



Shirley Schools



Weekly Communication

To contact any member of staff, please email
office@shirleyschools.co.uk
marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email will be forwarded.

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- Year R Wow moments
- Shirley Infants Behaviour and Relationship Letter
- Behaviour Policy

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites:

[Infant School Letter link](#)

[Junior School Letter link](#)

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

OCT

Monday 3rd	Portrait & Sibling photos
Tuesday 4th	8.30am Infant & Junior sibling photos
Friday 7th	Harvest Festival
Monday 10th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 11th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm (SEND Focused)
Wednesday 12th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 1.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday 13th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 9.30am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2.30pm & 5pm - 6pm
Friday 14th	Open Day Year R 23/24 intake 9.45am-10.45am & 1.15pm-2.15pm
Monday 17th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 18th	Year R Health Checks
Friday 21st	FOSIS Crazy Hair Day
Monday 24th	HALF TERM 1 week
Monday 31st	School re-opens at 8.40am for Spring 1

NOV

Friday 4th	FOSIS Fireworks 5-7pm
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Shirley Junior School

OCT

Tuesday 4th	Portrait & Sibling photos
Tuesday 4th	8.30am Infant & Junior sibling photos
Thursday 6th	Share my Learning 8.45am and 3.20pm
Monday 17th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Friday 21st	Year 6 Health Checks
Friday 21st	PTA Crazy Hair Day
Friday 21st	PTA Cake Sale after school
Monday 24th	HALF TERM 1 week
Monday 31st	School re-opens at 8.45am for Spring 1

NOV

Thursday 3rd	Year 5 Swimming Malamutes
Friday 4th	PTA Fireworks 5-7pm

Coming soon

Juniors Virtual Parents Evening Monday 7th November and Wednesday 9th November

Infants Face to Face Parents Evening Tuesday 8th November and Thursday 10th November

Infants Christmas Performance Tuesday 6th December (PM performance)

Infants Christmas Performance Wednesday 7th December (AM performance)

Year 3 Xmas Play Wednesday 14th December (AM & PM performance)

Junior School Behaviour and Relationship Letter

PORTRAIT & SIBLING SCHOOL POTO DAY— Both schools

If you have children in both schools and wish for them to be photographed together, you can come to school from 8.30am in the Junior School hall on Tuesday 4th October.



ROAD SAFETY—Both Schools

Road works are currently underway on the corner of Bellemoor and Wilton Road to improve pedestrian safety around the school.

Balfour Beatty have asked that we remind all families to be careful when walking in and around the intersection and to remain on the footpath whenever possible.

Balfour Beatty will be assisting us by supporting our school street volunteers during morning and afternoon road closures.

We appreciate your patience and co-operation during this time.



Year 1 Curriculum Evening

Thank you to those who attended our year 1 Curriculum evening, if you were unable to attend this event please find the presentation on our website.

Guidance for Absence and Lateness

Firstly, may we thank Parents and Carers who regularly ensure that their children attend school at all times. We understand that absence is sometimes inevitable and hope that you see this letter in the spirit of partnership and support that it is intended.

At Shirley Infant and Junior schools, we believe that children who have a high attendance at school have a better chance of achieving their academic potential, as well as developing good emotional health and positive relationships. School want to work in partnership with you to give your child/ren the best possible start in life.

As your child/ren are registered at our schools, it is our responsibility to work with you and your family to ensure that your child comes to school regularly.

In our schools we have a member of senior leadership who leads on attendance as well as your child's class teacher and our family support worker/attendance officer who are always happy to talk.

In the event of your child being absent, to support attendance we may:

- make daily contact with you to seek information on your child's well-being and reason for absence
- visit you at home as part of our safeguarding responsibility
- meet with you and your child to find agreed solutions to any barriers in attending
- make reasonable adjustments to help your child attend
- work with you to make a plan to include your child's voice in helping them attend
- seek outside agency help as needed
- keep records of any absence and reasons for absence
- inform the local authority if needed
- missing school can mean missing out.

Please come and talk to us if your child is having difficulties coming to school.

