

Days Lane Primary School



Job Description - Pastoral Care Lead

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Summary of the role	Job Title: Pastoral Care Lead			
	Reporting to: Headteacher and Inclusion Lead			
	Hours: 35hours per week (8.15am to 4.15pm) Term time + 1 week			
	Salary: BEX09			
Role Purpose:	The Pastoral Care Lead (PCL) plays a key role in supporting the work of the senior leadership team, under the guidance of the Inclusion Leader.			
	To take a lead role in providing high quality and effective safeguarding and pastoral support across the school, maintaining accurate records and working with staff, pupils, parents and external agencies to ensure appropriate plans and strategies are in place to support pupils and their families.			
	To lead peer to peer mentoring and deliver small group interventions to meet the needs of pupils.			
	This job description may be amended at any time, following consultation between the Headteacher and member of staff and will be reviewed annually.			
Main duties and responsibilities:	 Act as a deputy safeguarding lead across the school: Working with the schools safeguarding leads to implement actions related to safeguarding concerns and matters. To liaise with social workers and other relevant support agencies to ensure that all families, vulnerable children and young people receive the care and protection they require. To ensure that all child protection plans are maintained and implemented. To attend multi agency meetings. To meet regularly with the designated line manager to report on progress of identified pupils. Advise school staff on safeguarding matters. 			
	 Pastoral: Meet with pupils and parents as necessary to address pastoral concerns. To develop, agree and implement time bound action plans with groups or individuals linked to the needs of vulnerable pupils and to maintain accurate records of work for each identified pupil. To liaise closely with school staff to ensure that everyone understands and supports the strategies being used by the 			

- Pastoral Lead to develop pupils' skills for learning and learning behaviour.
- To contribute to the identification of barriers to learning for individual children and provide them with a range of strategies for overcoming barriers.
- To lead peer to peer mentoring programme across the school, focused on social interactions during play and lunchtimes.
- To work closely with the SLT, Attendance Officer and Educational Welfare Officer to improve attendance of vulnerable pupils.
- Take a joint lead to develop pastoral care of pupils, providing CPD as necessary.
- Lead workshops and arrange external talks to educate parents in pastoral trends and issues facing pupils.

Pupil Wellbeing:

- Take a lead role in developing and implementing practices which reflect the school's commitment to positive behaviour and emotional well-being.
- Contribute to schools positive behaviour policy.
- Work with the PHSE lead to enhance the delivery of the curriculum in this area, reflecting the schools own issues.
- To deliver interventions to groups or individuals, to meet their needs.

Admissions and Transition:

• To support the pastoral transition of vulnerable pupils, particularly from Nursery to Reception and Year 6 to Year 7.

Management and General:

- To be a point of contact with parents/carers in relation to pastoral care and behaviour matters. Liaising with teaching staff and senior leaders.
- Follow up all correspondence from parents/carers to ensure enquiries have been dealt with.
- Meet parents as required.
- Attend Senior Leadership Team or staff meetings as required.
- To keep up to date with the range of activities, courses and opportunities, organisations and individuals that could be drawn upon to provide support to pupils and build up a detailed knowledge of support available.
- To attend training and professional development sessions.

To undertake other duties, appropriate to the post, as may be required from time to time.

Person Specification:

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.					
	Essential These are qualities without which the applicant could not be appointed	Desirable These are extra qualities which can be used to choose between applicants who meet all of the essential criteria.	Method of Assessment		
Qualifications	GCSE grade C or above, or equivalent, in Maths and English Working knowledge of policies and procedures relating to child protection.	Relevant LCSB Safeguarding Training Level 2 or equivalent Education, Social Work qualification A degree or equivalent	Certificate		
Experience	Experience of working with children or young people and their families. Experience of managing a caseload and maintaining accurate records.	Experience of working in a school environment. Experience of dealing with safeguarding cases. Experience of contributing to or delivering training. Ability to contribute to policy development Knowledge and experience of working with a wide range of support agencies and services.	Application and Interview		
Skills	Ability to evaluate the risk of abuse and assess the need for intervention. Ability to facilitate children and young people's learning and development through mentoring, promoting and maximising educational achievement. Good listening skills and the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, especially with children. Excellent organisation and time management skills.		Application and interview		

	Problem solving skills		
	Ability to record information concisely and present reports.		
	Able to work exercise initiative, work independently and also deal with a number of problems at the same time, being able to prioritise.		
	Good ICT skills		
	An ability to work constructively as part of a team.		
	A customer service ethos.		
	Ability to work flexibly.		
Knowledge	Sound working knowledge of safeguarding		Application and Interview
	Understand how external agencies work, what they do and when it would beneficial to use them.		
Personal competencies and qualities	Enthusiasm and commitment to working with children and their families.	Be a strong, reliable dependable person, consistent in approach but maintaining a sense	Interview
	Ability to respect confidentiality	of humour.	
	An open, honest and transparent approach		