



Ark Evelyn Grace Academy

5th March 2019

Dear Parents and carers,

Social Workers in Schools project

We are delighted to inform you that Evelyn Grace Academy has been selected to take part in a pilot project which has been funded by the Department for Education. The project involves working with the London Borough of Lambeth to review the possible benefits of placing a Social Worker in the school, for students, families and teachers.

The Social Worker will be based on site and will be involved in working with the school staff to actively promote and support social and emotional wellbeing for students and families. This will be delivered through one to one sessions, family work, workshops and training. If your child or family is offered support you will be contacted directly by the social worker whose name is **Chantelle Fearon**.

The project will run until March 2020 and will be assessed and monitored by the University of Cardiff to determine if there are any positive benefits for students and families in having a Social Worker in the school. If positive outcomes are identified, there is possibility that the Department for Education will fund a Social worker position for schools across England.

As part of their research, the University of Cardiff may want to speak with students and families engaged in some of the Social Workers activities. If you are selected to participate, the school and Lambeth Children's social care will ensure you are notified well in advance.

We hope you welcome this addition to our academy.

Should you have any queries or questions about this letter please feel free to contact Shah Ashraf, Assistant Principal in charge of Safeguarding

Your sincerely

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