Research shows that absence from school, for whatever reason, can disadvantage a child by creating gaps in learning, which affect a child's ability to succeed. For example, it can be seen that at A-levels, there is a fall in grade for every 5% that attendance falls below 95%. As such, we monitor all absence and all attendance data is shared with the Local Authority. We will contact you if we have any concerns regarding your child's attendance.

Please make sure that you phone school by 9 am on the first morning that your child is absent from school and each morning after that.



Themed Menu Day

We have a themed menu day on
Thursday 6th October

Don't forget to check your pre order on your
School Grid account

INTO THE WILD!
Thursday 6th October
IN SUPPORT OF
WORLD
SAFARI
DAY

MAINS

BEAR GRYLLS CHICKEN WITH GAME KEEPER CHIPS
CRUNCHY COATED CHICKEN FILLET, TOPPED WITH
CHEDDAR & BBQ SAUCE, SERVED WITH CHIPS

SAVANNAH SUNSHINE PASTA (VG)
DELICIOUS PASTA DISH WITH SUNNY SWEETCORN,
GARDEN PEAS, MIXED PEPPERS, TOMATOES & ONIONS

JUNGLE JUMBLE CURRY & RICE (GF) (VG)
MILD AND AROMATIC VEGETABLE CURRY, WITH POTATO, CAULIFLOWER,
PEPPERS AND CHICKPEAS. SERVED WITH WHOLEGRAIN RICE

JAGUAR JACKETS CHOICE OF FILLINGS
OVEN BAKED JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS

SIDES

LEOPARD SPOTTED VEGETABLES (VG) (GF)
A MEDLEY OF SWEETCORN, PEAS AND CARROTS

SERENGETI SALAD BAR (VG) (GF)

LION'S PRIDE HOME BAKED BREAD

DESSERTS

SAFARI TRAIL ROCKY ROAD CAKE (V)

SUNSET FRUIT SORBET (VG) (GF)

FRESH FRUIT (VG) (GF)

DAIRY YOGURT (V) (GF)

Parent/Carer Drop-in

'Is there something worrying you but you 'can't put your finger on it!'

Come and have an informal chat;
we can signpost you onto relevant agencies.

We look forward to seeing you,
We'll have the kettle on!

Karen Allen, Family Support Worker

Please come in for
Tea, Coffee and a chat
Vicky Crawford - Shirley Branch Salvation
Army
and Karen Allen
Family Support Worker

2:30-3:30pm

1st Monday of every month Monday

Starting Monday 4th October 2022

Community Room

(entrance via Junior School Gate)



DRAMA INSET DAYS



Light UP is a not for profit organisation that run drama classes and workshops across Hampshire.

Our mission is to deliver affordable and accessible opportunities to build confidence, creativity and social skills through drama.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Come to your school for a 1 day themed workshop
- 'Drop Off & Pick Up' as usual
- Helps families with childcare
- Develop confidence & creativity
- Bring students together

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Send us your inset dates
- Light UP will provide a letter for parents & a link to book
- Minimum of 10 students
- School or PTA receives 15% of funds



INFO@LIGHTUPDRAMA.ORG.UK

WWW.LIGHTUPDRAMA.ORG.UK

You will receive an email on how to sign up

Safeguarding

Please be aware of an incident that occurred last Friday 16th September in St.James' Park after school hours.

A man was noticed on the exercise equipment videoing children on his phone. The man quickly put his phone away when he noticed a parent watching him and very quickly walked to the other side of that area. He was followed and challenged, and asked if he had just taken video of these children on the exercise equipment. He admitted he had and had two videos of them on his phone which he then deleted.

He claimed that he had videoed them as they "looked like lovely little girls" . The man's wife arrived and reported that he didn't understand and was new to the country. Both were Chinese. She claimed she was a teacher and he worked for the government. They had a couple of children with them.

The incident has been reported to the police and they would urge anyone else to report any similar incidents to the police if they happen again.

