



## Parent Advisor Autumn Newsletter 2019

My name is Lee Franklin and I am the school Parent Advisor. I can offer support with parenting, housing/eviction, family break up, domestic violence, financial worries, employment/benefits, health and much more. If you have an issue that concerns school or your child, we can discuss these and work together to resolve them. If you are more comfortable speaking to me outside of school, I can offer home visits too. My timetable is flexible and you will find me at the main playground gate most mornings and afternoons so do come and say hello.

I am very aware of the difficulties some of our families are experiencing and the financial worries that the introduction of Universal Credit, low income and zero hour contracts has had on families. I am able to assist with Foodbank vouchers and the provision of emergency food and toiletries which are kindly donated to the school by staff and the women's group at St George's Church. In addition I also keep a stock of clean and tidy used school uniform. If any of these are able to support you and your family please speak to me, your requests will always be dealt with in a discreet and confidential manner.

**School Attendance:** Part of my role is to monitor attendance and punctuality to ensure children are in school regularly and punctually in order for them to thrive and achieve. I am here to support you with any issues that may be affecting your child's attendance so please come in and speak to me.

**Free School Meals:** If you are in receipt of certain benefits then your child/ren may be eligible for free school meals (FSM). If your child is in Reception or years 1 & 2 you should still apply for FSM as this funding is different to the Universal School Meal that your child is receiving. If you would like me to apply on your behalf please provide me with your full name, date of birth and National Insurance Number. It is important that you apply if you are eligible as the funding received supports your child's education.

**Secondary Transfer:** If you are a parent of a year 6 child you should have received information about Secondary School open days and how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2020. If you need support with the application process then please make an appointment to see me. **The closing date for applications is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.**

**Parent Mile:** Once a month we walk the Parent Mile to St George's Church and on arrival, members of the Church community provide us with free refreshments. It is very relaxed and friendly and all sorts of conversations are had so please come along and join us. We meet at the main school gate at 9am, the next visit will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

I look forward to meeting you and any query big or small, I am here to help.

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