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FAMILY LINK WORKER AT FRIMLEY



Vicki Conway has joined the Frimley team as our Family Link Worker. The role involves working with families to help ensure that children are successful in school, happy and secure. Vicki worked in another school for seven years, starting as an LSA but then predominantly as a trained ELSA. Prior to having her own family, Vicki was trained and worked as a paediatric dietitian in the NHS. More recently she has completed training as a Youth Mental Health First Aider



Parents /carers and staff at school can ask for help and support. I may therefore contact you if school staff have asked me to. Parents and carers can contact me by;

Email: familylinkworker@Frimley.Surrey.sch.uk

Telephone: 01252 835440

Or hand this form into the school office marked "private" and addressed to "Family Link Worker"

Name:

Telephone number:

Child's name:

Child's Class:

Message:

WHAT IS A FAMILY LINK WORKER?

A FLW works holistically and effectively with parents in ways that will improve their child's well-being. They offer a non-judgemental listening ear to families, recognising their concerns and barriers to current systems. They work with families and the school to enable children and young people to have full access to educational opportunities and overcome the barriers to learning. A FLW is able provide relevant information about and access to appropriate support services and opportunities that enable parents to support their child in the most appropriate way. They are able to plan offer and deliver parenting support.

I will be there to support Frimley families with a range of issues that can affect children and families. These may include difficulties with attendance, happiness in school or helping parents with their children's emotions and behaviour. With your help I will explore the difficulties your child or family is experiencing and together try to find the best way forward.

Examples of areas where I can support include:

- Targeting any worries you may have
- Acting as a friendly and accessible link between you and the school.
- Supporting in encouraging positive behaviour.
- Supporting in understanding your child's needs.
- Supporting in improving school attendance and/or punctuality
- Giving advice on sleep, food, toileting etc.

In addition to individual family support I am hoping to offer:

- Evidence based parenting workshops
- Opportunities for Frimley families to get together and support each other via coffee mornings and similar events.
- Drop in sessions
- Positive reflection groups to help specific children have a safe space to consider, recognise and share some of the positive aspects of school life.