Child on child abuse

In line with Keeping children safe in education 2022 Child on child abuse includes, but is not limited to:

- Bullying (including cyberbullying)
- Abuse in intimate personal relationships between peers
- Physical abuse such as hitting, shaking, biting, hair pulling
- Online abuse, including facilitation, threats and/or encouragement of physical harm or sexual violence
- Sexual harassment, including sexual comments and jokes
- Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi nudes images and or videos
- Upskirting, which typically involves taking a picture under a person's clothing without their permission

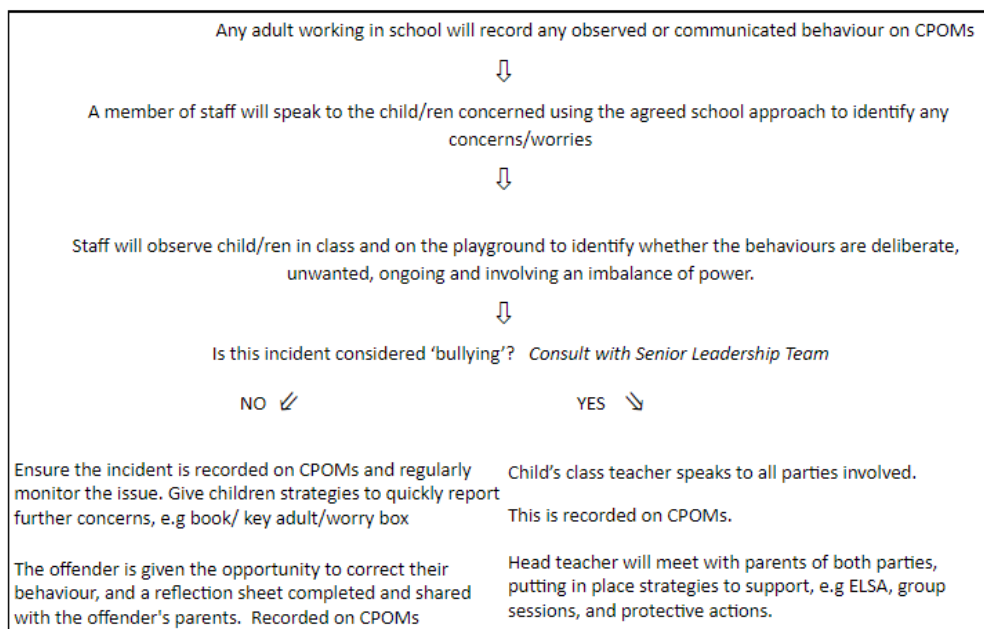
In 2022 the NSPCC reported a 29% increase in children seeking help with child on child abuse. We understand as a school:

- it often goes unseen in schools.
- it may take place online or away from school.
- It is frequently seen as 'banter' or 'kids being kids' in some settings.

At Shirley Infant and Junior School we ensure we train staff to notice the signs and understand the seriousness of child on child abuse. This is in our yearly training and refreshed training throughout the year. We uphold that dealing successfully with child on child abuse is a whole-school responsibility, starting with the headteacher. Our approach and view of 'it can happen here' is fundamental in all of our record keeping. We take all individual incidents seriously.

Tool kit for responding to allegations of child on child abuse

Any inappropriate behaviours that could be considered (as) 'bullying', will be taken seriously at all times. When written or verbal communications are received from a child/parent, whether for incidents occurring in school or offsite (such as via social media), these will be responded to in the following ways:



FOSIS/PTFA

****Preloved school uniform shop open Wednesdays & Fridays****

We're delighted to share that our preloved school uniform shop will now be open twice a week, every **Wednesday & Friday** during term time, between **8.30am – 8.55am (once the gates are shut)**.

Located in the Community Room, just up the ramp on your right as you go through the first gate of the junior school. Payments can be made in cash or via PayPal.

All proceeds go back into the school through the work of the PTFA / FOSIS, so why not buy preloved, help the environment and support the school, we call that a win, win, win!

Donations of uniform in good/wearable condition can be dropped off on Wednesdays & Fridays too or via the school office (all week), please no grey items over 8yrs.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

PTFA / FOSIS AGM Meetings



FOSIS - Tuesday 11 October @ 7.30pm in the Infant School Hall
PTFA – Wednesday 12 October @ 7.30pm in the Junior School Hall

Come and join us, meet fellow parents and find out more about Friends of Shirley Infants School (FOSIS) and the Junior PTFA. We'll share all the good stuff we did last year to raise much needed funds for the schools and what we have planned for this year.

