

Greetings all parents, carers and children

At

St Andrew's School



I would like to introduce myself to you in my recent role as Home School Link Worker at St Andrew's School.

My role as Home School Link Worker is to offer support to parents, as well as, children and across the whole school in any way that I can.

I aim to offer parenting support, give advice and ideas on ways to support your child. Children will be taking part (either individually or in small groups) in a range of play therapy and PSHE programmes. This will be in the form of focussed interventions where there will be clear aims and their progress will be measured.

I offer lunchtime clubs to children, both on a drop in basis and where staff have put children's names forward. These include, on a Tuesday, a sensory play club called Relax Kids, renamed by the children as The Bubble Club, on Wednesdays an art, games and construction club called The Fun club and on a Thursday a Young Carers club where children do fun activities such as picnic and play in the local park or work on a project they have jointly decided to do in the group, such as banner making, shared games and promoting awareness about young carers. All children have the opportunity to use these groups as a way to strengthen friendships and social skills, as well as gain support from myself if they would like it. I can invite them to my drop in slots at playtimes too. The pastoral care is an important element of our school ethos here at St Andrew's and we would like the school community to know I am another extension of this. The goal is to help children reach their full potential in school.

I would like to provide relevant information about, and access to appropriate support services, organisations and opportunities for children and parents. I will also be seeking your views as to what other support you would like. There will be coffee mornings to meet me and other parents. I am available to speak to parents and carers and offer help and support on a wide range of issues affecting family life.

If you would like to get in touch with me or have any concerns about issues affecting your child, then please contact the school. My working days are Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. However, if you can't reach me, do leave a message at the school office and say when and how you would like me to contact you, or alternatively you can use my email address.

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I am really looking forward to continuing to work with you and hope to see your children thriving in school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Suzanne Walker

Home School Link Worker

The role of the HSLW

Areas of potential involvement

