

# Stanbridge Primary School

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**We are proud to provide a Thrive setting for all children at Stanbridge Primary School. We know that children's social and emotional well-being is an important element to ensuring they can become lifelong learners.**

## What is the Thrive approach?

The Thrive approach draws on insights from neuroscience, attachment theory and child development to provide a powerful way of working with children and young people that supports optimal social and emotional development. In addition, the approach can equip adults with a target way of working with children and young people who may have struggled with difficult life events to help them re-engage with life and learning.

## What's the research?

The Thrive approach is grounded in the current scientific developments in neuroscience. In particular, scientists have discovered that the neural pathways of the brain and wider nervous system are relatively unformed at birth, undergoing much of their development during the first three years of life in response to relational experiences with primary care-givers. A key development during this period is the establishment of the body's stress-response system. This lays the foundation for our social and emotional development throughout life, affecting our capacity to relate, love, learn and manage stress in healthy way. However, research has also revealed that the brain has the capacity to forge new neural connections, which means that where brain development has been less than optimal, it remains possible to intervene at a later stage to fill gaps.



## How does it work?

Thrive helps us to better understand children's needs being signalled by their behaviour. Children can struggle as a result of specific setbacks: moving house, a separation, a bereavement, a family illness or accident, or even the arrival of a new baby. When we identify these changes in behaviour, we are able to use Thrive to look further into how to provide the child with the support to re-engage with their learning. This can sometimes be support within class, groups or on an individual basis.

## What does this mean for my child?

We use a screening tool and activity planning resource called Thrive-Online. Thrive-online is a web-based tool that will help us to assess and support children's emotional and social development. It is an essential part of our Thrive approach, ensuring that we have accurate and differentiated approaches to a child's individual needs. We screen all children and then the system might suggest children who would benefit from the additional support that Thrive can offer. We then carry out a more detailed assessment to develop an action plan into what this may look like. It provides us with some strategies and activities to support your child in school. We can also work together as there is also the possibility to create an action plan that provides suggestions on strategies and activities that can be used at home.

## Licensed Thrive Practitioners:

Mrs Sharon Curtis

Mrs Louise Winterson

**All staff at Stanbridge Primary School have received Thrive training and would be happy to offer further support or advice. Alternatively, please call to speak to a licensed Thrive Practitioner or our SENCO, Miss Vaughan, on 01454 862000.**