There is no commitment to sign up, just come and find out a bit more! Oh did we mention coffee / tea and sweet baked treats will be available....if you needed a little extra persuasion!

🎃 🧛 VOLUNTEER HOUSES NEEDED FOR OUR SPOOKY HALLOWEEN TRAIL 🎃 🧛



Back by popular demand, PTFA and FOSIS will be putting on the spookiest of all trails for Halloween (**28 – 30 October**) but we need some volunteer houses to put on our map!

All we ask is that you display a poster (we'll provide the poster) in a place that can be easily seen from the pavement. Decorating your house is completely optional. Our plan is to have two trails, a shorter one for little legs and a longer one to challenge the older children.

If you can help us, please complete this form as soon as you can and we'll be in touch:
<https://forms.gle/AyowoZ3Kctqor7wz8>

Trail maps will go on sale in due course, so keep an eye out.

FIREWORKS! EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS ONLY



We're running our fantastic and incredibly popular fireworks event again on **Friday 4 November, 5pm – 7pm.**

Fireworks at **6.30pm** but lots to do, see and eat beforehand so come early for hotdogs, dancing in the 'let it glow' tent and firework crafts in the hall.

BUT we need your help to make it happen, and for volunteering your time at the event we'll give you **early access** to book your tickets for you and your immediate family. Simply complete this form to let us know you can volunteer and if you have a preference in what you do:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjEO7wVJ-ss_9SYV78M2h0uQrMvG3ixrcMuL-RB7qcnrqHVg/viewform

You will then receive a link to book and pay for your tickets. **Tickets are £4 per adult, £2.50 per child (3-18yrs) and Under 3's go free but will still need a ticket for entry so we can keep track numbers.**

Tickets will go on general sale on **Sunday 23 October at 9am**, and we expect the event to sell out quickly so don't hang around, **VOLUNTEER TODAY!**



VOLUNTEER GARDENERS TO HELP OUT AT SCHOOL

Do you have a love of gardening and some spare time during the week? We're looking for more volunteers to help with the upkeep of the school grounds.

We're a small group of volunteers who meet most weeks during school hours - often Wednesday afternoons but can vary this according to who's free and when. Projects include gardening, weeding, construction, painting, managing the pond, moving compost and everything in between!

If you would like to help we'd love to hear from you. You would need to get a school DBS check, so a reasonable commitment would be needed (but by no means every week!). Please email pta@shirleyschools.co.uk or contact Jen Bleeck via Facebook.

PTFA/ FOSIS

MONTHLY EVENTS

2022/2023

SAVE
THE
DATE

OCTOBER

- 11 Infant AGM
- 12 Junior AGM
- 21 Crazy Hair Day
- 21 Junior Cake Sale
- 28 - 30 Halloween Trail

NOVEMBER

- 4 Fireworks
- 14 Online Xmas Market opens
- 18 Infant Quiz
- 25 Junior Disco

DECEMBER

- 2 Xmas Wreath Making
- 9 Infant (Yr2) Cake Sale
- 10 Xmas Fair
- 13 & 14 Elfridges (Junior)

JANUARY

- 17 Bag2School

FEBRUARY

- 3 Junior Quiz
- 10 Junior Cake Sale

MARCH

- 3 World Book Day
- 10 Family Disco
- 25 Colour Run
- 31 Non-Uniform Day
- 31 Infant (Yr1) Cake Sale

APRIL

- 22 Tidy Up Day 1

MAY

- 13 Tidy Up Day 2
- 19 Family Bingo
- 26 Break the Rules Day
- 26 Junior Cake Sale

JUNE

- 13 Bag2School
- 17 Summer Fair

JULY

- 14 Infant (YrR) Cake Sale
- 14 Volunteers Picnic

SAVE
THE
DATE

DON'T FORGET ...



Our school lottery raises money directly for the **Junior School**. Every week there is a guaranteed cash prize for someone from the school. This prize money goes up the more tickets we sell. You are also automatically entered into the national draw where you could win £25,000! The tickets cost just £1 each week.

Sign up here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school>

Extra special prize this October....



This October, one lucky family will win an amazing Harry Potter double prize – a family ticket for the Warner Brothers Studio Tour, AND a theatre voucher for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child!

