



Pastoral Care



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



Mrs Kirstie Coggan is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and 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 something else you are struggling with. Informing school of such issues help staff 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 and many more. We 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 and support financially in other ways, so please get in touch if you feel you 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.

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.