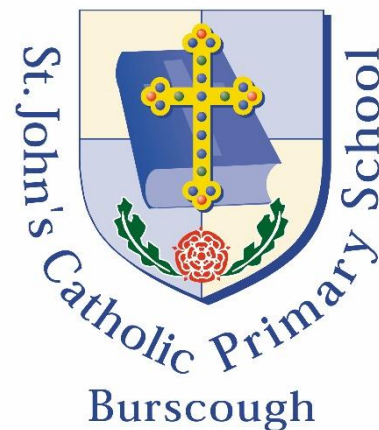


## Early Help Offer

Our role in school is to provide support, advice and information to the families within our school community. We can help you with any worries you may have about your child's education and wellbeing and we are also here as someone to talk to if you need support for yourself. Any advice and support that we offer will be confidential, although concerns relating to the safeguarding of children will always be dealt with in accordance with school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. We may not have all the answers, but we will be able to point you in the direction of appropriate people who will be able to provide support.



Support for families includes:

- Providing information and signposting to other services in your local area.
- Liaising with external services e.g. Children Social Care.
- Attendance and support at school.
- Support during appointments and in meetings.
- Advice and support to promote good attendance.
- Referrals to outside agencies e.g. Learning Disability Team, Inclusion and Engagement Support Team, and Speech and Language Therapists.
- Guidance with access to training and parent workshops.
- Emotional support for parents
- Lead on Early Help Assessments and Team Around the Family meetings.
- Give parents access to disability events and training events.

The Early Help lead in school is Miss Claire Smith. Other staff form part of the Early Help Assessment if it is deemed appropriate.

### **Early Help - working with you and your family**

#### **What is Early Help?**

Every family encounters challenging times at some point. Early Help means working with you and your family so that small problems do not become big problems. Early Help is for everybody; for families with children and young people of any age, and it is your choice whether or not to access it.

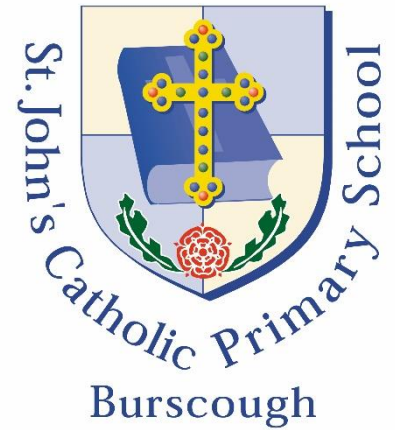
#### **Why would I want Early Help?**

There are lots of reasons why people look for Early Help. It could be that you are worried about your child's health, development or behaviour, or how they are doing at school. It may be that you are worried about money or housing and how that is affecting your family. Perhaps your child or family is affected by domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, or crime. Perhaps your child is a carer a sibling with SEND, or perhaps you have had a bereavement in the family that has been challenging.

#### **Where can I get Early Help?**

If you feel that you and your family need support to help solve some problems, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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### What will happen when I ask for early help?

We will invite you into school to discuss the problems you are experiencing. We will ask what help and support you think you might need. This is called an Early Help Assessment.

An Early Help Assessment is nothing to be anxious about. It is just a conversation to work out how best to help you and determine appropriate support. You can talk about what is going well and what you are proud of as well as what you are finding challenging.

We will also discuss your child/children to ensure that their needs are understood and whether support is necessary.

What happens next will be different for every family. If an Early Help Assessment is carried out and actions are identified, we will then call Team Around the Family (TAF) meetings. Again this is nothing to be worried about. It just ensures we have a regular meeting with all professionals involved to get the best outcome for the family. You have control over what happens next.

### Consent

All of this is consent based. If consent is withdrawn at any time, then the process ends. If you decide you would like to engage with Early Help, the lead professional will ask if they can share details of your conversation with relevant agencies. This will only occur if you give your permission. This is to ensure that the people who support you are able to understand your needs.