

PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO OUR PASTORAL NEWSLETTER!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Pastoral Team Newsletter of the school year. At St John the Evangelist, we know that children thrive when they feel safe, happy, valued and supported. Our Pastoral Team works closely with children, families and staff to promote positive wellbeing, inclusion and engagement.

Our pastoral work is closely linked to our school vision of “embracing life in all its fullness”. We want every child to have the opportunity to grow in confidence, resilience, self-belief and independence, while knowing that there are trusted adults around them who will listen and help when things feel difficult.

We also recognise that family life can sometimes bring challenges. Our aim is to work alongside families in a supportive and non-judgemental way, helping you to access the right support at the right time.

HOW CAN THE PASTORAL TEAM HELP?

Emotional wellbeing • friendships and relationships • emotional regulation and behaviour • family difficulties or changes • attendance and engagement • SEND and additional needs • support with learning • Early Help and signposting • supporting children through challenging times

WORKING TOGETHER WITH FAMILIES

We believe that families are trusted partners in supporting children's wellbeing and development. The strongest support for children comes when home and school work together, communicate openly and share concerns early.

Sometimes it can be difficult to know whether something is significant enough to talk to school about. Please don't worry about that. If something is affecting your child or your family, we are always happy to have a conversation and explore how we might be able to help.

You can speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or contact a member of the Pastoral Team through the School Office.

COMING SOON – LUNCHTIME SUPPORT CLUB

We are excited to be introducing a number of new lunchtime clubs to provide additional support and opportunities for children within our school community. These will include dedicated clubs for young carers and service pupils, offering a safe and welcoming space to meet with others who may share similar experiences, talk to a trusted adult, have some time to relax and enjoy activities together. Further information about the clubs, including dates and how children can take part, will be shared with families soon.

MEET OUR PASTORAL TEAM

A team of trusted adults working together to support our children and families



Kayleigh Smith

Deputy Headteacher & Pastoral Lead

Kayleigh leads our pastoral provision across school and works closely with children, families and staff to support wellbeing, inclusion, attendance and engagement. She coordinates the work of the Pastoral Team and works with families and outside agencies when additional support is needed.



Alaina Tabern

Child and Family Support Worker

Alaina works with parents, carers and families across the school. She can support families through the Early Help/TAF process and signpost families to other services where appropriate. Alaina can also support families when circumstances at home may be affecting a child's wellbeing or behaviour.



Alex Cockett

Nurture Teaching Assistant & Learning Engagement Mentor

Alex supports children who need a little extra help to access their learning and manage their emotions. She works from our Nurture Room, 'The Nest', providing children with a safe space to talk, regulate, play and take time when needed. Alex also provides support within classrooms to help children with relationships, interaction and engagement.



Gemma Challenger

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO)

Gemma leads our SEND provision and works closely with children, families, staff and external professionals to ensure that children receive appropriate support for their individual needs. She helps to coordinate provision and ensure that children are given the right support to access school and thrive.



Georgina Martin

Learning, Wellbeing & Pastoral Support Assistant

Georgina provides emotional literacy support for children who may benefit from additional help with their emotional wellbeing. Through individual and small-group sessions, children have opportunities to explore their feelings, develop strategies for managing emotions, build confidence and strengthen their relationships with others.



Val Lazarus

SENDCO Assistant

Val supports our SENDCO with the day-to-day coordination and administration of SEND provision across school. She also oversees our medical administration, helping to ensure that children's medical needs, care plans and relevant information are carefully recorded and communicated to staff. Val works closely with families and staff to help make sure that children are supported safely and effectively and are able to fully access school life.

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you would like to talk to us about your child or family, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the School Office. We are here to listen and work with you.

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