

What is a Pastoral Team?

A Pastoral Team's role is to help, support and advise parents and carers who have worries or concerns about their child.

How can the Pastoral Team help me?

Our Pastoral Team can offer support in a range of situations, such as:

- advice and support with your child's behaviour at home or at school.
- advice and support about your child's punctuality and attendance.
- other concerns you may have relating to your child that you would like support with.
- supporting you or someone you know who is suffering domestic abuse.
- concerns about any child's welfare.
- support you to talk to your child's teacher or to the school about any concerns or queries you may have.
- help you to access information about difficulties you may be experiencing such as money worries, relationships, health etc
- offering group work and one to one sessions with children in school.
- assistance with form filling.

Please note this is not an exhaustive list.



The Pastoral Team can help your child to:

- Express their views.
- Raise self-esteem and confidence
- Encourage them to achieve.
- Support them in developing friendships.
- Manage pressures and difficult times in their lives
- Learn about their social and emotional skills and how to improve these.
- Encourage and promote good school attendance.
- Manage feelings following bereavement and loss.

What is a Learning Mentor?

The role of a Learning Mentor

A Learning Mentor acts as a support to pupils to make sure that they engage fully with their learning and overcome any barriers which may exist. In any one day a learning mentor may be helping children with their learning, with friendship groups, anger management, liaising with teachers, supporting behaviour management strategies and developing positive relationships with families.

How Does My child access a support through the Pastoral Team?

- A referral can be made by your child's class teacher or any other adult who works with your child.
- A child talk to a member of the team at any point during the day.
- A parent may refer their child after consultation with the pastoral team.
- Children are also identified following Thrive Assessments completed by the pastoral lead.

Examples of Programmes we provide: include:



Lego Therapy - helps children to develop their social and interaction skills through a highly structured small group activity. The activity involves working together and taking on different roles to construct Lego models following clear diagrams.

Self-Esteem – supports children to make a transition from thinking and feeling negative about themselves, into thinking and feeling more positively.

Steps to Success – Self-awareness is at the core of emotional intelligence and is crucial to your child reaching their academic and personal goals throughout their lives.

Jump-Ahead - is a graded intervention programme devised for children with motor co-ordination difficulties.

Thrive Approach– Thrive is a therapeutic approach to help support children with their emotional and social development. The Thrive approach offers practical strategies and techniques and is built around online assessments which identify children's emotional development and provides action plans for their individual needs.

The Importance of Pastoral Care: A Caring, Sharing Way to Educate

Our Pastoral Aims are:



- to create and maintain positive relationships and a climate throughout the school within which pupils will want to learn and teachers can teach most effectively.
- to enhance the personal development, self-esteem and well-being of our pupils in a safe and caring environment.
- to ensure pupils are getting the best opportunities possible to achieve their full potential.
- to ensure equal opportunities for all.
- to promote and sustain responsible attitudes, behaviour and choices.
- to consistently and fairly implement our rules, rewards and sanctions.
- to celebrate achievement and successes.

Who are Hexthorpe's Pastoral Care Team?



Pastoral Lead –

Pupil and Family Liaison Officer

Mrs. Kelly Garbett

**Pastoral – Inclusion Special Needs and
Disability Manager**

Mrs. Helen Sanderson

Learning Mentor

Mrs. Dawn Higham

How can you contact us?

You can call us to make an appointment or just to chat on **01302 852245**, alternatively you can email admin@astreahexthorpe.org and we will get back to you.

We may not have all of the answers, but we might be able to help you work things out, or help you find someone who can help you more.

If you never ask we don't know how to help!

We are also available before and after school in the playground and outside the main entrance.



Hexthorpe Primary Academy

The Pastoral Team

At Hexthorpe Primary Academy we have a dedicated Pastoral Care Team, who take great pride in nurturing our pupils.



It cannot be over-stressed how the pastoral care of all of our pupils is the responsibility of the whole community. The way we treat, talk to, interact with and indeed teach pupils all contribute to the quality of their welfare.

This leaflet has been created to support your awareness and understanding of our Pastoral Care Team.