of staff is best placed to see the child or parents / carers.

Mrs Cowling is normally in school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Any child can see a member of the team by asking their teacher or Mrs Cowling herself to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Teachers may also refer a child if they feel it may be helpful to them.

Parents may contact Mrs Cowling by telephone or email or may request an appointment to see her personally. It is often possible to see her before or after school without an appointment if parents enquire at the office.

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