

# Parent Partners

**Parent Liaison: Mrs M Hughes and Mrs Alison Baines**

At Whitchurch Junior School, we feel it is just as important to support our parents, carers and families, as it is to nurture our students.

Parental engagement is one of the most powerful levers we have in improving outcomes for children.

We are available to all parents and carers who feel they need to discuss any worries they may have or to ask for advice. This can be in relation to their child, family, or other personal circumstances.

Our services cover:

- Home visits for all children prior to starting at WJS and across the years joining the school
- Attending parents consultations with teachers where attendance or other issues need discussing
- Supporting poor attendance with home visits
- Being available at parent consultations for advice and support or to book appointments
- Attending meetings with parent and teachers in class this could be after or before school/ group meetings
- Safeguarding training for volunteers/ parents /and other visitors into school
- Providing informal parenting advice and also delivering the "Understanding Your Child" parenting programme.
- Showing prospective parents around the school
- Attending core group meetings and supporting families through challenging times
- Attending looked after children meetings and updating PEPS
- Visiting other settings with you to support or gather information.
- Giving a clear picture of behaviour and relationships across the school in order to help provide ways forwards.
- Sharing and supporting your child with you through our school's learning mentors.
- Liaising with the school nurse/parent child issues

The intention of our service is to provide a listening ear and support to enable parents and carers to talk through their concerns and have someone to listen and be able to explore options and develop coping strategies.

This can be through one or several meetings where we can bring in additional, support if needed, and also signpost you to the correct services that we feel would best suit your needs.

We work closely with Family Link Services (Compass) who offer a wealth of information and support.

All meetings are private and confidential. We are available most days, often without an appointment, making it easy to get in touch.

Please, phone the school or call in at the office if you would like an appointment.