

EARLY HELP



Wood Green
ACADEMY

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



WHAT IS EARLY HELP?

Early Help means; providing support to help families cope with difficulties, by working with agencies to prevent the need for crisis intervention.

This approach can help identify, assess, plan and build on strengths to help families develop the skills they need to manage future difficulties.

- All agencies are committed to respond to the needs of families
- Services will be easy to access and will respond quickly to requests for help
- Children/Young People and families will be involved in agreeing goals
- No decisions will be made without your involvement or consulting you
- Assessment will be simple
- Families will be helped to identify what can and cannot be done and by whom

▶ HOW WILL IT HELP?

We will work with you to:

- Build on the strengths of your family
- Help you overcome issues such as unemployment, poor school attendance, anti-social behaviour, parenting, health and well-being, etc.
- Focus on the immediate difficulties and help to find long-term solutions

WHAT HAPPENS? ◀

A Lead Worker will meet with you and your family and will be your main point of contact.

The Lead Worker will try to understand the views, needs, strengths and difficulties of each family member, as well as how you work together as a family.

This family led approach will help to develop a plan to assist in achieving the goals identified. Practical support may be offered to help carry out the plan agreed.

Professionals will work in the interests of the family, but if they have any specific concerns about the well-being of a child or vulnerable adult within the family, they will follow specific procedures.

▶ WHAT IS THE AIM?

The aim is to develop;

- Safety, happiness and learning
- Happier relationships
- Skills to be able to cope with day to day and longer term challenges
- Healthier lifestyles, educational achievement, employment opportunities and community relations
- This will be different for each family.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO; ◀

You will be asked to sign a consent form that allows the Lead Worker and other professionals to discuss your family. All parties will work together to identify your family's needs and complete a plan to help you achieve your goals.

Regular meetings will take place, until all parties agree all goals have been met.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mrs Bailey (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Miss Smith (Deputy DSL)

Mrs Yates (Student Welfare Manager)

Mrs Whitehouse (Student Support Manager – Year 7)

Mr Richards (Student Support Manager - Year 8)

Mrs Price (Student Support Manager - Year 9)

Mr Cavell (Student Support Manager - Year 10)

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