

Defence School Mentor



My name is **Donna Flanagan** and I am the Defence School Mentor (DSM) based at Rydalmere East Public School (REPS). At REPS, I currently provide support to approximately 70 children whose parents are serving in the Navy, Army and Airforce.

To all new Defence families coming to REPS, I offer you a warm welcome. I am here to answer any questions you might have about our school and to make sure your transition is a smooth one.

The DSM is a post funded by the Defence Community Organisation (DCO) to assist Defence students and their families with changing schools, integrating into the school community and providing support during parental absences. At REPS, I work closely with our Defence students and their families around four main key areas throughout their time at our school.

The key areas are:

- Welcoming;
- Integrating;
- Absence Support and
- Farewelling.

I look forward to getting to know you and your family. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am in the school Monday to Friday. You can reach me through the school office on 02 9638 2250 or please drop me an email at rydalmeree-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

You can also find me on Tuesday mornings at the weekly morning at 8.55am. Please come along and join us, we'd love to meet you.

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