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My name is Katherine Goatley and I am the Parent Support Worker at Paternoster School.

My job is to provide practical and emotional support, advice and information – and generally whatever help and support that you as parents feel would be beneficial to you. I aim to offer early help to the families of the children and young people who attend Paternoster School and so avoid an escalation of difficulties. Providing help as problems emerge or even when there is just a possibility that there might be issues can prevent a crisis. Parents of children with special needs face additional associated challenges in practical, physical and emotional terms. Sometimes when life takes an unexpected turn and you find yourself in the hidden world of disability you can feel isolated and as though you are the only one experiencing certain emotions and experiences – as well as the huge practical demands!

I want to be able to offer you good support that is relevant to your unique and individual circumstances and needs. As parents you have an essential and demanding role in meeting all your child's needs and in order to sustain this role it is important that your needs are also recognised and provided for – which is where I can help. So that I can do this effectively I want to hear from you about what you want!

I am flexible in the support that I can offer e.g

- advice and information,
- sign posting to local services,
funding applications for activities, equipment, respite care/short breaks etc.
- filling in forms
- liaising with statutory services
- provide a listening ear
- opportunities for meeting other parents

Please feel free to contact me on 01285 652480 or email me on kgoatley@paternoster.gloucs.sch.uk or talk to me when you drop off or pick up your child. I am available on Tuesdays and Wednesday 8.45 - 3.45.