

WHAT IS A FAMILY LIAISON WORKER?

A family liaison worker seeks to support parents and carers to get the very best possible for children during their time in school.

They can help parents by bridging the gap between home and school when difficulties, however large or small, arise.

WHAT CAN THE FAMILY LIAISON WORKER DO?

They can offer early intervention work in school, preventative support and guidance, alongside advice to improve outcomes for children, by working in partnership with families.

Being a parent can be a rewarding and happy experience however, there can also be times of worry and difficulty and this is where the family liaison worker may be of help.



My name is Nicky Donnithorne and I am the Family Liaison worker at our School. I am here to support you as parents and carers, and your child, with issues at home and school that are affecting their wellbeing, and ultimately their ability to learn and participate in school life.

My role is to provide pastoral support to families. This may be by providing a listening ear, offering support and advice or by signposting you to relevant agencies or other colleagues in school.

Enabling children to enjoy and achieve in their time at Christ Church is a priority of all staff and my role is to support this aim.

Parenting is probably one of the hardest jobs we do; asking for help is a positive move and not a negative one.

MY ROLE

Family Liaison work is an extension of my work in school where I also provide a mentoring service for children. I also support teaching in Year 6 and provide PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) cover in year 1 and 2.

My experience for family liaison work includes;

- Teaching Assistant since 2000
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status
- BA (Hons) Education in Professional Practice
- School Home Support Training
- Pyramid 4 Parents Training
- Effective Listening, Effective Communication Certification
- Learning Mentor Qualification
- And most importantly a parent of three children

We may not have all the answers, but by working in partnership we might be able to help you work out how to find them.

Some examples of areas in which I can support parents are;

- Finding services and other agencies available to help families
- Friendship and behaviour issues – early intervention
- Attendance issues
- Family circumstances that may be affecting your child's education e.g. parental separation, bereavement, illness etc
- Medical/Health concerns
- Developing parental engagement through workshops - Pyramid 4Parent courses
- Transition support to secondary school
- Facilitating parental support groups

The first Wednesday of every term I hold an informal coffee/tea afternoon to give parents the opportunity to meet, talk and share concerns, as well as to form a support network. This time is designed to be a friendly informal session and all are welcome to attend.

HOW TO CONTACT ME;

You will generally find me in the infant playground Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 8.45 and 9.00am.

Alternatively you can leave a message at the school office (**Tel: 01454 867145**) and I will contact you. Appointments can be made between 8.45 and 9.15 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday afternoons between 1 – 3.15pm.

Other useful supportive organisations;

www.netmums.com. - General Advice on any parenting issues and local social events

www.fatherhoodinstitute.org .- Support for Dads

www.citizensadvice.org.uk. - General Advice on most subjects

www.supportiveparents.org.uk. – Information and support for those with SEN issues. Tel: 0117 9897725

www.shelter.org.uk - Housing and Debt Advice

<http://www.1bigdatabase.org.uk/>. - information about a wide range of services for young children, young people, their parents and carers and professionals in Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire

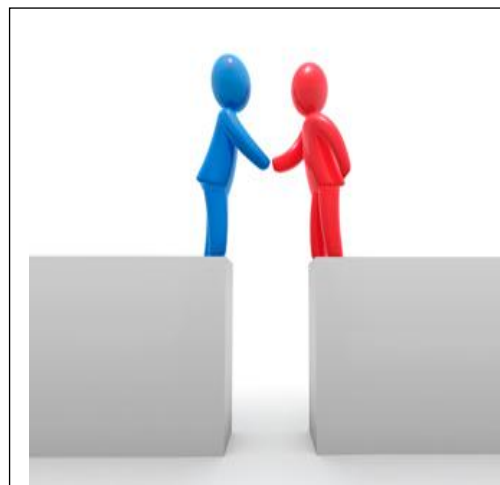
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