

## Apply for 'Listening Ears'

To apply for Kids UK to provide one-to-one support for your child, all you need to do is fill in the form below and return to the Kids UK office via the school office.

Parent/carer's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please share why you would like you child to be considered for one-to-one support:

*(Please use a separate sheet if needed)*

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### Parent/carers Contact Details

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my consent for Kids UK to provide one-to-one support to my child within school time.

Parent/Carers Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### What is Kids UK?

Kids UK is a registered charity based in the West Midlands that links with churches schools and community groups to share Christian moral messages and promote right-living through assemblies, mentoring, clubs sessions, events and creating family resources.

### Our Vision

Our vision is to share the gospel truths with children and families throughout the United Kingdom.

### The Team

Our team is made up of Andi and Holly Markham, Helen Dass and our trustees Dave Gidney, Trevor Jones, Pete Kelsall and Helen Thomson. Andi, our director is trained in children's and family work and spends his time leading the charity, delivering the wide range of events and services we offer as well as overseeing and training our team. Holly has a BA honours degree in Dance and leads 'DanceltOut' our community dance project. Helen has an honours degree in Theology and is a qualified Primary School teacher who oversees and delivers our 'Primary School Partnership'. Alongside we have a group of volunteers who are carefully selected and trained, and along with the team all have completed a full enhanced DBS check with relevant references.

### Contacting Kids UK

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## Referral Form

  
one-to-one support  
Supporting children so they can make positive decisions.



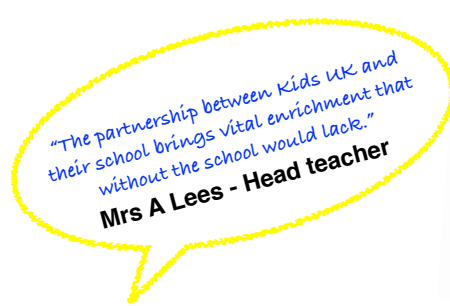
**What is 'Listening Ears'?** Our 'Listening Ears' program is a weekly one-to-one mentoring and support session for Primary School children who may be facing challenging times. These are purposeful sessions in which a trained individual gives time to listen and support your child while trying to help them work through their own challenges and enable them to make positive decisions in the future.



**Who is it for?** 'Listening Ears' is ideal for children who need a little extra time to talk through the challenges they are facing. This could be anything from a recent family separation, anxiety, bereavement or any other challenges that may affect their day to day life.

**Who are the support workers?** All our support workers are trained to listen and understand children while being supportive of their needs. Although they are not counsellors or therapists they are able to provide a safe place for a child to talk through the challenges they may face. All our support workers have passed a current DBS check and always work within the school and Kids UK safeguarding policies.

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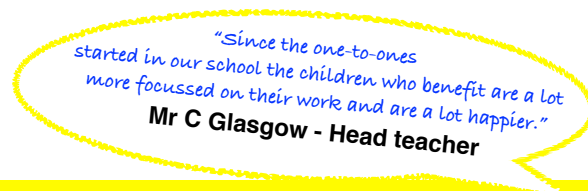
*"The partnership between Kids UK and their school brings vital enrichment that without the school would lack."  
Mrs A Lees - Head teacher*



**When do they happen?** The one-to-one support sessions take place in school during the school day. They typically involve seeing a child for approximately 30 minutes per week and would usually continue for a term or longer if needed.



Once the one-to-ones have been approved by Kids UK and the school, your child's support worker will liaise with the parent/carers and the school to arrange your child sessions.



*"Since the one-to-ones started in our school the children who benefit are a lot more focussed on their work and are a lot happier."  
Mr C Glasgow - Head teacher*



**Involvement from parents/carers** As an organisation we feel the best way to support a child is to work along side the parents/carers as well as linking with the child's school. Therefore a parent/carers would need to complete our referral form and once it has been accepted we will contact the them along with the school to let you know when the one-to-one support sessions will start as well as maintaining communication while we are working with your child.



**How much does it cost?**

Our sessions cost Kids UK in the region on of £1000 per term. However due to the kind donations and grant funding, we are able to cover two-thirds of this cost. We believe all children should have access to these sessions regardless of their financial status. With this in mind, Kids UK has chosen not to charge parents/carers for these sessions and instead we link closely with the school to raise the remaining funds by encouraging them to host a charity fundraising day/ event.



For more information about supporting the work we do, please see our partnership support flyer or visit our website.