



# A one-minute guide to Linked Social Workers

As part of Wakefield Families Together every school will have a Linked Social Worker.

This is to enable effective partnership working, a joined-up approach with education colleagues, and ensure that the right children receive the right help and protection, at the right time.

## What will a Linked Social Worker do?

- Provide a point of contact, for example, to clarify if a case is open/closed to social care, or to assist if there have been difficulties in contacting the allocated social worker.
- Offer advice, guidance, and support for schools. This can include anonymised case discussions if there is uncertainty as to whether a case should be referred to social care, or if the Team Around the School (TAS) approach should be taken.

## Have a concern?

If you think the Team Around School is required, please follow the process outlined in the leaflet available to view on the page here: [www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/about-us/the-team-around-approach](http://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/about-us/the-team-around-approach).

If there are clear safeguarding concerns in respect of a child, a referral should be made to the Integrated Front Door without delay, by calling **0345 850 3503**.

## Unsure who your Linked Social Worker is?

If you are unsure who your school's Linked Social Worker is, contact Esther Beresford, Head of Service for Localities and Integrated Front Door.

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