

## EARLY HELP OFFER

Our school will work with children and families, and we will aim to:

**Work to families' strengths** especially those of parents and carers and take time to understand their needs fully.

**Build the resilience of parents**, young people, children and communities to support each other.

**Focus on preventing problems** before they occur and offer flexible, responsive support when and where it's required.

**Base all we do on evidence** of both what is needed and of what works and be brave enough to stop things that are wrong.

We will know if our work in early help is successful if it delivers these outcomes:

Children and Young People...	Parents and Carers...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Are physically and emotionally healthy</li> <li>✓ Are resilient and able to learn well</li> <li>✓ Are supported by their families, their community, and - when necessary - professionals to thrive and be successful</li> <li>✓ Live in environments that are safe and support their learning and development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Are supporting one another in their communities</li> <li>✓ Know where to get help if they need it</li> <li>✓ Have trusted relationships with practitioners, neighbours and other parents</li> <li>✓ Are well informed about how best to help their child develop, and motivated to make great choices.</li> </ul>

At Firfield Primary School, we have the pupils and families at the forefront of our minds and work hard to provide Early Help to our school community. From October 2019, we are providing Early Help through school. We work alongside a variety of agencies and are providing support through the school setting. Our offer is embedded in our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy; Early Help is part of a continuum of work in helping keep children safe. We also have a system to address any concerns in our delivery of the offer, and this is addressed in the school's complaints procedure.

Early Help services aim to both provide advice and/or intervene where there is evidence of emerging needs with the objective of preventing escalation to higher level services.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Over the school holidays sign posting for other early help support is available on our school website (see below).

**If you are concerned about the safety of a child or you require urgent help or advice [Call Derbyshire](#) on 01629 533190.**

## WHAT IS EARLY HELP?

Early help is a way of getting extra support when you or your family needs it, but getting it as soon as the difficulties start, rather than waiting until things get worse.

It is for children and young people of any age. Help can come from all kinds of services and organisations who work together to support your family. You might be using some of these services already, but we want to make sure they are providing the right support for you and your family's needs.

## WHY WOULD A FAMILY NEED EARLY HELP?

It could be that you are worried about your child's health, development or behaviour, or perhaps because you are caring for a disabled child. Maybe your child is affected by domestic abuse, drugs or alcohol. Perhaps your child is a carer for other people.

## WHAT SUPPORT CAN WE OFFER?

For a little more information about what Early Help is, or a full list of services to support children and families click the links below.

If you think might need some Early Help or would like some advice or support with something at home or at school, then please contact:

**Mr James Yellop Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead**

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**Miss Rachel Tittershill: Assistant Headteacher / Deputy Designated Safeguarding**

**& Mr Adam Thurgood Deputy Headteacher / Deputy Designated Safeguarding**

[enquires@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

For more information about the Early Help we can offer you click on the links below.

<https://www.safespeak.org.uk/>

<https://www.ddscp.org.uk/>

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/derbyshire-directory/>

<https://www.derbyshireiass.co.uk/home.aspx>

<https://derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/children-and-families/support-for-families/domestic-abuse/domestic-abuse.aspx>

<https://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/derbyshire/space-4-u/>

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://www.qwell.io/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>