

# Family Support Officer – Sharron Macdonald

## Attendance:

Government guidelines state that every child should achieve **95%+** attendance. At Beech Hill we offer lots of incentives and rewards for attendance and improved attendance including:

- Cinema Trips
- Movie Afternoon
- Traffic Light Lollies
- Race Track Competition – Pizza/DVD afternoon

## Freedom Programme

A ten week programme for women who have been subject to domestic abuse. The course helps women explore and understand different types of abuse and the impact on themselves and their children.

## Incredible Years

A twelve week programme for parents/carers. The Incredible Years programme is for parents and teachers to reduce challenging behaviours in children and increase their social and self control skills.

## Family Learning

I work closely with family learning who offer basic/advanced numeracy/literacy courses.

## Signposting:

If you have any problems and I can't help you I will signpost you to someone who can.

**DARE** – Domestic Violence Recovery Education. DARE is for children, young people and their mothers who have experienced domestic violence and is provided in a community based setting for them to share and talk about their experiences. Each programme runs over a twelve-week period for children aged 5 - 16 (children are divided into age-specific groups).

Mothers are supported to understand how the violence has impacted on the child and how best to help them through the healing process.

**Transition** – I can help support children moving to High School or when they move to a new class during primary school.

**Coffee mornings:** parents can request topics to be discussed ie:  
Special Educational Needs  
Jolly Phonics  
Drugs and alcohol  
Mental Health  
Numeracy course

I also work with small groups of children promoting self esteem, friendships etc.

**Parent Partnership:** Work in partnership with parents/carers to improve standards and outcomes for families.