

PASTORAL CARE MANAGER

Mrs Linda Wade

I am a married mother of two and qualified person-centred counsellor. My role in school is as the Pastoral Care Manager and the Child Protection Co-ordinator.

Our safeguarding team consists of Mrs Stratford (Head teacher), Mrs Whitehouse (Deputy Head), Mrs Wills (SENCO) and myself. I work with children on a 1-1 basis and in small groups, often using our quiet room which the children really enjoy.

I can be the link between home and school and signpost parents and carers to other agencies or services when applicable. Our work is confidential and the majority of worries or concerns are dealt with and resolved effectively at a school level.

Our school is taking part in a project which runs jointly between Knowsley Schools and Merseyside Police. This project is called Operation Encompass and has been designed to provide early reporting of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school and may have an impact on a child in school.

I am the trained Key Adult in school who liaises with the police and uses the information that has been shared, in confidence. It enables us to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, and their families, who have been involved or witnessed a domestic abuse incident. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions or concerns regarding this, or have a look on our Key Information Page.

Included in my role:

- I am available at Parents Evenings and Induction Meetings to meet with parents and carers and to meet new families.
- I 'meet and greet' the children, parents and carers at the school doors in the morning to be the first point of contact if required.
- I am available for parents who need support or advice about a child or family issue, please contact me at school.