

My name is Christina Johnson and I am a new member of staff at Our Lady and St Edward's. I have been appointed as a Family Support Worker.

My role as a Family Support Worker is to assist families that may be facing difficulties in a variety of areas, such as:

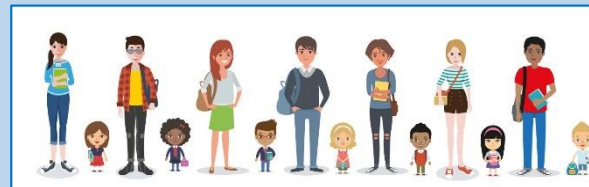
- Promoting and supporting education and learning.
- Behavioural strategies.
- Parenting advice and support.
- Attendance support.
- Assisting with changes in family dynamics such as marriage/divorce.
- Supporting families as an advocate, if desired.
- Undertaking home and community visits ensuring that all families are fully supported in meeting desired outcomes.
- Assisting with finance and debt management.
- Housing and homelessness prevention.
- Attending training courses for additional support.
- Appropriate signposting to local services supporting with:
 - Domestic violence
 - Alcohol and substance misuse
 - Physical and mental health



Most importantly, the greatest resource I have is the time and ability to listen. Sometimes this alone is enough to support families through challenging circumstances.

In order for me to support families I work alongside other colleagues. This team approach enables us to reach desired outcomes for families and shared aspirations.

Over time, and on occasions, families may benefit from additional support. I am here to support the whole family working together to reach desired outcomes and support aspirations



Our aim is to enable all families to reach their fullest potential and flourish. This is a flexible role and I work according to each individual family and their specific needs.

Goals for families are usually explored during an initial assessment. This allows us to highlight where the family thrives and their strengths, whilst also pinpointing where additional support may be beneficial. This is very useful as it will also enable us to work together in preventing issues from escalating further.

I am very excited to have started this journey at Our Lady and St Edwards and am looking forward to working alongside families and assisting in their growth and development.

If you would like to find out more and meet me I am holding drop in coffee mornings. See dates and times on reverse of this leaflet.

If you feel as though you may benefit from this support or have any questions please contact the school office:

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