

**Where and how you can find me...**

I can be found in the playgrounds and/or front office of school each morning prior to the start of the school day. I am also available after school on a Wednesday until 4:30pm.

Alternatively or if you would prefer you can phone school on 0161 480 9252 and ask for me.

Please don't hesitate to approach me, I am very approachable and already a familiar, friendly face to lots of the children here at Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School.



Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School



**Learning Mentor**



*A friendly guide to inform both you and your child of the Learning Mentor role here at Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School*

Hello, I am Mrs Murphy and I am the Learning Mentor for Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School.

I hope this pamphlet informs you of my role and how my support and input can help make a valuable contribution to your child's learning journey here at Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School.

### **What is a Learning Mentor?**

A Learning Mentor can provide support and guidance to help you and your child manage a difficulty which may be acting as a barrier to their learning.

Such barriers could be.....

- Behaviour
- Relationship difficulties with peers
- Difficulties at home
- Disengagement from learning
- Emotional issues
- Attendance and punctuality

### **How does the Learning Mentor do this?**

In a variety of ways:

- Establishing a safe, secure environment for your child to freely communicate their concerns
- One to one and small group interventions
- Focus groups based on certain issues, e.g. staying safe, improving listening, friendship
- Circle time
- Working alongside your child within his/her classroom
- Extended activities, e.g. playground projects, drop-ins, friendship groups
- Working in partnership with colleagues, other services linked with the school and yourselves

### **How will my child receive help from their Learning Mentor?**

Teachers may refer your child for support  
Children can approach me and ask for help themselves

### **How can the Learning Mentor help?**

As Learning Mentor I can help by.....

- Working alongside teaching and support staff to help identify your child's strengths and needs
- Listening to and understanding your child's concerns and difficulties from his/her perspective
- Implementing strategies of support and guidance to empower and motivate your child by acting upon this understanding
- Communicating with you and your child's class teacher regarding their progress
- Liaising with additional services and resources as and when appropriate (with your prior informed consent)