Dear parents,

My name is Edith and I work for the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS) and will be the link worker for the following area’s Checkendon, Sonning Common, Woodcote and Henley on Thames schools.

As your school link worker, I offer support and guidance to school staff, can refer and signpost to external agencies and ensure all children/families, where needed, are offered Early Help. This might look like a Strengths and needs conversation being had with a family or attending a team around the family meeting. For more information on what Early Help is please see here: [Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf (oscb.org.uk)](https://www.oscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf)

The aim of LCSS is to ensure families have their support needs met by agencies within the community so that support is offered in a co-ordinated way, at the right time to make sure worries don’t become bigger for children or their families. This could include support from school staff, school health nurse, a GP, the voluntary sector, anyone that offers a service to children and families. Please see further information here: [Early Help and the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS) - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (oscb.org.uk)](https://www.oscb.org.uk/practitioners-volunteers/locality-and-community-support-service-early-help/)

There can be opportunities arranged for me to meet with you in person where I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to supporting your child’s school to ensure all children and families are supported by Early Help when its needed.

Many thanks,

Edith