How to get in contact:

Please email any queries to:

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I will also be available to chat at pick up time, you will see me by the back gate near the school hall, please do come and say 'hi'.

Working days

I am in school every morning as a Year 2 Teaching Assistant, my Nurture and FSW role is timetabled for the afternoons on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Family Support Worker



My name is Amanda Wright and I am the Family Support Worker at Shinfield Infant and Nursery School. I lead the nurture provision within school, working with the children who have been identified as needing additional nurture support either by their teacher or by a family member. This might be in a small group or 1:1 depending on the need.

I aim to develop good relationships with the families of the children in our school, working in partnership with them to secure positive outcomes in terms of well-being, attainment and life chances of the child. I support families with information, advice and guidance in a confidential, supportive environment.

I work alongside families to help to develop their confidence and to promote empowerment, independence and proactive parenting skills.



Working with children

My aim is to build relationships with the children that I work with to enable them to feel comfortable, confident and at ease in the sessions. Knowing them as individuals is important; I work closely with the school staff who know the children best. The sessions may involve:

- Talking whilst crafting or participating in practical tasks
- Story times
- Playing games
- Solving problems
- Confidence building
- Scenario work

This work may take place in one off sessions or repeated sessions depending on the needs of the individual. Sometimes the work will be done in small groups, sometimes in 1:1 sessions.

If you would like to discuss this further, please get in touch, see the contact details on the back page.

Working with parents and carers

My role is to give families support when needed, to enable the children to thrive in school and beyond.

- I work with parents and carers to improve behaviour at home, attendance and punctuality.
- I help to improve the process of transition from one school to another and between year groups within our school.
- I work with parents to help enable children to overcome barriers to learning, this may be alongside the class teacher or the SENco (Special Educational Needs coordinator.)
- To build trusted relationships with parents.
- Give parents the confidence to gain the skills necessary to parent positively.
- To signpost parents and carers to local services.

If you are unsure about whether or not I could help you, please get in touch, see the contact details on the back page.

Any matters discussed will be treated confidentially, if we aren't able to provide the support you need we may need to signpost you elsewhere.