

Kids.....

I am not a teacher

I or a member of my team will work with children who have problems which stop them from learning as well as they could.

I or a member of my team might work with children on their own or in a small group.

We work with children weekly/ fortnightly for a period of time.

Who might we help?

Children who would like to discuss personal or non-personal problems.

Children who would like to discuss school or home life.

Children who find it difficult to get on with their classmates.

So how do children get help?

- *Teachers can ask for my help.*
- *Children can ask for help themselves.*
- *You (parents) can talk to me about any concerns you may have.*

How to reach me...

- *Children can find me at morning break times usually in my office upstairs.*
- *Parents/ Carers can call school on 01772 749511 and ask to speak to Kelly*
- *k.dytham@broadoak.lancs.sch.uk*

Broad Oak Primary School

Family Support Worker



This leaflet has been put together to inform both you the parent/ guardian and your children of our school Family Support Worker.

Hello, I am Kelly Dytham and I am the Family Support Worker for Broad Oak Primary School.

I have worked within the school for over 10 years now and have worked in different areas of the school so my face is very familiar with many of the children.



This leaflet is to let you know about my role as Family Support Worker, my team and how we contribute to children and their learning.

What is a Family Support Worker?

A Family Support Worker is someone who works to provide a complementary service to children, families and school staff. We address the needs of children and families in order to support them to overcome any difficulties they may be currently facing.

....So what do we do?

We work with a range of children and families, giving priority to those who need the most help, especially those experiencing multiple disadvantages.

The Family Support Worker role is wide ranging but the key aim is helping children of all ages and abilities to feel happy, safe and to achieve their full potential. This can be done through working with both the children and their families.

Our work may involve working in one to one and group settings, identifying barriers to learning and ways in which they can be dealt with well, assessing families and sourcing support from external agencies.

Such barriers could be.....

- Personal organisation
- Difficulties at home
- Behaviour
- Bullying
- Dealing with bereavement
- Relationship issues
- General disaffection and disengagement from learning.

The work of a Family Support Worker could include:

- Identifying difficulties
- Agreeing targets with the child/family
- Developing anti-bullying strategies
- Developing skills to improve self-confidence and self esteem
- Offering emotional support and motivation to both children and families.
- Supporting children through personal problems.
- Helping pupils to modify their behaviours using techniques
- Working with external agencies.