

# Learning Support

RIPLEY ST THOMAS  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



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# Introduction

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**Not everyone finds everything easy.  
Our job in school is to help you if there are  
things that you are struggling with.**

How we help depends what it is that you need.

It may be that you've broken your leg and  
can't get upstairs to lessons. Learning  
Support is downstairs so you can come here  
instead and teachers will send the work for  
you to complete.

It may be that you find literacy difficult and  
need a bit of extra help.





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You might be lost and need a bit of help finding your way around – Learning Support is right next to the canteen so we are easy to find. There's always someone in there who can help you with practicalities.

The teaching assistants (who you will meet in the next few slides) go into lessons so you may well see one in your classes.

We are very good at listening and helping people find a way through problems and worries.





# Meet the Team

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## **Mrs A Casson** SENCO and Vice Principal

All the staff work hard to ensure pupils can access their learning. We support pupils in class, in small groups and sometimes on a 1:1 basis. Our goal however is to give pupils wherever possible, strategies so they can make progress independently.

When extra or specialist support is required, I help coordinate consultations with representatives from the local authority and other professional agencies. I am a member of the Senior leadership team and I ensure the voice of pupils with SEND are heard.





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## Mrs A Fenna Learning Support Manager

My job involves a lot of paperwork, meetings, phone calls, emails and sorting things out!

I also organise classroom support so the teaching assistants know which lesson to go to and when to go to it!

I'm usually in the Learning Support classroom or the office but sometimes I do get to go into lessons.

My favourite subject is history because I like to know how our lives today have been shaped by the actions of people in the past. When I'm at home I like to bake, do jigsaws and read – but not all at the same time!



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## Mrs J Smith

### Assistant Learning Support Manager

#### What I Do

I work in the office helping Mrs Fenna and help with the day to day running of Learning Support. I also work one-to-one with pupils from Year 7 up to Year 13, and work with pupils in the Learning Support classroom looking at emotional literacy. I also go into some lessons to support pupils.

#### Favourite Subjects

I really like supporting in subjects which are more hands on, like food technology. But I also like subjects where I'm learning lots of new things or doing things I haven't done in a long time.





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## **Mrs A Rafferty** Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

### **What I Do**

I support in lessons and do literacy intervention with Year 7 and 8 students.

### **Favourite Subjects**

My favourite lessons to support in are:

- English: because I like to see my intervention students applying their skills in class.
- Agriculture & Horticulture: because the farm is my favourite place in school.



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## Mrs G Greenwood Teaching Assistant

I'm the mum of 3 daughters and I have worked at Ripley as a teaching assistant for 10 years. I support in the classroom in all subjects but I particularly enjoy seeing pupils making progress in maths. I try to make maths fun and break things down into small chunks which help people to understand it better.

I love sunny weather and taking long walks even when the sun isn't shining.





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## **Mrs S Taylor** Teaching Assistant

### **What I Do**

I am a mum of three children, I love walking, gardening, nature and making things. I have worked at Ripley as a teaching assistant for eight years.

### **Favourite Lessons**

I find all the lessons I support in fun, interesting and there is always something different that makes my day interesting.





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## Mrs J Shaw Teaching Assistant

### What I Do

I may be in some of your lessons or I may be in Learning Support. I am there to support you with your school work. Remember to ask for help when you need it.

### Favourite Lessons

I find Science lessons fascinating. We learn about how things work and we get to experiment with how things work too!

When I was at school I found Maths difficult but the teachers here at Ripley explain Maths in such a fun and easy to understand way it is now my favourite lesson!





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## Miss G Payne Teaching Assistant

### What I Do

My name is Miss Payne and I support pupils during lessons. I'm there to help pupils understand things they're learning in class and to assist them with any problems they might have. I also do extra support with pupils whose first language is not English.

When I'm not in lesson I do the admin work for Mrs Fenna and Mrs Smith.

### Favourite Lessons

My favourite lessons are History and Geography as I love learning interesting things about the world we live in.





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These are just some of the people at Ripley who are here to support and help you – there are many other people here as well who you can go to if you are worried.

It's a shame that we can't see you in person at the moment. Usually for an Open Evening Mrs Casson, Mrs Fenna and Mrs Smith are in school to chat to you and answer any questions.

What we always say is that if you feel Ripley is the right place for you we will do our very best to help you with the things you find difficult whether that's support from us or finding someone else who can help you.





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