

# Early Help Offer At Glazebury C.E. Primary School

## What is Early Help?

Early Help is about identifying problems early so that support can be offered to help things get better.

## Families Information Service

[www.warringtonchildren.org](http://www.warringtonchildren.org)

A great place to find information about our local sure start centres, childminders, nurseries.

## How we can help?

### Open door Policy:

Teachers will always find time to speak to parents and offer support with your child's learning, behaviour, changes in home circumstances, or anything else you may be worried about. You can message the teachers directly on Dojo or phone the office and make an appointment.

### Talk Time:

Miss Welch will be available at various times during the week – please contact the office or Miss Welch directly on [Glazebury\\_kwelch@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:Glazebury_kwelch@warrington.gov.uk) to arrange a meeting, again this is for parents if you need support with your child's learning, behaviour, changes in home circumstances, or anything else you may be worried about.

### Children Talk Time:

Children if they have any worries or concerns can come and have a talk with Miss Welch between 12:15-12:45pm any lunchtime.

# Levels of Need Explained

| Level of Need   | Intervention  | Agencies who may be involved  |
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| <b>Level 1</b><br>Children and young people who are achieving each of the 5 outcomes.   | <b>Whole school initiatives.</b><br><br>Informal contact with children, parents and carers to resolve low level issues.   | The child and their family<br><br>School staff  |
| <b>Level 2</b><br>Children and young people who may need extra support in order to achieve the 5 outcomes.                                      | <b>School Support Meetings</b><br><br>Informal meetings with parents and carers to resolve low level issues. These may require a referral to an additional agency and will be reviewed.   | The child and their family<br><br>School staff<br><br>Possible involvement of an external agency.   |
| <b>Level 3</b><br>Children and young people who have complex needs and who may require co-ordinated support in order to achieve the 5 outcomes. | <b>Common Assessment Form (CAF)</b><br><br>A document completed by the family with support from the lead professional. The CAF document brings together all agencies involved with a family to ensure that everyone is working together and information is shared. The CAF would then be taken to a Service Allocation Meeting (SAM) to ensure that the appropriate support is being given. Parents and Carers or the child where appropriate, must consent to this document.<br><br><b>Family Support Meetings</b><br><br>A Family Support Plan is put into place for families with complex needs. This may be required as earlier forms of intervention have not been effective. Family Support Plans, similarly to a CAF, look to bring agencies and families together in order to put in place the best package of support. Parents and Carers or the child where appropriate, must consent to this document. | The child and their family<br><br>School staff<br><br>Multiple external agencies including Health, Family Support Workers, CAMHS, housing, GP, dentist. This also extends to more targeted services such as counselling services, NSPCC or agencies associated with a particular condition. In some cases Social Care will be invited to Family Support Meetings.                               |
| <b>Level 4</b><br>Children and young people who will not achieve the five outcomes without intensive support.                                   | <b>Child in Need</b><br>These are meetings for families who require intensive support in order for the child to achieve their 5 outcomes. These meetings are led by Social Care and all agencies involved will be invited along with parents and carers.<br><br><b>Child Protection</b><br>These are meetings for families whose children are at risk of significant harm. These meetings are led by an independent chair and all agencies involved will be invited along with social care, parents and carers. These meetings will be reviewed every 6 weeks during core group meetings and every 6 months for review child protection conferences.  | The child (where appropriate) and their family<br><br>School staff<br><br>Multiple external agencies including Health, Family Support Workers, CAMHS, housing, GP, dentist. This also extends to more targeted services such as counselling services, NSPCC or agencies associated with a particular condition. Social Care would always attend Child in Need and Child Protection conferences. |

# **CAF- Common Assessment Framework**

We know that children, young people and their families have different types of needs and sometimes they may require extra support. The CAF (Common Assessment Framework) is a way of working out what extra support may be needed and how best to put support into place. If you are a parent/carers and would like help we can complete a CAF assessment form with you. The model helps you to get a co-ordinated response from professionals working in schools, health, social care, voluntary agencies etc. When a child or family is involved with several services, this way of working will also ensure that a young person or a family have a lead professional supporting them.

## **Referrals to outside agencies to support your family**

- Family Support Out-reach team
- Parenting Courses
- School Health Advisors
- Warrington Youth Club
- St Joseph's Family Centre
- NSPCC
- CAMHs Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team
- Complex Families TEAM
- Barnardo's