

Key Professionals involved in TAS:

Mr Grant, Headteacher

Mr Howard, Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs McFadyen, SEND Coordinator

Miss Holt, Deputy Pastoral Manager – Attendance Lead

Mrs France – LAC Lead

Mrs McDonald – Pastoral Mentor KS3

Miss Oldham – Pastoral Mentor KS4

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Mrs Hibbert – Education Welfare

Mrs Bagshaw – School Nurse

PCSO Berry – Community Police Representative

Mrs Manuel – School YOS Link

TBC - Link Social Worker

TBC – School Age Plus Worker

TBC – Mosaic Worker

Team Around the School at Highfields



*Working together to
ensure every child
matters...*

Team Around the School (TAS) at Highfields

What is 'Team Around the School'?

- Team around the School (also known as TAS) is a meeting held every 3 – 4 weeks involving staff at Highfields and agencies we work regularly with.
- The meeting allows teachers, pastoral staff and other professionals working with young people to share observations and concerns. This then allows them to identify together where a young person might need extra support.
- The meeting looks in particular at attendance.

The objectives of the team around the school

- On raising and discussing concerns, the meeting does not seek to judge young people or their families. Instead, the meeting looks to work always with a view to making things better.
- By making things better, we mean:
 1. To have an open, honest evidence-based conversation about the daily trials and difficulties some young people and their families are facing.
 2. To set challenging yet realistic goals for each young person in terms of improving their engagement in school and overall well-being.
 3. To work out what support a young person and their family might need.
 4. To agree who will take the lead ('Lead Practitioner') in supporting a young person and their family. Where a young person is already in the 'Team Around the Child' process, the concerns will be passed on to those professionals already involved.

Who should attend Team Around the School meetings?

At Highfields, the following staff regularly attend TAS meetings:

School Staff	Local Authority Staff	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLT Representative (Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher) - Pastoral mentors - SENDCO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School nurse - School link YOS worker - Education welfare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local PCSO / Police - Community Rep

How are parents/carers involved?

Where concerns are raised about a young person, the lead professional will contact the parent/carer of the young person to share information. The school may also refer into the Local Authority safeguarding team where it is felt a young person is in danger / at risk of harm.

How do we store information / notes from the meeting?

All notes from the meeting are recorded on a secure template in line with school data protection protocols. Parents/carers have a right to view these notes on request.

Opt-out

In certain circumstances, some parents/carers may feel uncomfortable with their son/daughter being discussed at a group meeting. If this is the case, parents/carers can request in writing for their son/daughter to be removed from this process.

However, please note the school maintains a legal obligation to monitor the welfare and well-being of all of its students – and where necessary undertake action/s in line with established guidance.

For more information, please contact the headteacher, Mr Grant, on 0161 406 7922.