

Peter 4:10 'God has given you gifts. Use them well to serve one another.'

At the Littletons CE First School we recognise that bringing up children can sometimes be a challenge and that there may be times when you require a little extra help and support. This is even more relevant considering how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted on every aspect of our lives and the lives of our children. Your family might not have needed any additional support before Coronavirus but the effects of the pandemic may have presented many challenges to your family situation so please don't feel that you shouldn't ask for help.

This document will tell you how we can help you and your family but there is also the Early Help offer from Worcestershire Children First which means that you can get very specific support as soon as a problem emerges should you meet the threshold, and we will happily help and support you in making this referral. <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/childrenyoungpeopleandfamilies>

The diagram below shows the range of needs at different levels. We use this graduated approach to make sure we provide the best support for different families' individual situations.



At The Littletons First School, we have a team who meet regularly to discuss any concerns we may have.

### Who is in our team?

**Mr Jones** – Head teacher – Designated Safeguarding Lead  
**Mrs Felton** – SEND Lead  
**Mrs Foxall and Mrs Bushell** – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)  
**Mrs Cath Gittins** – Safeguarding Governor and Chair of the Local Academy Board

And it may also include any of our class teachers

At these meetings we may discuss:

A worrying change in a child's behaviour	Special Educational Needs	Learning
Friendships	Family issues	Additional needs
Any support they receive	General progress	Any safeguarding concern

This allows us to identify any pupils and families that would benefit from Early Help and enables us to help them access the services in school and beyond. We believe that early interventions for children or families, in many cases, will prevent children from experiencing harm.

**At The Littletons CE First School we meet the needs of our children through a variety of ways:**

**Safeguarding**

We care for our children and we will take any concern very seriously to keep your child safe

- All teachers and staff know precisely how to identify and report concerns, via staff training on induction and our regular updates on safeguarding.
- Our attendance team will follow the Missing from Education guidance if a child fails to come to school for a significant length of time and we don't know why.

All our staff have read the Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 document and take their responsibilities very seriously.

**Pupil Voice**

We actively encourage children to speak about any concerns they have to a trusted member of staff. In lessons children are taught to speak openly about their emotions and they know that staff will take all their concerns very seriously. We also give children the opportunities to talk through:

- PSHE/RSE lessons and circle time
- Children's questionnaires which tell us if they feel happy and safe
- E-safety lessons and assemblies which are given to all pupils
- Emotional health and mental well-being sessions (ELSA)

**Attendance**

Mrs Huskisson is the lead on attendance and she liaises with our Education Welfare Officer. Attendance is monitored weekly and follows our attendance policy, we then support pupils and families with attendance below 90%. The aim is to offer help and solutions to any problems.

The school operates a first day response system and we will call you if your child doesn't come to school and you haven't let us know why.

**SEND**

Mrs Felton is our SEND lead and works with children and families with additional needs. She is very skilled and can signpost parents to many different agencies. In addition, all other staff are aware of help we can provide in school.

**Our School Early Help Offer**

<b>Working Together Meetings</b>	Class teachers and Mrs Felton will offer Working Together Meetings with parents which may just be short term, or longer depending on your child's needs. At these meetings we will support you in achieving the goals set for your child.
<b>Pastoral Support</b>	Pastoral Support Plans or Behaviour Plans may run to help your child with mental health and emotional needs.
<b>Mentor Link</b>	School sometimes uses a service called Mentor Link which offers counselling support for children.

<b>Emotional Literacy (ELSA)</b>	We have a trained practitioner in ELSA – Mrs Ponting - who can support children with anxiety, low self-esteem, managing anger and friendships. If you would like to know more please ask Mrs Felton.
<b>CAMHs CAST</b>	We can liaise with this professional body which is a service that sits within Worcestershire CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services). They work directly with young people experiencing or at risk of experiencing mental health difficulties. The service offers consultation, advice, support and training which can be specifically tailored to suit the professional seeking the service.
<b>Operation Encompass</b>	We get notified of any domestic violence incidents that occur to enable us, if necessary, to support our children in school
<b>Online Safety</b>  <b>Please do come and see us if you have any worries about what your child is doing on their devices or if you want advice about how to manage their screen time and online safety.</b>	Online Activity (phones, computers) can be a serious risk to children. The use of technology has become a significant component of many safeguarding issues. With the right support, education and safety measures in place the internet and new technologies can also bring great benefits but we must all be vigilant. PACE (parents against child exploitation) UK is a useful website to engage parents with safety issues. <a href="http://www.paceuk.info/">www.paceuk.info/</a> <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/</a> - This is the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre. It's a one stop shop for most information about online safety. <a href="http://educateagainsthate.com/">http://educateagainsthate.com/</a> - This is the government website to help parents and professionals understand the risks of children and young people being radicalised by extremists online and how to keep children safe from this. <a href="http://www.internetmatters.org">www.internetmatters.org</a> – A great site for helping parents keep their children safe online.

We also liaise with other agencies and people within the local community and we can point you in the direction of further help and support if needed.