

## Hello and Welcome to Parent Support



My name is Ann-Marie Snell, and I am the Parent and Family Support Advisor here at Wyvern Academy. My role is a varied one and adapts to suit the many families and children here at Wyvern

You may meet me at your child's Person Centred Review (PCR), where I work in partnership with other professionals, such as Teachers, Healthcare Professionals as well as Health & Social Care and the Children with A Disability (CWAD) Team to ensure support around your child or family is linked up, moving forward and making progress.

I also work independently in supporting families 1:1, signposting to relevant organisations and agencies, as well as acting as the lead professional in Team Around the Family/Child meetings (TAF/C). I offer assistance and advice with form filling as well as supporting parents at meetings and acting as an advocate when necessary; just to name a few.

As a school we also encourage parents to access relevant information and support workshops, which support them, both as parents, as well as informed contributors to the wider school community.

I raise awareness of community and school parent learning opportunities; signposting as appropriate or organise and/ or run, our own relevant and specific workshops.

We have already successfully run, sessions in Signing, Puberty, Picky Eaters, Dysphagia (difficulty or discomfort in swallowing) as well as delivering a pilot of the Care for the Family series – Time Out for Parents (Children with Special Needs) parent course.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course at one of our parent coffee mornings, which I encourage parents to attend where possible. These events are a valuable resource where you can make strong links with other parents and carers – sharing experiences, should you wish to, or listening to others and picking up pointers for the journey ahead as parents of a SEN Child.

All families have something to offer, no matter how small – and this will make all the difference to someone.

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I look forward to meeting you all soon,

*Ann-Marie*