

Who is the Learning Mentor?

How do I contact them?

My name is Judy Longhorn (the children will call me Mrs Longhorn). I can often be found in the school entrance in the morning or you can ask at the school office to see me.

My contact details are:

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Tel: 07795633787 or 01524770241



A Learning Mentor is.....

- * An active listener
- * A positive role model
- * A guide
- * An encourager
- * Approachable
- * A source of information
- * A non-judgemental supporter
- * An observer
- * A professional friend

The Role of the Learning Mentor Caton St Paul's C of E Primary School



Information for families

What is a Learning Mentor?

A Learning Mentor helps to support children in the school to overcome any issues that might be stopping them from engaging in school and with their learning. They work with children to help them realise their potential and raise their achievement, as well as supporting children with social and emotional challenges and being someone that children can talk to if they need to. Learning Mentors can also support children's parents and carers with any issues that are affecting the family's home life or in supporting their children.

What does a Learning Mentor do?

As the Learning Mentor I work across the school with children from Reception to Year 6, supporting children with their emotional, social and behavioural learning. I provide 1:1 sessions, group sessions, support during break and lunch times and also work with children in class. I work with children for different reasons and so the help I offer depends on the need of the child, but includes:

- * Listening to children and discussing anything that is worrying them.
- * Increasing motivation
- * Developing emotional literacy
- * Developing coping strategies, emotions and anger management
- * Building resilience
- * Encouraging children to do their best in school and setting targets
- * Helping to raise a child's confidence and self-esteem
- * Developing social skills and helping to manage friendship issues

Another important part of the Learning Mentor is to provide support and information for the parents at school.

I have information on a range of issues, agencies and support services as well as referring to other agencies that can offer more specialised support if requested. I am available to chat about any issues or concerns that are affecting family life.

Why do children have Learning Mentors?

Children benefit from the opportunity to talk to an adult other than a parent or a teacher and can find it useful to talk to someone who is not directly involved in their everyday lives. Common reasons for me to work with children range from:

Friendship issues, boosting self-esteem and confidence, promoting positive behaviour, developing appropriate social skills, understanding and managing emotions and supporting a child through life events and challenges both in and out of school.

How long does mentoring last?

It depends on each child. Children come for as many sessions as they need but most come weekly for a term. The work is then reviewed by myself and staff to see if more support is needed. Some children come for one or two sessions to work on a particular issue. The sessions last for 20 minutes.

Who can refer to a Learning Mentor?

Teachers, school staff, parents and carers and even children themselves can ask for mentoring support. A team in the school then decide which children require support straightaway and what this support will look like. All children are eligible for mentoring.

If you have any concerns about your child in or out of school or would like to have a chat with me about what support I can offer, please don't hesitate to contact me on the numbers provided.