



Innsworth Schools' Partnership Early Help Offer

Here at Innsworth Schools' Partnership, we understand that from time to time family life can have its complications. There may be times when you need just that extra bit of help and support to see you through the tough times.

To support and guide you through times such as these we have an Early Offer of Help. There are many ways in which we can support you, so, if ever things aren't right at home please come and talk to us.

What we offer:

- Support and advice from our Family Liaison Advisor (FLA) - Gosia Kiciak. Gosia has a wealth of experience in working with families in an holistic way, taking into account the whole family's needs. She can offer advice on behaviour management, financial worries, military children and families managing transition, domestic abuse, parents in prison, benefits and much more. If extra support is needed she knows who to sign post to and how to refer to other agencies.
- Tailored pastoral interventions for children such as Nurture groups, Circle of Friends, Social Group provision, PALS, Keep Safe Work, Sand Tray Play, 'Paws for Thought' sessions with dogs.
- A My Plan, My Plan+ or My Assessment should your child require a bit of extra support in school or at home. Our SENCO, Sheena Steele, is very experienced in completing these assessments and works very closely with our FLA.
- Access to good quality Breakfast and After School Care and a range of extra-curricular opportunities.
- In the Junior School peer support is available from the Values Ambassadors and Play Mentors.

Safeguarding:

As part of our curriculum provision we ensure that children are taught to keep themselves safe, whether it be through anti-bullying work, PSHE lessons, e –safety sessions, relationship and sex education (age appropriate) and through a wide range of visitors such as the Police and the NSPCC who update the children on strategies to keep safe and signposting the children to Childline.

Sometimes we may feel that extra support or expertise may be needed to help support you. When this happens, after chatting with you about this and gaining consent, the Family Liaison Advisor or SENCO may sign post or refer you to other agencies such as:

- Family Information Services (glosfamilies.org.uk)
- Children and Young Peoples Service (CYPS)
- School Nurse
- Families First
- Teens in Crisis

- Speech and Language Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Advisory Teaching Service
- Pupil Referral Service
- Education Psychologist
- Fair Shares (for transport, gardening, decorating etc)
- Gloucestershire Bundles (for clothing and bedding)
- Info Buzz (Parents in Prison)
- Young Carers
- Barnwood Trust (Charity)
- Turn2Us (Charity)
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Toucan (Play Therapy)
- GDASS (Domestic Abuse)
- Green Square Housing

Our school takes safeguarding very seriously and the school's safeguarding leads support families if there are any safeguarding concerns. The school works closely with Social Care and offers families a high level of support. All staff receive regular Safeguarding training and know precisely how to identify and report concerns. The partnership has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and three trained deputy DSLs and their training is updated every two years. Referrals are made to Social Care Children and Families Team where a child discloses any form of abuse or where there are concerns. The school actively engages in an inter-agency approach to support families.

Attendance

We are keen to help support you in bringing your child to school. We acknowledge that good attendance leads to good results, and also more positive friendships. Our Family Liaison Advisor is on hand to offer any advice on removing barriers that may impact on your child's attendance. We also work with the Tewksbury District Partnership Attendance Officer who may be able to provide additional support.

At Innsworth Schools' Partnership we have an 'Open Door Policy' and we often find that parents are quite willing to come in and chat to staff. If this is difficult for you, our FLA will often make home visits , or even meet you in your lunch hour should you need to. Please come and talk to us.

There are people on staff who can help you and one of us will be in each playground every morning if you need to find us.



Gosia
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Mrs Steele
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Miss Schofield
Junior Deputy



Mrs Monk
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