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Dear Parents and Carers

I just wanted to provide you all with an overview of the job I do as Home School Link Worker for Yattendon School and how I may be able to support you and your family. Times have never been tougher for some, and I am here to help.

I can:

- provide an opportunity to talk about any concerns that might affect your children's success or happiness at school;
- provide valuable understanding and guidance on a variety of topics and put you in touch with services, activities and organisations in the local area;
- listen and offer support on issues that you and your family may be having;
- offer support and guidance on changes in family situations such as separation or bereavement;
- suggest ideas and strategies for behaviour management and for establishing home routines for children.

Also...

I think we can all agree that sometimes parenting our children can be hard work and there is no manual to ensure we get it right every time. If you feel you could do with some extra support in your parenting skills then I may be able to help. I have completed some training with Family Links ([Family Links | Emotional Health Training](#)), which enables me to work with parents/carers on a one-to-one basis to help promote a consistent approach to developing family relationships and positive behaviour management strategies.

The sessions can be tailored to suit each family's needs with the aim of encouraging parents and carers to enjoy bringing up their children and get the best out of family life. The sessions help to understand how emotions influence our actions, and offer many positive ways of guiding children so they learn to handle both their feelings and behaviours.

If you would like to discuss this with me, please email kburgess@yattendon.surrey.sch.uk or contact me by telephone via the school office.

Overall our key objective is to ensure that all children enjoy school and feel happy and secure. So please remember I am here to help!

Kind regards

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