



*'Learning from Each Other -
Achieving Together'*

Offer of Early Help

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OUR OFFER OF EARLY HELP

“Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child’s life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years”.

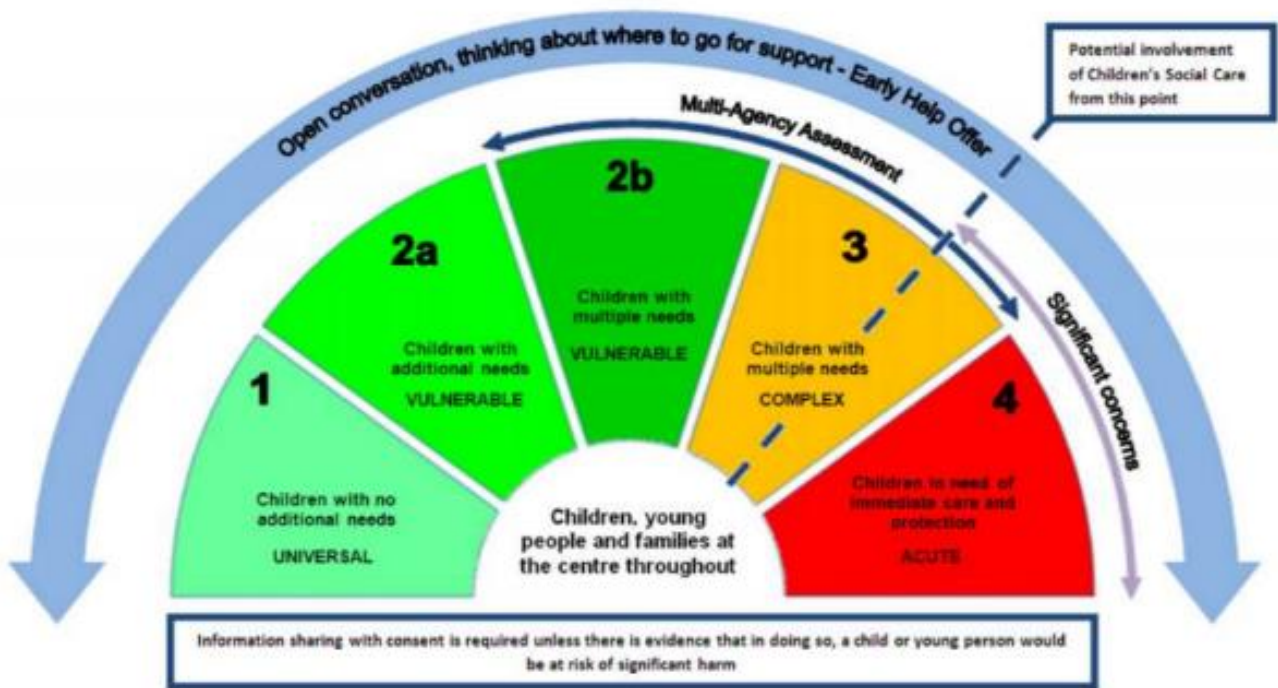
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Early help is important because it ensures, as far as is possible, that vulnerable children and their families receive the help they might need as soon as it is recognised they need it. It aims to pre-empt problems and, where they already exist, to prevent those from escalating to a situation where specialist intervention is required from e.g. social care, health or the youth justice system.

Swindon Village Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare at all levels. We ensure that children who are at risk are identified as soon as possible and that we work with them, their families and any necessary outside agencies to ensure that children are kept safe. Our offer of Early Help is based on two basic principles:

1. Children and their families have different levels of needs at different times and, as a result, of different situations;
2. All needs will be taken into account when considering the type of support that would be appropriate and beneficial and which professionals can offer help.

We believe it is important to offer bespoke care and support to individual children and their families and the following information identifies some of the services that the school can offer or signpost dependent on different levels of need. The information is taken directly from the GSCB website and is not exhaustive. We always seek additional/alternative support as appropriate.

