

Learning Support

RIPLEY ST THOMAS
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



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Introduction



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.



Introduction

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



Mrs L Cooper and Mrs J Smith Joint SENDCo

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, we help coordinate consultations with representatives from the local authority and other professional agencies.



Meet the Team

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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Mr S Cooney Teaching Assistant

What I do•

My name is Mr Cooney and I support pupils during lessons and in learning support. I'm there to help pupils access classroom learning and assist them with any problems they might have trying to complete their tasks. I also help pupils who find School emotionally challenging. I support them by giving students strategies to cope with any anxieties they have surrounding their School life.

Favourite Lessons•

My favourite lessons are DT, Maths and History as I like problem solving and learning about the past. It's amazing how we use these skills in everyday life and really boosts pupils' confidence in their approach to their work.



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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 Cooper 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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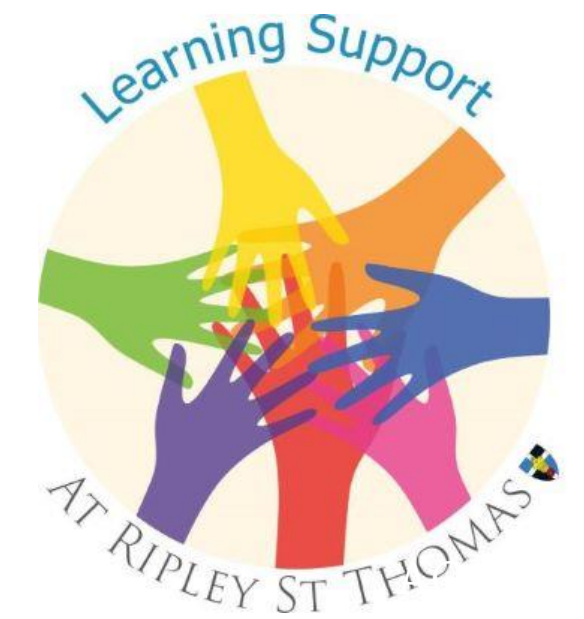
Miss Richardson Teaching Assistant (Ripley Apprentice)

What I do•

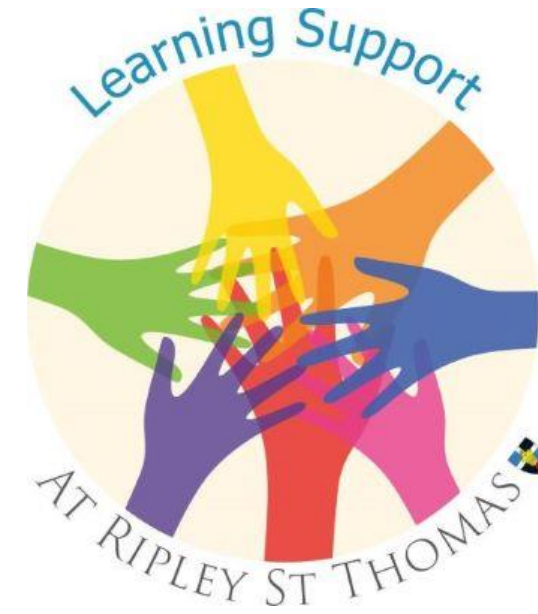
After being a student at Ripley for the last 7 years, I'm excited to be returning in September as a member of staff in the Learning Support department. You can expect to see me around school and in lessons to offer my support and be there as someone you can come to if you need any help or have any questions throughout the year.

Favourite Lessons•

During my time at Ripley, I particularly enjoyed R.E but would also always look forward to the different experiments we were able to do in all 3 sciences and the fun team sports in P.E. I believe subjects such as art are also a great place to be able to express yourself through your work. I'm excited to be back in main school and to help you in the next step of your education and school life.



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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.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Smith are in school to chat to you and answer any questions on Open Evening.

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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