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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We can't quite believe the first week of term is over already and what a wonderful week it has been! We hope your children are settling into their new classes and routines and are enjoying being back at Low Ash.

In this first weekly update, we would like to properly introduce our pastoral team who work closely with children and families.

Brian Padden and Sadie Kellett (below) are both new to Low Ash and you will probably have seen them out on the playground at the start and end of the day.



**BRIAN PADDEN**  
**PASTORAL & FAMILY**  
**SUPPORT OFFICER**

I am the Pastoral and Family Support Officer here at Low Ash Primary. I have worked in schools in the Bradford area for around 20 years, initially teaching PE and delivering sports clubs. This then developed into a hybrid role of 'sport and support'. I am now delighted to be part of the team here at Low Ash.

I am passionate about ensuring our pupils have the emotional and mental health support they need to enable them to navigate through primary education successfully and go on to more success in secondary education and beyond.

I strongly believe that good mental health begins in early life, helping our pupils and our families now, sets them up for a happy and healthy life later.

My name is Mrs Kellett and I am the Pastoral and Family Support Worker at Low Ash. This means that I support children in school who need a little extra help with their emotional and mental wellbeing. I do this through 1:1 work and group work. I have been doing this role across Bradford for around 4 years and I can't imagine doing anything else now. I absolutely love it.

I'm also here for families who need support with their child at home; whether that be establishing routines, managing emotions or supporting their general wellbeing, among many more.

You'll find me on the playground at drop-off and pick-up so please feel free to introduce yourself and ask for support/advice if needed.



**SADIE KELLETT**  
**PASTORAL & FAMILY**  
**SUPPORT WORKER**  
**Training to be a Forest**  
**Schools Practitioner**



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Claire Dyson, Amrik Singh and Beccie Taylor are probably more familiar faces for many of you.



### **Claire Dyson – Learning Mentor**

My background is in family support and children's services, and I have worked in primary school pastoral teams over the past eight years. I am keen to ensure that children's additional needs - whether these be emotional, social or SEND-specific - are adapted for in school, and I am always happy to offer any support I can to parents too.

### **Amrik Singh – Play Learning Mentor**

My name is Amrik Singh. Many of you will have seen me welcoming parents and children at the gate every morning. I am the Play Learning Mentor at Low Ash Primary School. This role involves running the Outdoor Play and Learning provision, which allows children to enjoy a variety of play activities, build confidence, use their imagination and express themselves on the outdoor stage. We also play some music for people to sing and dance to. My role also includes supporting children across all year groups. This varies from class-based support to 1:1 and group sessions. I want all children to progress and excel in all aspects of their learning and life as a whole. Currently, I run 3 after school clubs.

I come from a Youth Work background and have worked in education for many years.



### **Beccie Taylor – Training to be a Forest Schools Practitioner**

Hi, my name is Beccie (Miss Taylor) and I have worked at Low Ash for 11 years. During this time, I have taken part in various roles within the school. I currently teach swimming and phonics. Additionally, I am also working towards becoming a Forest Schools Practitioner. Forest Schools is a long-term outdoor education programme, which allows holistic and child-led learning. It also allows children to develop themselves through a healthy relationship with risk taking, problem-solving and self-discovery. I am very excited about this!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy what may be the last of the summer!

Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer  
Co-Headteachers