

MAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Headteacher
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School Counsellor

Part time, self-employed basis.

Start date: Summer Term 2021

The School Counsellor's line manager will be the Senior Assistant Head. There will be fortnightly meetings with the Deputy Head and the Deputy Head Junior School to discuss pastoral concerns.

Job purpose

The School Counsellor will provide a counselling service to the pupils of Mayville High School.

Key responsibilities:

- To offer pupils individual counselling and support
- To work with a diverse range of issues including bereavement and loss, transition, eating disorders, self-harm, depression, anger management and erratic behaviour, abuse of any kind, anxiety, fears, recovery from psychotic episodes, bi-polar, emotional dysregulation
- To provide consultation to staff whose role it is to support pupils in distress
- To liaise with the pastoral management team
- To network with personnel from other agencies with a view to easing referrals and accessing specialist consultants
- To keep suitable case records in a secure place
- To attend regular supervision with a suitably qualified supervisor
- To work in consultation with the School child protection policies
- To provide information on the counselling service, the role of the counsellor and the boundaries of confidentiality to pupils, staff and parents
- To report back on a regular basis on number using the service and give a general overview of the types of problems with which the users of the service are presenting
- To perform duties within the codes of practice and ethics recommended by the BACP, UKCP or equivalent organisation
- To review and evaluate the service

Person specification

- Diploma level in Counselling or Psychotherapy
- BACP Accreditation, UKCP registration or BPC
- An understanding of the developmental, emotional, social and educational issues of children and young people
- An awareness of range of needs of people from diverse ethnic, cultural and social backgrounds
- Knowledge of local mental health and CAMHS Service
- Knowledge of the Children's Act and resultant legislation
- Minimum of 2 years post qualification experience
- Minimum of 2 years experience of working with children and young people
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently, manage own caseload and use initiative
- Ability to work under pressure
- Flexibility to work with a developing organisation
- Ability to work with change
- An interest in ongoing professional development

Safer recruitment

Mayville High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including references from previous employers, and a DBS check at the enhanced level and compliance with Sections 15-25 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (eligibility to work in the UK).