

Pastoral Support at Ladybridge

Ladybridge Primary School employs a full-time Pastoral Manager – Sarah Ratcliffe – and she is here to help any of our families with difficulties or dilemmas they may be facing. Sarah can discreetly provide parents with food and fuel vouchers if money is tight. Sarah can write a referral to our School Nurse colleagues if any parent is worried their child is struggling with diet, sleep, physical development or emotional wellbeing. Sarah can liaise with all manner of different agencies to help parents achieve goals or address issues; she is here to build links between families and the social housing team, the benefits agency, adult health teams, adult education, Citizens Advice Bureau, The Women's Centre, Young Carers, and many more.

Sarah can also help families address their support needs by completing an Early Help Assessment (EHA) and hosting Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings, which are designed to bring together parents and professionals so that problems can be discussed and solutions can be found.

Sarah hosts a drop-in service and is in school and available to all of our parents and carers every Wednesday afternoon; no appointment is necessary during this time. Alternatively, if parents and carers would like a more confidential meeting with Sarah, she is happy to make a private appointment. Sarah is also, of course, available to all of our pupils, every day.

The Pastoral Manager shares joint responsibility with the Head Teacher - Emma Hill - for the safeguarding of Ladybridge's pupils. Sometimes Sarah has to share information with the Stockport Family social care team. Sarah is here to help and advise any family that may be receiving support from social workers, as she works in partnership with both our parents and our local council. Ladybridge Primary School takes its safeguarding responsibility seriously and Sarah is here to help with any concerns our children or our parents may have.