

Early Help Offer

Early Help describes the type of early intervention and support that can be provided when a child or young person's needs are not being met by routine universal services, but do not meet the threshold for a specialist service such as children's social care.

The early help offer is about working with partners to help children, young people and families deal with their issues as early as possible, providing information, advice, and services at the right time, supporting them to resolve their concerns as needs emerge. Agencies work together through Early Help to support the family.

Our Early Help offer includes an initial assessment meeting where issues can be identified and an action plan formulated. We then have access to various avenues of support including:

At school:

Nurture group

Breakfast club

Induction sessions for children starting Foundation stage classes, including home visits

Special needs support as detailed on our SEND pages

Solihull parenting course

Safeguarding Leads

1:1 emotional support

Thrive programme

Additional secondary transition

External agencies:

The School Nursing Team

Behaviour Support

Bereavement

Occupational Therapist

Physiotherapist

Educational psychologist

Paediatrician

CAMHS

Speech and language therapy

BESST Early Years support, communication and interaction team, visual and hearing impairment team

Dentist

Family Intervention service

Family Information service

Citizens Advice

Berneslai Homes

Additional help from agencies such as Phoenix Futures, Riverside and Pathways can also be supported.

Through the Early Help process, we hold regular confidential meetings where parents can share their concerns, where professionals can offer support and where the views of the child can be heard. The aim is that by working together, solutions can be found to support your child and your family.

If you feel that that your child or your family could benefit from an Early Help assessment, please contact **Melanie Jopling** or **Linda Taylor** in the Inclusion Office to arrange an appointment.