

An Introduction to Headcorn School's Pastoral and Inclusion Team



Headcorn Primary School staff work very hard to ensure that our children are learning in an environment that is welcoming, safe, happy and nurturing. Our staff make every effort to meet all children's needs and have recognised that as we grow as a school our team's capacity must grow as well.

The Pastoral and Inclusion Team is here to support our children and families, ensuring their academic, physical, social and emotional health needs are met. For some children and families this will be a longer engagement with a member of the team and for others this could be a shorter provision to support a season or an event in their life.

We will be sending newsletters with information on what interventions and provision we have available in school but for now I will let the team introduce themselves to you all.

Miss Symonds



From left to right:

Mr Benfield – FLO (Family Liaison Officer)

Mrs Daniel – SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator)

Miss Glen – Pastoral Support for Learning

A Message from Mrs Daniel: Hello, I'm Rebecca Daniel and, although new to Headcorn, I have been a SENCo for 6 years in a couple of schools in Kent. I see myself as very much an advocate for pupils with special educational needs and I work closely with teaching staff, children, parents and carers to support any pupils when needed, to help overcome barriers to their learning and ensure that their needs are met. I am looking forward to getting to know all the children and parents and being part of the new Pastoral and Inclusion Team.

A Message from Mr Benfield: My name is Keith Benfield and I am very excited to have joined Headcorn Primary School. I worked for Social Services for many years and then became a house husband to my four children. While helping in school with my children I became very interested in Nurture groups. I soon had retrained and when we moved to Kent, I jointly led a Nurture centre with the Specialist Teaching Team. As a Family Liaison Officer, I bring all those things together and draw alongside the whole community to enable adults and children to belong to a very special school.

A Message from Miss Glen: Hello, my name is Carol Glen, and I joined the team in the role of Pastoral Support for Learning. My aim is to provide help and support to all our pupils, prioritising wellbeing and engagement, building positive, caring and respectful relationships across the school community, offering guidance and advice to address any pastoral concerns. My focus this term has been to facilitate some fun and engaging outdoor learning experiences (weather permitting!), whilst getting to know all the children. Access to regular outdoor learning opportunities enable children to develop a respect and appreciation of our environment, and helps to build self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem, providing lots of positive health benefits, both physically and mentally, and hopefully creates a lifelong love of learning.

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