

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a new member of staff on the St Cuthbert's and Fountains Earth team, I am writing to let you know a little more about myself.

I will be working at either St Cuthbert's or Fountains Earth every Thursday afternoon in the role of Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator. This means that I will work with children, their families, other staff and sometimes outside agencies to ensure that children with additional needs make the best progress that they can, and enjoy their time in school as much as possible, despite any barriers that they may experience. I will be available in school for meetings and by email from September. My email address is: **jblunstone@st-cuthberts.n-yorks.sch.uk**

I have worked within the field of special educational needs at Nidderdale High School for nearly ten years. My team there and I have been successful at ensuring some really positive outcomes for children with additional needs, and I will continue to work at Nidderdale High alongside my primary school role.

As well as being a qualified English teacher, I have a Foundation Degree in Supporting Learning, an Honours Degree in Education Studies and am currently working towards a Masters level qualification in Special Educational Needs.

In addition to my working life, I am also a local mum, having attended St Cuthbert's myself as a youngster. I have three children and am therefore familiar with the challenges and benefits of raising a family in the dale.

During the autumn term, I will be inviting parents and carers of those children with additional needs to come in to school to meet with me, to discuss the needs of the children and to plan any support that is necessary. Please do get in touch with me via the above email address if you feel that we need to be in touch sooner rather than later.

I very much look forward to getting to know the children and their families over the coming months, and look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

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