

# Pastoral Care at Strathearn

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Pastoral care provision, at Strathearn, offers a caring and supportive environment where pupils are given the opportunity to succeed in every aspect of school life. All members of staff offer pastoral support and we have developed a pastoral structure that allows our pupils the opportunity to pursue academic excellence and develop their confidence, independence and self-esteem. We aim to equip our pupils with the skills they require to flourish in a life beyond the school gates.

## Structure of Pastoral Care at Strathearn

### Form Tutor

Form Tutors are key figures in the Pastoral Care System. They meet with their form class each morning and it is during these 20 minutes that positive relationships develop. In their daily interactions, form tutors are able to build a detailed knowledge of the needs, emotional development, progress and academic attainments of each pupil in their form. They are supported by the Pastoral Team which is comprised of the:

- Head of Year
- Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) and LSC Assistant
- School Health Nurse
- School Councillor
- Senior Leader (Pastoral)
- Vice Principal (Pastoral)

Pupils in Junior School (Forms 1-3) are supported by sixth form pupils who are appointed as Peer Mentors. They visit form classes each week not only helping pupils settle into school life but developing pastoral relationships across the school community.

### Head of Year

The Head of Year coordinates and supports the pastoral care of their respective year group. They monitor academic attainment across the year group and support pupils to achieve their full potential. They plan and lead Form Tutors in the delivery of a robust and relevant pastoral education programme which includes, for example:

Drug education	Health education and wellbeing
Relationships and Sexuality education	Budgeting
Meal preparation	Managing at home
Study skills	Employability
Personal and Social Development	Citizenship

Through our Key Stage 3 IT Curriculum, as well as special events and assemblies, we empower our pupils with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe whilst online.

### Learning Support Department

The Learning Support department is a key element of the pastoral care system at Strathearn. The Learning Support Coordinator (LSC), LSC Assistant and classroom assistants work in partnership with pupils, parents, subject teachers and external agencies to ensure that pupils with additional educational needs have every opportunity to succeed in line with their peers.

### School Counselling service



The school have a dedicated FamilyWorks school counsellor, who is available to pupils, one morning each week. Counselling is accessed through the Senior Leader (Pastoral) or by self-referral and information on how to access this support is shared with pupils throughout the year.

### School Health Nurse

Strathearn are fortunate to have a full-time School Health Nurse who provides dedicated medical support to pupils who require it. She is ably supported by a team of First Aiders.

### Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding and child protection is central to the role of the Pastoral Care team. The team consists of:

Designated teacher for child protection	Mrs N Sinnerton
Deputy Designated teachers	Mr A Atkinson Mr A Anderson Ms S Young Mrs N Connery

Designated governor for child protection	Mrs R Bailie
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Pupils are made aware of who they can contact should they wish to speak to a member of the team. Staff and parents can also raise a concern in order for appropriate support to be identified.

### Pastoral Links

The Pastoral Team are proud of their parental relationships that are built upon each year. We have found that these are essential in allowing us all to work together to support each and every Strathearn pupil.