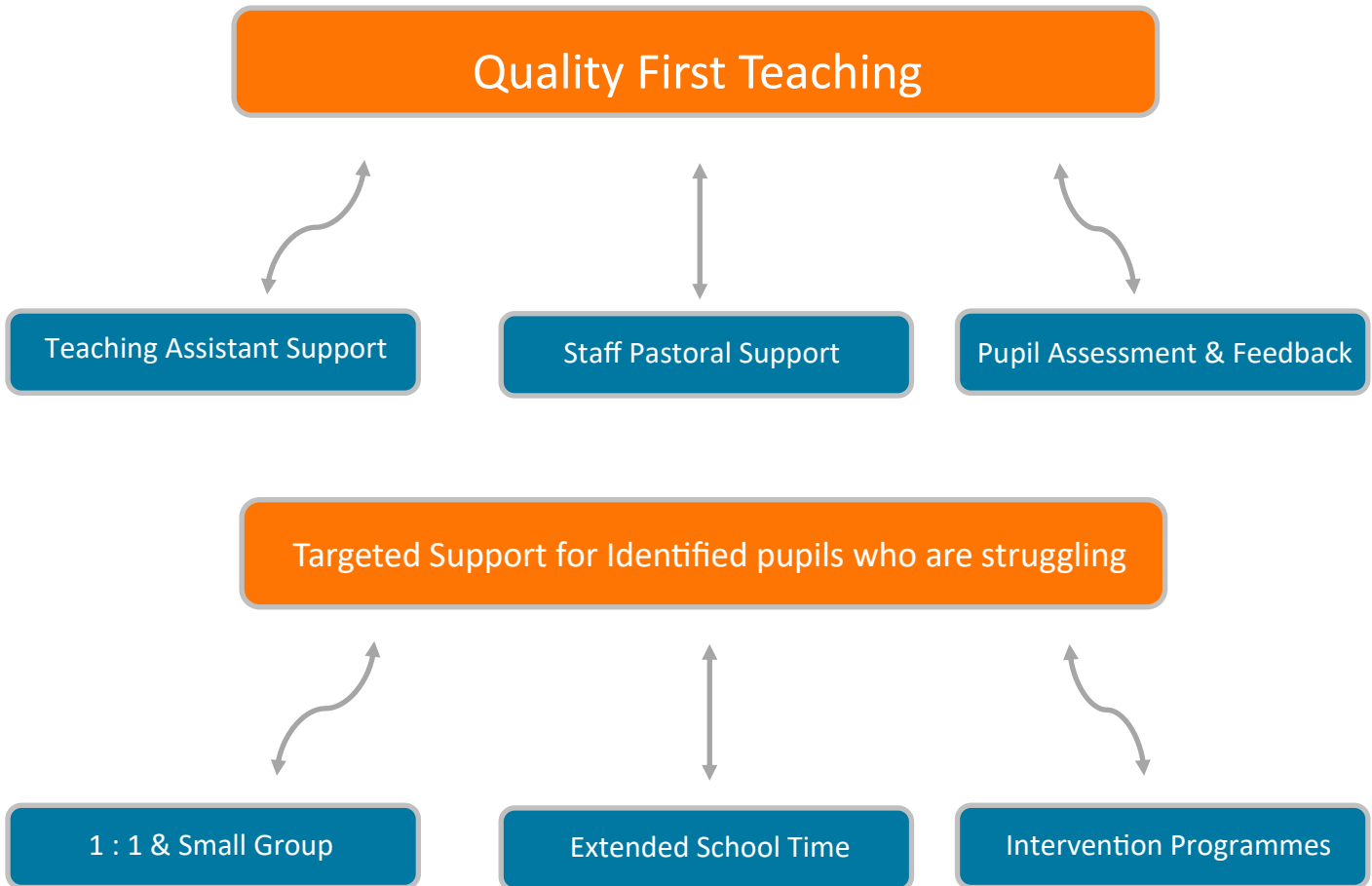


Settle and Malhamdale Pupil Support Strategy

Moving Forwards together, following the disruption caused by Covid-19



The above diagram is designed to clearly capture the Federation Approach to providing support to pupils, post lock-down. We are aware that a significant number of children have fallen behind academically or struggled to cope emotionally on return to the school. The diagram outlines our strategy.

In the first instance, quality first teaching provides the vital framework that supports all future progress post lock-down. Effective lessons that have been carefully planned to recap and build upon lost learning will always be our first step - each class will benefit from the support of a Teaching Assistant, the learning environment will incorporate pastoral support and Curriculum for Life Opportunities and the assessment of children will be ongoing, and thorough to identify gaps and next steps.

Quality Teaching, as a first step approach will suffice for the majority of our young learners, however, there will be some pupils who require additional targeted intervention. In these instances we will set up 1-1, small group work activities, build additional learning activities into our Extended School Service Provision or provide pupils with direct intervention programmes.

To provide additional academic support to pupils catch up sessions will be delivered by an in-school High Level Teaching Assistant, Miss Carly Segger (Settle) and/or Mrs Jackie Ruston and Mrs Julie Cawood at Kirkby Malham, who have experience in a range of year groups working with children who have a variety of ability groups, including special educational needs.

To support pupils pastorally, sessions will be delivered to individuals and groups by Mr Patrick Illingworth, who is our Positive Impact Life Coach, who will be setting up a Martial Arts Group to support our Extended Schools Service (details to be announced pending future restrictions).

Mentoring and pastoral support will be further provided by Reverend Neil Kendra this summer term, who is an ordained priest and has Masters and Doctorate degrees in Education and professional qualifications in Youth/Community/ counselling (for those who do not know Reverend Kendra please see his write up below).

In the Autumn we hope to set up a Mentoring Programme for children , that has been inspired by a successful community project in York and will be led initially by Retired Paediatrician Mrs Janet Donnelly.

In the meantime Special Needs Support will continue with myself as SENDCo and further expertise will continue to be provided by Peripatetic SENDCo, Mrs Natasha Smith at Settle and Assistant Headteacher Mrs Amanda Allen and Early Years Specialist Mrs Julie Middleton at Kirkby Malham.

The important message to parents and carers is that we take the mental and physical well being of our pupils very seriously and as we move forward during this coming 12-18months our school will be ready to support each child to the best of our ability. The governing body are completely committed to making sure that our Partnership of Schools fully support all our children and that as a school community we move forwards together, stronger than before with an educational provision that values mental health and personal well being as much as it does academic achievement.

With best wishes,

Richard Wright

Executive Headteacher— Settle and Malhamdale Partnership

For those who may not know Reverend Kendra and for those who do know him —here is a write up. We are really excited and delighted that he is able to join our team

Reverend Kendra

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- Reverend Kendra is a former governor of four schools in North Yorkshire and Lancashire including 11years at Settle Primary—including Chair of the Finance Committee.
- He has worked extensively In the school previously, delivering popular assemblies and school support in class and on visits.
- He has served as a youth worker and officer in Leeds and benefits from 30 years in University Lecturing and management roles in applied psychology and social services.
- He has also served for 16years as a magistrate in Skipton, including being Chair of the Bench.
- He was Parish Priest for Settle , Giggleswick and Rathmell until retirement in 2011.
- Reverend Kendra and his wife Denise are also sponsors of an annual pupil award at Settle, designed to recognise Outstanding Achievement through the popular Kendra Award.