



# Pastoral Care



I am Mrs Lippitt, the Pastoral Care Worker and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead at Canford Heath Infant School, and I would like to thank you for choosing our school for your child. This is a big decision as you prepare to let your child go and for most of you, their first day at our school will be an emotional one!

Mrs Tout works alongside me, she is our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and she can support your child with any emotional needs.



Miss Taylor is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Acting Deputy Headteacher and can be contacted via the school office.

In my role as Pastoral Care Worker, I often ask the children what Mrs Tout's and my job is in school. Children will say that we are there to help them; help them when they are sad, help make them happy and keep them safe. I think this sums up our roles perfectly!

Sometimes things can happen within the family which can affect your child. This may be a loss, parent's separating or you may need some support with your child's behaviour at home. Informing school of such issues help us to emotionally support your child in school and the family. We can discuss your concerns with other professionals who may also be able to provide support; such as the school nurse, Early Help family support workers and many more. We also have story books, tackling some sensitive and sad issues which we are more than happy to lend to parents.

I can also issue Poole Food Bank Vouchers, please see me if you think your family would benefit from this, I am here to help.

If you have anything you would like to discuss about your child or need some help and guidance, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can make an appointment via the office, alternatively, we would be happy to talk to you on the phone on 01202 380015 (option 3) or you can email us at [pastoralcare@chis.poole.sch.uk](mailto:pastoralcare@chis.poole.sch.uk).

We hope that you and your child will be happy during your time at Canford Heath Infant School, and we look forward to getting to know you and your child over the next 3 years.