



Kingsland CE Primary School



Early Help Offer

Principles

We are a caring, nurturing school and fully understand that family life does not always run smoothly. We recognise that from time to time you may need a little extra support or help.

We are committed to the safeguarding of all our children. The purpose of our Early Help Offer is to provide the right kind of support for families at the right time, to achieve change that lasts. We can help you to identify any problems quickly and work with you to prevent the problem escalating.

There are many ways in which we can support you so, if ever things are not right at home, do come and talk to us. We aim to provide support that considers the needs of the whole family.

What is Early Help?

Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from EYFS through to Year 6. At Kingsland CE Primary School we understand that, at times, family life can be challenging. We recognise that there may be situations where you need extra help and support. Our Early Help Offer identifies the need to help our children and families as soon as problems start to emerge, or when there is a strong likelihood that problems will develop in the future.

The Early Help Offer is an approach not a service.

Our aim is to promote the safety, well-being and resilience of all children and their families, so that they are able to be happy, healthy and meet their true potential. We want all our children and young people, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), to achieve the best possible outcomes and receive the support they need when they need it most.

- All of our teachers are available in a pastoral capacity and parents are welcome to talk to them to discuss their child's wellbeing. If you need more than a quick word, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment or to ask for the teacher to give you a call.
- Mr Debenham (Headteacher) is available for you to discuss any concerns if the class teacher is unavailable
- Sometimes families may need a family support worker to help them through a challenge. We can make a referral to Early Help, request an Early Help Coordinator attends a 'Team Around the Family' meeting, or phone Early Help for advice.
- Rev Julie Read is the school's wellbeing governor and is available to discuss any concerns
- Kerry Jones is the school counsellor and is available to have 1-1 discussions with children and feedback to parents
- Miss Williams is the school's trained Mental Health leader
- The school runs numerous interventions including Theraplay, fine and gross motor, visual perception, school-led tutoring, and other learning interventions
- Mrs Green is the school's SENDCo and is available to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's SEN.

Areas of support might include:

- Support and advice during difficult periods e.g. illness, bereavement, financial worries, and domestic abuse
- Support for parents in multi-agency meetings
- Assistance in completing paperwork and forms e.g. Disability Living Allowance, housing, and benefits
- Pre-loved uniform via the PTA
- Support getting your child into school
- Parenting courses
- Attendance monitoring to improve attendance and punctuality
- Signposting to other services in the local area/community
- Support with: healthy eating, emotional and behavioural needs, identification and support of Special Educational Needs, mental health support, financial concerns

This is not an exhaustive list.

Professional involvement

The help we offer can be delivered by a wide range of professionals including but not limited to:

- Educational Psychologists
- School Nursing Team
- Early Help Practitioners
- Early Help Social Workers
- Family Support Workers
- Therapists/psychotherapists
- Child mental health specialists
- Specialist behavioural support teachers and workers
- Herefordshire Children's Services
- Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- CAMHS
- Other agencies who are able to deliver targeted support

What should I do if I am worried or have a problem?

Please contact us if you have any problems affecting your child(ren). Usually raising awareness with the class teacher resolves many issues and is the best place to start.

You could also click on the following link to the Herefordshire Early Help website:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/earlyhelp>

The school also has numerous policies which you may find helpful in accessing. They can be found [here](#).