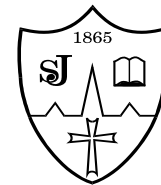


St. James' C of E Primary School

Early Help



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June 2016

The new Children and Families Act 2014 means changes to the law to give greater protection to vulnerable children, better support for children whose parents are separating, a new system to help children with special educational needs and disabilities and help for parents to balance work and family life. Early help is important because it ensures vulnerable children and their families receive the help they need when they need it. It can prevent problems getting worse and requiring specialist intervention from social care, health and the youth justice system. It is imperative that all children receive appropriate welfare; The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) provides a child-centred framework within which services to children are located. It spells out the basic human rights that all children have, including 'the right to survival; to develop to the fullest; to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation; and to participate fully in family, cultural and social life'.

The Munro 'Working Together' definition of Early Help is as follows;

Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years.

St. James' C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare at all levels. We ensure that children who are at risk are identified as soon as possible and that we work with them, their families and any necessary outside agencies to try to ensure that the situation does not reach a crisis point. We are aware that children and their families have different levels of needs at different times and as a result of different situations; that all needs need to be taken into account when considering the type of support that would be beneficial and which professionals can help. The aim of early help is to identify which level of help is needed and how we can ensure that the children are safeguarded and that their needs are met. We are fully aware of the importance placed on bespoke care and support being offered to individuals.

The following table identifies that levels of need and the services that the school can offer or signpost to. The information is taken directly from the GSCB website. The list is not exhaustive with the school actively seeking additional/alternative support when needed.

Child Needs	School Provision	Community Provision	Other Provision
Universal Services Children are making good overall	St James' curriculum develops the characteristics that	www.glosfamilies.org.uk have services that are accessible without	Parentline Plus

<p>progress in all areas of development. Living in a protected environment where their needs are recognised and met. No additional support needed beyond that which is universally accessible</p>	<p>pupils need to develop and thrive as individuals, as part of a family and in the community. The whole child is nurtured through a values led curriculum and particular development of their pastoral needs through our PSHCE curriculum.</p>	<p>referral or assessment</p>	<p>Citizen's Advice Bureau www.actionforchildren.org.uk www.nhs.uk/Change4Life www.familylives.org.uk – general help and support for parents</p>
<p>Vulnerable: Early Help Services</p> <p>Children needing some additional support which may be related to health, educational or social development.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A coordinated response through a multi-agency assessment using to assess and address their needs</p>	<p>Attendance Officer monitors attendance and lateness. Class teachers monitor pupil's general behaviour, appearance, engagement, attitude and disposition. Concerns referred to PPG coordinators/DSL (safeguarding), SENco, Designated Child in Care Coordinator. Regular meetings regarding pupils and weekly SLT agendas highlight pupil needs. Actions will be set according to outcomes.</p>	<p>CYPS (children and Young People's Services)</p> <p>Speech and Language Therapy Services</p> <p>School Nurse/Health Visitor/GP</p> <p>Cheltenham Targeted Support Team</p> <p>Gloucestershire Children's Safeguarding Board GSCB www.gscb.org.uk</p> <p>www,glosfamilies.org.uk</p>	<p>Cheltenham Borough Housing</p> <p>www.youngminds.org.uk – emotional health and wellbeing</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk</p> <p>www.nhs.uk/Livewell - national measurements</p> <p>www.asthma.org.uk</p> <p>www.allergyuk.org.uk</p> <p>www.anaphylaxis.org.uk</p> <p>www.2gether.nhs.uk – mental health services for children</p> <p>www.cafamily.org.uk - support for families with disabled children</p> <p>www.eric.org.uk –continence and bedwetting support</p>
<p>Complex</p> <p>Needs are complex</p>	<p>DSL will request Social Care involvement through</p>	<p>As Above</p>	<p>As Above</p>

<p>and children are highly vulnerable and living with potential risk. This may lead to an integrated assessment and plan with a lead professional coordinating the support from a range of agencies</p>	<p>a Multi Agency Service Request Form MARAC information (Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences), children in need plans or child protection plans. The school becomes involved in membership of the core group and attend conferences. SENco represents the child if there are special educational needs with the potential to request an EHC assessment</p>	<p>Children's Social Care Police (Tel:101) Specialist Health Services Advisory Teaching Service (ATS) Educational Psychology Service (EPS) Cheltenham Community Paediatricians Children's Centres Local schools with additional expertise</p>	<p>www.nspcc.org.uk</p>
<p>Acute Children are at immediate risk of significant harm. This will require immediate referral to social care or intensive specialist care regarding health</p>	<p>DSL requests social care involvement through the Multi Agency Service Request Form emailed directly to GSCB. DSL co-ordinates at school level.</p>	<p>As Above GDASS (Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service) Police (999) Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Gloucestershire Children's Helpdesk Emergency Duty Team</p>	<p>As Above www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk – child protection charity www.ncdv.org.uk – National centre for domestic violence www.barnardos.org.uk FGM Helpline 0800 028 3550</p>