



# TOWN LANE INFANT SCHOOL



**Hello and welcome to our  
school ELSA page.**

## **What is an ELSA?**

ELSA stands for Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. We are very lucky to have an ELSA at Town Lane Infant School. Mrs Austin has been trained by Wirral Educational Psychologists to plan and deliver programmes of support to pupils who may need additional help with developing their emotional literacy. Programmes of support can help with the development of social skills, emotions, anger management, self-esteem, friendships and bereavement.

## **When does ELSA happen?**

Mrs Austin has time built into her weekly timetable to deliver intervention groups and one to one sessions however, she can also provide resources and advice to staff to enable them to support a child within the classroom.

## **I think my child needs ELSA, what now?**

If you think your child needs some support with emotional literacy, then please speak with your class teacher who can complete a referral form and if appropriate, your child will be allocated a place or placed on a waiting list for the next available spot. Each half term, Mrs Austin meets with Mrs Large to identify and prioritise children for a 6-8 week block of ELSA.

**For more information or resources to support your child at home, please follow the link below.**

**[www.elsa-support.co.uk](http://www.elsa-support.co.uk)**