



Early Help Offer Rushwick Primary School

Here at Rushwick C of E Primary School, we understand just how complicated family life can be. From time to time there may be situations where you need extra help and support.

If things aren't right at home, please come and talk to us. We have what we call an offer of early help. There are many ways in which we can help! Listed below is our school offer;

- Taking the time to listen to children's concerns. We have two THRIVE specialists, Mrs Staples and Mrs Hulls, who are available to chat to pupils when they feel they have a problem they would like to share. Pupils can also ask for help through a "Worry Box" situated at the front of the school. Staff will always feedback to parents after a THRIVE session just to make sure they are kept fully in the loop.
- Taking the time to listen to families. Sometimes, you might need to share information or have a difficult situation you need to make us aware of. We will listen. We have families too!
- We have an effective PSHCE curriculum which supports children and develops key skills not only for school but for life.
- We have a carefully planned induction process for new Reception pupils, involving the class teacher meeting parents and carers and getting to know pupils in their own home before they start school.
 - We have a school nurse linked to Rushwick Primary School. You can speak directly with the [School Nurse Team](#) or we can refer you as a school.
- There are community social workers who we can contact to try to find the right kind of support for you.
- There are a number of support agencies out there who we can access or signpost you to if you are experiencing difficulties at home.

There are also agencies which you can contact independently should you wish to do so, who might be able to help and provide the support for your family.

What is early help and family support?

Worcestershire believes that Early Help is everyone's responsibility. This includes universal services, the voluntary and community sector and specialist services.

The aim of Early Help is, wherever possible, to enable parents, carers and families to raise their children well and safely at home, and avoid family breakdown.

If you are experiencing difficulties in your family or are worried about your children, there are people who can offer help and support. Difficulties could be for example:

- [mental health problems](#)
- [domestic abuse at home](#)
- [drug](#) or [alcohol](#) dependency
- [your child not going to school](#)
- [struggling as a lone parent](#)
- [debt problems](#)
- [housing problems](#)

Here you can find advice and guidance to help support your family. If you need more help than your usual support network, for example your health visitor, child's school, doctor or [Children's Centre](#) the family support process can help.

[Advice and guidance for families](#)

[Early Intervention Family Support \(EIFS\)](#)

[Targeted family support](#)

[Early help guidance for professionals](#)

[Request services from early help family support](#)

[Reducing parental conflict](#)

Are you worried a child might be at risk?

If you are worried about a child you can [make a referral to Children's Social Care](#)