This will be a dream trip for any fans of the Wizarding World, so is the perfect incentive for your new school families to sign up and support the school through the lottery!



If you are **shopping online**, please click on these links first. They then donate to the school at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOU**. Amazon = <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>
Infants – choose Friends of Shirley Infant School
Juniors - choose Shirley Junior School PTA

Online shopping from bread to bathrooms, use Easyfundrasing, sign up here:
[Infants – Friends of Shirley Infants – Southampton](#)
[Juniors – Shirley Junior School PTFA – Southampton](#)

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

On Facebook through the private year groups – please remember that these groups are managed by parents and not run by the school:

Infants

- Year 2 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557>
- Year 1 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/774368666506974>
- Year R Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1150736922357432>

Juniors

- Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>
- Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>
- Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>
- Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>

Community Information

The FAB Course Feelings Affect Behaviour

A free parenting course now on **ZOOM**

For parents and carers, covering topics which affect confidence and emotions

- Dealing with your child's anger
- Coping with their feelings
- Feeling better about yourself

Fridays

9.30AM TO 10.30AM

04/11/2022 TO 09/12/2022

For 6 weeks: a shorter introduction followed by 5 weekly ZOOM sessions and YouTube videos

To book a place or find out more contact us at:

info@sfftrust.org.uk



Southampton
Family Trust
building relationships

The Southampton Education School, University of Southampton, invites you to:

Numbers in Everyday Life: Developing young children's understanding of the social uses of numbers in the world around them.

Saturday, 29th October 2022, 10-12 (additional afternoon slot may also become available, depending on numbers)

Please see further information and book a place here:

<https://festivalofsocialscience.com/events/spot-the-numbers-developing-young-childrens-understanding-of-the-social-uses-of-written-numbers-in-everyday-life/>

Venue:

Building 65 Parkes, Lecture Theatre C







University of Southampton, Avenue campus,

Highfield Rd, Southampton SO17 1BF



An interactive in-person event for families with preschool and early primary school children as well as Early Years practitioners and Primary School Teachers.

Based on recent research, we will explore how young children understand the multiple meanings and social uses of written numbers in their everyday environments, and how family and preschool/school activities can enhance this understanding.



Based on research funded by a Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grant

One Southampton Jobs & Wellbeing Fair

Kickstart a new you, meet employers looking for staff, get a health check and more at One Southampton Jobs and Wellbeing Fair at Southampton Guildhall

The event focuses on three key areas:

Employment

- Meet over 30 employers who are actively looking to recruit new staff
- Brush up on your interview skills
- Get help writing or updating your CV

Health & Wellbeing

- COVID-19 vaccinations
- Know your numbers – get your blood pressure checked, find out your BMI (Body Mass Index)
- Cancer awareness
- How to get 'Fit for Life'

Interactive

- Talks on health & wellbeing
- Interactive fitness sessions (ie simple yoga moves to ease stress)
- Bench press competition

So come along and experience a new way of working and living that fits with who you are now and who you want to become.

More employers, health & wellbeing and interactive sessions are being added to the schedule daily.

For a full list of exhibitors and organisations attending, please [visit Access Southampton](#)

Youth Hub Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 11th October we'll be hosting a coffee morning at our Young Adults Employment Hub to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Drop in to the Youth Hub on the first floor of Central Library from 11am to share some tea and cake while raising money for a good cause.

[Click here](#) for directions to the Youth Hub.

Introduction to IT course

We will be running a free Introduction to IT course for people who are looking for work but don't feel confident using computers to do this.

- Date: Starts Monday 26th September 2022 (Monday for 5 weeks)
- Time: 4pm-7pm
- Location: Learning Centre, Central Library, Southampton, SO14 7LW

The session is FREE for anyone aged 19+ and living around Southampton.

This course is aimed at learners with very basic IT skills who want to develop their skills around using computers to look for work.

