



JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

Role: Peripatetic School Counsellor

Reporting to: Pastoral Deputy Head

JOB PROFILE

To provide individual and group counselling services for students within School, offering a safe and non-judgemental space to talk.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

The School Counsellor is accountable to the Pastoral Deputy Head on a day to day basis.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide bespoke counselling sessions for students who are referred through the pastoral team.
- Provide a supportive and caring environment where students feel safe and confident to talk.
- Work with the pastoral team to promote the importance of positive mental health for learning.
- Promote appropriate emotional resilience and coping strategies for students who need additional support.
- Be able to work with a wide range of needs including behaviour, bereavement and loss, transition, eating disorders, self-harm, depression, abuse of any kind, anxiety and fears.
- Liaise with academic staff, parents and relevant outside agencies to ensure that students are supported effectively.
- Review students' progress and attendance on a regular basis.
- Provide written evidence to outside agencies when requested.

This is not an exhaustive job description and will change according to the needs and development of the role. It is expected that the post holder will be expected to take part in all training required as part of the role.

SKILLS, EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

Essential

- Level 4 Diploma in Counselling or equivalent.
- BACP accreditation.
- Considerable experience in working with children and young people in a counselling-specific capacity.
- Ability to liaise with other local services, including CAHMS.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.

Desirable

- Previous experience of working in a school or another regulated environment.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Professional and approachable manner.
- Conscientious, proactive, self-motivated and reliable.
- Ability to remain calm under pressure.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team.

CHILD PROTECTION

The post-holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all students with whom they come into contact, will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's child protection policies at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post-holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School they must report any concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead.