



Early Help

'The Early Help Offer' is an approach not a service. 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. We are able to provide a broad range of early help and will be able to make referrals on behalf of students and carers as well as sign post to appropriate agencies for further advice and support. Help can then be agreed as soon as concerns start to emerge. This offer of early help is applicable to all students and their families.

Some of the main areas of concern with regard to initiating our early help offer will include;

Faith Abuse – Indoctrination with fundamentalist beliefs

Gangs and violence – Association with or membership of known gangs

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) – Awareness of cultural views and terminology used

Mental Health – Ongoing awareness of the range of mental health issues facing young people

Private Fostering – Understanding of the safeguarding implication for young people

Radicalisation – Awareness of the signs of vulnerability of particular young people and early stages of grooming in relation to radical and extreme ideas

Sexting – Ongoing awareness of the transmission of sexually explicit and personal images and text

Teenage Domestic Abuse - Awareness of relationship abuse and to recognise pressures and threats

Trafficking- Alert to the signs of children being moved against their will and potentially exploited

Sexual Exploitation – Education of all staff and students to the signs and symptoms of sexual abuse and exploitation

Grooming – Awareness of the variety of ways in which grooming can take place and the necessary responses to it.

Some of the support and interventions we class as a part of our early help offer are:

CAFs (Common Assessment framework)

Team around the Child meetings

Multi-agency meetings

SEN discussions

Academic tutoring

Alternative school provision

Family support intervention

Attendance monitoring and support

PPP parenting support

School nurse access

On site counsellors

Anger management

Housing support

CYPS (Children and Young People Services – mental health)



Links with local GPs

Child Sexual Exploitation screening tools

Good links with social care

Good Links with local police officers

Youth Support

Chelsea's Choice

PREVENT – Channel Meetings

Family Information Service

Families First +

GHLL – Glos Healthy Living and Learning (online pupil Survey)

To access this support students and/or carers need to contact the school and ask to be put through to the relevant person. We have an inclusion co-ordinator who facilitates this role as well as a family support worker and SENCO. We also operate a tutor-based support system where needs can be discussed and then passed on as appropriate.