



## CHURCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Offer of Early Help

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## **OFFER OF EARLY HELP**

### **The Early Help Offer is an approach not a service.**

Providing early help is more effective in promoting the welfare of children rather than reacting later on. Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges.

It respects every family's right to access information to help manage their own lives successfully, whilst guiding them to seek support from appropriate sources.

The 'Offer' is for all children, as issues may arise at any point in a child or young person's life. It includes both universal and targeted /specialist services, to reduce or prevent concerns from growing or becoming any more serious.

- Help is there when parents, children and young people need it
- Together we will find a way forward that is right for everyone – there is a choice of help and it will be easy to access
- Families are at the centre of everything we do
- There are a number of support agencies that parents/carers can contact independently. Staff can signpost to relevant support.
- Gloucestershire Local Authority have an Offer of Early help with outlines some of the support

### **Forest Families First Plus Team**

This is a network of Early Help co-ordinators and community support workers who work alongside other professionals. With parental consent, we are able to make a referral for support to this team. They will meet and decide who will be best placed to meet the required needs.

### **School Nurse**

All schools have links to a school nurse. We are able to give you contact details and advice about the services they provide.

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=56518&p=0](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=56518&p=0)

### **Radicalisation**

“Radicalisation” refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism. Extremism can take several forms, including Islamist extremism, far-right and animal rights. Staff have been trained in line with the new Prevent Duty (2014)

Preventing Radicalisation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance>

### **Esafty**

Technology is constantly changing as is how we keep people safe whilst still enjoying the many benefits of using the internet. Staff undergo regular esafty training every two years. We inform parents about safety through class dojo and through our curriculum. We use outside experts to deliver this and train our staff. Lessons are delivered to children on a yearly basis with ongoing reminders and discussions. The CEOP website offers some really useful guidance <http://thinkyouknow.co.uk> <http://www.childnet.com/resources/>

There is also guidance and practical advice on the NSPCC website: [NSPCC.org.uk](http://NSPCC.org.uk)

### **Mental health**

If a child needs support we will signpost to the most relevant support. This may be medical support, advisory support or a counselling service. We will refer to a school nurse, 'Families First' or CAMHS (Children and adolescence mental health services) if needed.

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

### **Domestic Abuse**

Support for parents/carers who are affected by domestic abuse or know someone that is, can be accessed as follows:

Call the Police (999 in an emergency or 101 for a non-emergency situation.)

National Domestic Violence Helpline – 0808 2000 247

Contact GDASS – Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service- on 0845 602 9035.

GDASS can help you:

- And your child stay safe in your own home.
- Access specialist legal advice
- With other agencies (e.g. housing and benefits)
- Find a place of safety if you cannot stay at home or can help you move on

### **Female Genital Mutation (FGM)**

*Staff have been trained to recognise signs of FGM. Safeguarding procedures will be followed if a child is deemed to be at risk.*

### **Other useful Websites**

### Housing advice and support

[www.shelter.org.uk/Housing-Advice-](http://www.shelter.org.uk/Housing-Advice-)

Forest of Dean District Council Housing Association can offer support with housing issues.

[www.fdean.gov.uk](http://www.fdean.gov.uk)

### Family Information Service

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/FIS](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/FIS). They offer support about parenting, child care, financial matters, children's activities in Gloucestershire, Special educational needs support and advice on school changes.

### Barnardos Family Support Service

[http://www.barnardos.org.uk/gloucestershire/gloucestershire what we do/sw barnardos in Gloucestershire-parent family.htm](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/gloucestershire/gloucestershire%20what%20we%20do/sw%20barnardos%20in%20Gloucestershire-parent%20family.htm)

### Drugs and Alcohol Support

Gloucestershire Drugs and Alcohol Support [www.gdas.co.uk](http://www.gdas.co.uk)

### Gangs and Youth Violence

Contact the Avenger Task Force at Gloucestershire Constabulary.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/418131/Preventing\\_youth\\_violence\\_and\\_gang\\_involvement\\_v3\\_March2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418131/Preventing_youth_violence_and_gang_involvement_v3_March2015.pdf)

### Gender-based Violence/Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/violence-against-women-and-girls>

### Honour Based Violence

The police have made a high priority to help communities tackle this and hate crime. Honour Network Helpline 0800 5999247

Sexting [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

Teenage Relationship Abuse

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/this-is-abuse-campaign>

Trafficking <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-who-may-have-been-trafficked-practice-guidance>