

Gade Schools Family Support is a local support service available to the 23 schools within the Gade Schools Partnership. Each school has an allocated Family Support Worker who is able to offer help with any concerns families may be facing with their child or their own personal circumstances.

Our team works closely with many of the local support services to help families in accessing support in times of particular difficulty.

Parenting is arguably one of the most difficult and important jobs in the world, but one for which we are often least prepared and supported. It can be a rewarding and happy experience, however there are also times of difficulty and worry.

There is no 'right' way to parent, each one of us has unique circumstances which affect our parenting. Each child is also very different, and what will 'work' for one child may not 'work' for another.

The Family Support team is in place to help support both Parents and Carers, along with your children as they progress through school – from foundation stage through to secondary years.

## Who are we?

School Family Workers provide support for any member of the family who has a caring role for a child or young person who attends one of the Gade schools

### Gade Schools Partnership

JFK Secondary School, Kings Langley Secondary School, Laureate Academy, The Hemel Hempstead School.

Bedmond, Bovingdon, Boxmoor, Galley Hill, Micklem, Oakleaf, Nash Mills, Pixies Hill, Sarratt, South Hill, St. Cuthbert Mayne Juniors, St Paul's Chipperfield, St Roses Catholic Infants, and Two Waters

\*The Collett School, \*Gade Valley,  
\*George Street, \*Heath Lane Nursery and  
\*Kings Langley Primary.  
**\*Signposting service only**

### Gade Schools Family Support Team

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## Family Support Services



## Parent Support



Parental involvement is more important to a child's achievement and wellbeing than the quality of school they attend. The Gade Team are available to support all parents in this work.

Our Family Support Workers can assist you in finding the support you need and help you get in touch with organisations with specialist skills and knowledge. Our support is tailored to each family and includes any of the following:

- Parenting help or advice;
- You'd like to learn more about supporting your child's education;
- Your family may need the advice and support of a specialist organisation;
- Getting in touch with local support groups;
- Discussing concerns about your own or your child's health and wellbeing;
- In need of a friendly listening ear

## We can help you with issues or worries you may have with:

- Managing challenging behaviour
- Managing the teenage years
- Communicating effectively with your child
- General routines (bedtime, eating)
- Peer pressure and bullying
- Internet safety
- Changing schools
- Family breakdowns
- Finance concerns
- Housing issues
- Loss and bereavement
- Issues with smoking, drugs and alcohol
- Support for children with additional needs
- Domestic violence



*Plus any other concerns you may have*

## What can we offer?

- Our Family Support workers will work one-to-one with you to listen to any concerns and provide information and support.
- We work closely with all schools and local agencies.
- Our work is confidential and supportive.
- We offer a wide range of parenting courses and workshops which are free for parents to attend.
- We support parents through assessments so that we are able to help families obtain a wider variety of support from specialist agencies.
- Support can be provided in the form of one to one support and advice, signposting to other agencies, or purely someone with whom families can share concerns they may be facing and discuss what options may be available.