Outstanding Care & Support

In discussions with inspectors, the pupils spoke with great enthusiasm about the Care Team. They reported that the teachers and support staff support their well-being and learning.

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The school's vision to be a caring, child-centred and inclusive school enabling all students to achieve success is reflected in the well-integrated care and support structures across all age ranges.

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Care Team

Who you can talk to on the Somerton Road Site

Remember, there is **always** someone in school you can talk to!

Ms C Bateson
Head of Year 8

Mrs O Hickey
Assistant Head of Year 8

Mrs J McAloran
Head of Year 9

Mr C O'Grady
Assistant Head of Year 9

Mr G McGuigan
AVP Year 10

Mrs O Meehan
Head of Year 10

Mrs N McKee
Assistant Head of Year 10

Ms C Boylan
AVP Junior School

Miss A McAleer
Head of Transition & Progression

Mr C McAllister
Safeguarding Manager

Talk to the Designated Child Protection Teachers/Care Team.
Talk to your Form Teacher, **Talk** to the School Counsellor, or ANY member of staff you feel comfortable talking to. **Talk** to the Familyworks Counsellor - Referral forms are available from the front office - you can do this on your own or ask a member of staff to help!

You may also contact:
- **New Life Counselling: 02890 391360 • N.I. Childline: 0800 1111**
- **Samaritans: 02890 664422 or Free Phone 116123**
- **Contact Youth: 02890 744499 • Cruse: 02890 792419**
- **Lighthouse: 02890 755070 • PIPS: 02890 805850**

Transition & Induction Arrangements

In Blessed Trinity, we are aware that your child's happiness in their new school is of paramount importance. To ensure smooth movement from Primary school to Blessed Trinity, our Transition Team organise the following;

- A teacher from the Transition Team visits each primary school and engages with primary 7 pupils and staff.
- Individualised personal meetings are held for every new Year 8 student with their parent/carer.
- A comprehensive Induction Programme provides new Year 8 students with confidence and clarity about life in Blessed Trinity.

Outline of Care & Support Structure

Each class has a Form Teacher who is a familiar face for them throughout their first year in Blessed Trinity.

The year group has a highly experienced team to look after the care and welfare of our students; they are the Assistant Vice Principal, Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year. The Care Team takes a special interest in the personalised needs of each child, and will become very special in the lives of our Year 8 students. The Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year will be the first point of contact for parents and carers.

Our School Counsellors

Our two School Counsellors highlight the importance of emotional well-being in our school. Our counsellors are familiar faces to our students and provide one-to-one and group support, as required.

Home-School Links

In Blessed Trinity, we aim to build strong relationships between school and home, to support our students. The Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year, meet with parents throughout the year, to support progress and to nurture this vital relationship. Our parents/carers are invited to school performances, celebrations and events throughout the year.

Year 8 Enrichment Programme

Our Year 8 students follow a varied and vibrant programme that allows them to develop broad life skills and personal capabilities, that are valued by future employers:

- **First Aid**
- **Survival Skills & Teamwork**
- **Mindfulness & Mental Health**
- **Nutrition**
- **Fitness**
- **Social Responsibility**
- **Resilience & Positive Choices**

Homework

In Blessed Trinity, we set homework regularly as this practice helps to develop good study habits and independent learning. Homework diaries are provided so that parents, students and teachers, can monitor application and progress.

Personal Development

Our PD programme is designed to encourage students' self-esteem, personal talents and personal responsibility. It helps students make informed decisions regarding their physical and mental health. The programme addresses issues to do with relationships, online safety, anti-bullying and substance abuse etc.

Year 8 Digital Leaders