

SOME USEFUL GENERAL SUPPORT SERVICES...

- Gateshead's Local Offer available on Gateshead Council's website, for services for children with Special Educational Needs. You can also contact Gateshead's SEND team on: Tel: 0191 433 3626 or via email: senteam@gateshead.gov.uk
- Parents in Power, based in Sunderland Road Library, Herbert Street, Gateshead, NE8 3PA Tel: 0191 4900198 or email: enquiries@parentsinpower.co.uk. They support parents/carers by ensuring they have a voice in how services in Gateshead are developed for the best possible outcome for our children and their families.
- Gateshead Carers provide confidential tailored support to unpaid adult carers, living or working in Gateshead. See their website for details:

www.gatesheadcarers.com or telephone: 0191 4900121.

THERE ARE MANY MORE SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE

CONTACT JULIE GREENSLADE AT GIBSIDE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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HOW TO CONTACT ME:

- **Email:**
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- **Telephone:**
0191-4410123 ext 207 at Whickham or
0191-4335588 at Blaydon (most Fridays)
- 'Together we can make a difference'
Drop-in Sessions - see Family Support page of the school website www.gibsidesschool.org for dates and venues
- If you are at school for any other reason, you can check to see if I am free for a quick chat by asking **Reception** to contact me.



CHECK OUT THE 'FAMILY SUPPORT' PAGE OF SCHOOL'S WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION

www.gibsidesschool.org

Family Support at



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INTRODUCING GIBSIDE SCHOOL'S FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER...

My name is Julie Greenslade. I have worked in primary schools since 2003 as a Teaching Assistant and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant before joining Gibside School in 2010 as the Administrator for the annual reviews of the Statement of Educational Needs and the new Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP), known as Single Plans.

The Family Support role within Gibside School was created in 2013, in recognition of the Government's 'Working Together Framework' and to underpin the school's **'together we can make a difference'** ethos.

At Gibside School we understand our pupils benefit most from parents/carers and school staff working in partnership to help them achieve their very best they can.

MY MAIN ROLES:

Parent/school engagement — To provide opportunities for parents/carers to engage with school.

Advice and sign posting — Provide parents with information of services and agencies available to help our children and their families.

Attendance — Monitoring attendance levels to ensure pupils attend school regularly, in order to achieve their best possible outcomes.

Common Assessment Framework (CAF) & Team Around the Family (TAF) - To help parents identify needs and provide a team of support for the family.

Transitions —Offering assistance and support for parents when their child joins Gibside School for the first time, or moving between key stages/sites and when leaving to go to secondary school.

Pupil Premium—My post is partially funded by Pupil Premium income. This means that I, rather than teachers, will represent the school at most social care meetings. Enabling the continuity of high quality teaching for our pupils. The information I provide at the meetings will have come directly from the teacher to ensure the quality of information shared is not compromised.

Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP or Single Plan)—Advice and support to parents.

Safeguarding — Designated Safeguarding Lead (see Safeguarding policy).

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

- **Join in** — come along to as many events, drop-in sessions, parents evening, shows, summer fairs, Friends of Gibside School (FOGS) monthly meetings, etc as you possibly can. Get to know the staff at school and let us get to know you.
- **Share** — your experiences, struggles, achievements and useful information you have gained which will be helpful to others.
- **Attendance** — every day your child attends school is vital for consistency of learning. It is the only way they will make continual progress—every day matters.
- **Use your voice**—do not struggle in silence. Gibside School has a Family Support Worker to support our families because you are important to us.