

Some comments from pupils about the Learning Mentor Programme:

“It helped me to be strong and put my hand up more.”

“It helped me not to shout out and be naughty.”

“I could sort out why I was angry.”

“It made me feel brave enough to talk.”

“I could talk to someone who understood my feelings.”

“If I didn’t know they would encourage me.”

What Ofsted say (November 2010):

“The Learning Mentor Programme positively contributes to the excellent care that the school takes of its pupils.”

“Pupils feel extremely safe in school and have great confidence in the adults around them.”



How can a parent or carer contact us?

We are located in the Learning Mentor Room which is on the second floor of the Brook Building near the Staffroom.

Telephone the school on 01869 252482. We will get back to you as soon as possible.



## Brookside Primary School Learning Mentors



**Who Are We?**

**Sarah Cockhill  
Mandy Jenkins**

## The Role of The Learning Mentor:

The Learning Mentor acts as a mentor to pupils to make sure that they engage fully with their learning and overcome any barriers which may exist. In any one day a learning mentor may be helping children with their learning, with friendship issues, anger management issues, liaising with teachers, supporting behaviour management strategies and developing positive relationships with families.



## How does my child access the Learning Mentor Programme?

- A referral can be made by your child's class teacher or any other adult who works with your child.
- A child can self refer to the programme using the forms available in each classroom.
- A parent may refer their child after consultation with their child's class teacher.
- Our SENCo (Lauren Morgan) can refer children to the programme.

## Learning Mentors can help your child to:

- Express their views.
- Raise self esteem and confidence.
- Manage pressures and difficult times in their lives.
- Encourage them to achieve.
- Support them in developing friendships.
- Learn about their social and emotional skills and how to improve these.

## Other Issues that Learning Mentors can help with:

- Bereavement and loss.
- Transition to new classes and schools.
- Moving to a new year group and becoming settled into life at Brookside.
- Supporting children who have English as a second language.
- Changes in family circumstances.
- Attendance issues.
- Cohesion within the school community and encouraging your child to value their role.
- Liaising and working with outside agencies who might be supporting your child.
- Communicating with your Home School Link Worker.