

What is a Family Support Mentor?

A Family Support Mentor works with children, parents/carers, school staff and outside agencies to remove the barriers to children's learning whilst supporting the child, their family and school staff.

My role involves supporting pupils on a one to one basis & monitoring pupils' social & emotional well-being & mental health.

I am also available to meet with parents/carers to discuss any concerns or issues they may have that could be affecting their child's school experience.

How can a Family Support Mentor help?

Family Support Mentors can help pupils by being a good role model, an active and empathetic listener, an encourager, an approachable and non-judgemental mediator, a support network and a link between home, school and other services.

Family Support Mentor

Senior Mental Health Lead,
Parent Liaison & Children's University Coordinator



Mrs J. Smith

What services can I provide for pupils?

I am able to support pupils who are struggling & having difficulties making the most of school life, for whatever reason.

For example:

Emotional support, mental health, self-esteem, anxiety, bereavement, social skills, transition, friendships issues, bullying, parental separation, changes in family/home circumstances, children & their families who are affected by a parent or family member involved in the Criminal Justice System including imprisonment.



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What other services can I help you to access?

There are many services that I can signpost parents onto and have listed some of them below:

- Basildon Parent 4 Parents
- Peabody (Essex Outreach Support Service)
- Counselling/Therapy Services
- Essex Young Carers Service
- Ormiston Families
- Parental Support Networks

How can you contact me?

I can be contacted via the school office, telephone or by email Monday to Friday.

Contact details:

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