The course will cover:

- The basics of using a computer
- How to use email
- How to search for jobs online
- How to stay safe online

For more information about this course, and other courses we run, please visit: access-southampton.co.uk/courses

Free Computer Course 

INTRODUCTION TO I.T. FOR JOBSEEKERS
EVERY MONDAY FOR 5 WEEKS

Learn the basics of using a computer, how to look for work online and how to stay safe online

Starts Monday 26th September 2022
4pm-7pm
Learning Centre, Central Library, SO14 7LW

in or 

EMAIL DANIEL.STICKLAND@SOUTHAMPTON.GOV.UK OR CALL 07811 165534 TO BOOK A PLACE

PATH Online Information Hub

Becoming a parent is an exciting time, but it can also be challenging as you embark on your parenting journey. It can affect the way parents feel, as well as their mental wellbeing.

Mental health conditions such as postnatal depression and anxiety are not always recognised and treated.

The Employment Support Team is proud to be a partner in the PATH project. As a partnership of 15 organisations across the UK, France, Belgium and the Netherlands, we have developed an online hub that is designed to enable parents, the wider family, employers and healthcare professionals to find support and information to help with the parenting journey.

The online hub contains a wealth of information that aims to promote positive parenting experiences and enable parents to feel confident in seeking self-help or professional support, leading to happier and healthier families. This also includes information about employment, finding work and returning to work after having a baby. Visit the PATH Online Hub [here](#).

Vacancies at Southampton City Council



- [Assistant Play Worker - Foundation Years and Play](#)
- [Data Analyst - Children's Social Care](#)
- [Assistant Team Manager - Children with Disabilities \(Jigsaw Team\)](#)
- [External Funding Officer](#)
- [Cleaner](#)
- [Occupational Therapist](#)
- [Electrical Services Manager](#)
- [Apprentice Information Support Officer](#)
- [Environmental Health Officer - Commercial](#)
- [School Crossing Patrol Officer \(Term Time only\)](#)
- [EPEC Engagement Worker](#)
- [Programme Support Officer](#)
- [Social Worker - Jigsaw Team \(Children with Disabilities\)](#)
- [Principal Environmental Health Officer](#)
- [Social Worker Early Help Case Holding](#)
- [Personal Adviser](#)
- [Social Worker - Pathways Through Care](#)
- [Practice Manager - Fostering Service](#)
- [School Transport Escort \(Term Time Only\)](#)

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



Bag a bargain

NCT Nearly New Sale Saturday 12th November 2022 1.40pm– 3.30pm

Early entry 1.30pm for NCT members
Oasis Mayfield, Ashley Crescent, SO19 9NA



Entry price

On door: £1.50

Pre booked: £1.00



Card and cash payments

Sellers packs available via our Facebook page

Shop by department

High quality items

Free Parking

Refreshments

Buggy park available- please bring little ones in slings & carriers

www.nct.org.uk/southampton

Email: nns.southampton@nct.org.uk



NCT Nearly New Sale Southampton

NCT is acting as the agent for sellers at NCT Nearly New sales.

NCT is a trading name of The National Childbirth Trust.
Limited company registered in England and Wales: 2370573
Registered office: 30 Euston Square, Stephenson Way, London, England, NW1 2FB.
Registered charity in England and Wales: 801395 and Scotland: SC041592



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Infants School



Southampton Mental Health in Schools Team

Southampton MHST is an NHS funded initiative designed to support mental health and wellbeing in schools and colleges.

Our team is made up of Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) and CBT Therapists who offer evidenced-based, targeted support for children and young people who may be feeling worried or low.

We also work closely with your school's Mental Health Lead to develop the school's approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing.

WHAT DOES THE MHST DO?

Targeted Support

We offer support for children and young people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. For primary-aged children, this predominantly involves parent-led work. This treatment is a highly evidence-based, manualised approach, working with parents to support their child with anxiety or behaviours that challenge. We also offer 1:1 therapy, groups and workshops.

- Low mood
- Social anxiety
- Panic disorder
- Generalised anxiety disorder and worry management
- Specific phobia (e.g., dogs, heights)
- Separation anxiety
- OCD (Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder)
- Supporting a child with behavioural difficulties

The Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools

Our team also supports the mental health lead in your school to develop the whole school approach, based on the framework below:



HOW TO ACCESS OUR TARGETED SUPPORT

PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF AT Shirley Infant School, WHO CAN THEN REFER INTO OUR SERVICE

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO US, YOUR Shirley Infant School EMHP IS:
Chantelle Woodford**

Junior School



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