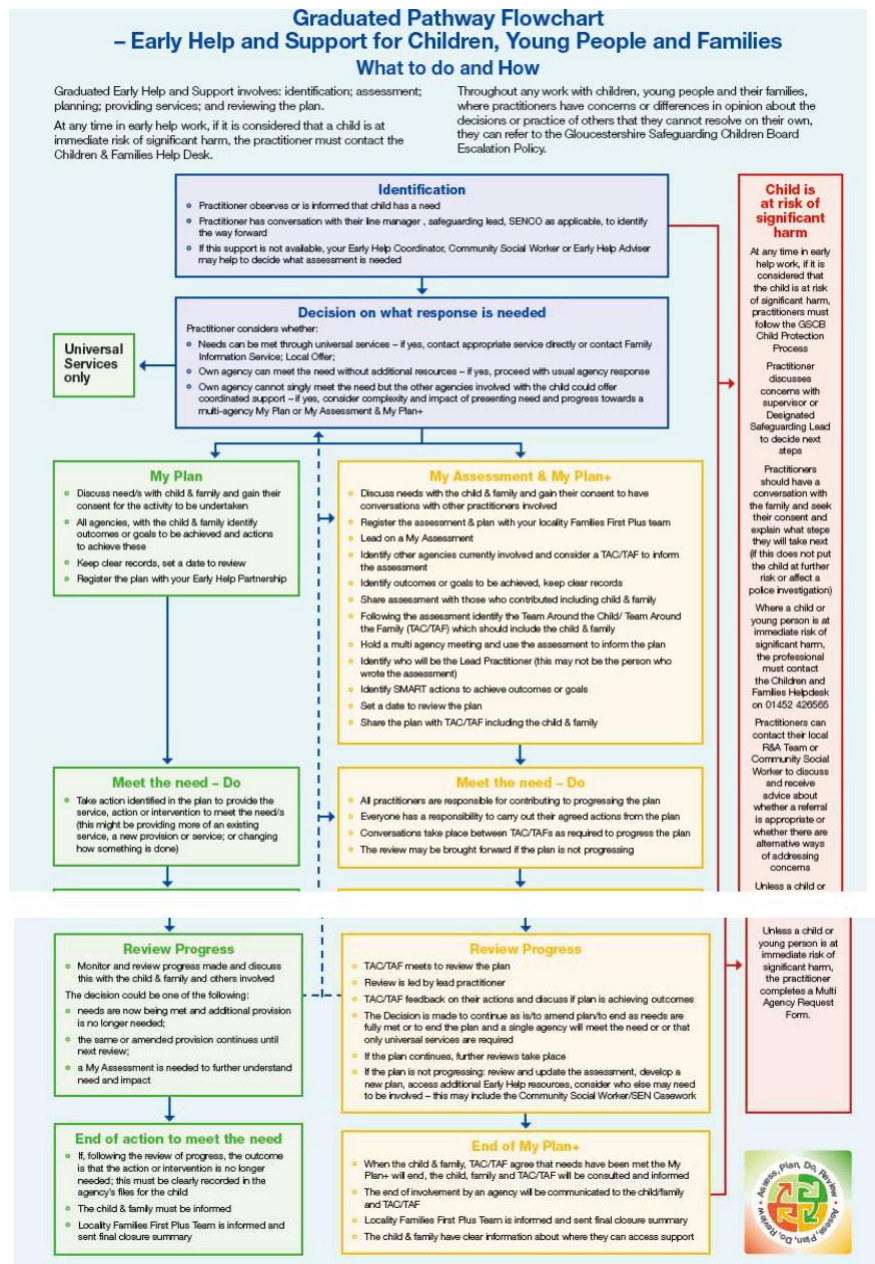


	Child Needs	School Provision	Community Provision	Other Provision
	<p>Children are making good overall progress in all areas of development. Living in a protected environment where their needs are recognised and met. No additional support needed beyond that which is universally accessible.</p>	<p>Swindon Village’s curriculum develops the characteristics that pupils need to develop and thrive as individuals, as part of a family and in the community. The whole child is nurtured through a values led curriculum and particular development of their pastoral needs through our PSHCE Curriculum. At Swindon Village, we use the PINK curriculum as the main basis of our PSHCE curriculum. Our Family Support Advisor is available to meet with parents to support family needs and signpost additional support (on a weekly basis and during monthly coffee mornings). Termly pupil surveys allow all children the opportunity to express any concerns over their happiness and wellbeing. All pupils are able to attend a daily lunchtime to group where play is organised in a calm, adult-supervised space. The school makes referrals to the school nurse whenever appropriate.</p>	<p>www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk have services that are accessible without referral or assessment.</p>	<p>Parentline Plus Citizen’s Advice Bureau www.actionforchildren.org.uk www.nhs.uk/Change4Life www.familylives.org.uk – general help and support for parents</p>

<p>Children needing some additional support which may be related to health, educational or social development. OR A coordinated response through a multiagency assessment using to assess and address their needs.</p>	<p>Our Attendance Officer monitors attendance and lateness. Class teachers monitor pupil's general behaviour, appearance, engagement, attitude and disposition. Concerns referred to DSL, PSA, SENDco, CAF Leader etc... Regular meetings regarding pupils ;weekly Staff Meeting agendas highlight pupil needs. Actions will be set according to outcomes. Children displaying vulnerability (socially and/or emotionally) may be referred to our Learning Mentor for bespoke support. The school has a nurture room and a 'calm down' room for targeted support. The school can offer Build to Express (Lego therapy) and Drawing and Talking therapy for vulnerable children.</p>	<p>CYPS (children and Young People's Services) Speech and Language Therapy Services School Nurse/Health Visitor/GP Cheltenham Targeted Support Team Gloucestershire Children's Safeguarding Board GSCB www.gscb.org.uk Play Therapy Pet Therapy</p>	<p>Cheltenham Borough Housing www.youngminds.org.uk – emotional health and wellbeing www.childline.org.uk www.nhs.uk/Livewell -national measurements www.asthma.org.uk www.anaphylaxis.org.uk www.2gether.nhs.uk –mental health services for children www.cafamily.org.uk -support for families with disabled children</p>
<p>Needs are complex and children are highly vulnerable and living with potential risk. This may lead to an integrated assessment and plan with a lead professional coordinating the support from a range of agencies</p>	<p>DSL will request Social Care involvement through a Multi-Agency Referral Form MARF information (Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences), children in need plans or child protection plans. The school is involved in membership of the core group and attend conferences. SENco represents the child if there are special educational needs with the potential to request an EHC assessment.</p>	<p>As Above Children's Social Care Police (Tel:101) Specialist Health Services Advisory Teaching Service (ATS) Educational Psychology Service (EPS) Cheltenham Community Paediatricians Children's Centres Local schools with additional expertise</p>	<p>As Above www.nspcc.org.uk</p>

	<p>Children are at immediate risk of significant harm. This will require immediate referral to social care or intensive specialist care regarding health</p>	<p>DSL requests social care involvement through the Multi-Agency Referral Form MARF emailed directly to GSCB. DSL coordinates at school level.</p>	<p>As Above GDASS (Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service) Police (999) Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Gloucestershire Children's Helpdesk Emergency Duty Team</p>	<p>As Above www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk – child protection charity www.ncdv.org.uk – National centre for domestic violence www.barnardos.org.uk FGM Helpline 0800 028 3550</p>
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Useful Information - How the Gloucestershire Graduated Pathway is structured.



APPENDIX.3: Click on the Windscreen below for more information

