



Huntley C of E Primary School

Offer of Early help

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Our Living Values

Thankfulness
Friendship
Creativity
Service
Generosity
Wisdom
Peace
Justice
Forgiveness
Compassion
Truthfulness
Responsibility
Courage
Respect
Perseverance

Swimming Together
Towards Success

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, to live life to the full.

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OFFER OF EARLY HELP

The Early Help Offer is an approach not a service.

Providing early help is more effective in promoting the welfare of children rather than reacting later on. Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges.

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.

The 'Offer' is for all children, as issues may arise at any point in a child or young person's life. It includes both universal and targeted /specialist services, to reduce or prevent concerns from growing or becoming any more serious.

- Help is there when parents, children and young people need it 'nipping problems in the bud'
- Together we will find a way forward that is right for everyone – there is a choice of help and it will be easy to access
- Families are at the centre of everything we do
- There are a number of support agencies that parents/carers can contact independently. Staff can signpost to relevant support.
- Gloucestershire Local Authority have an Offer of Early help with outlines some of the support

Universal support for all children

Huntley offers universal support for all pupils and families. All staff are available in a pastoral capacity if parents have a concerns. Staff may not have the answer but will try to find out the answer or sign-post parents/other professionals in the right direction. (01452 830510)

Relationships and Health Curriculum

There is a strong relationships and health curriculum which is delivered at an age appropriate level throughout the school. Coverage includes areas of emotional and physical wellbeing, protective behaviours lessons, dealing with change, developing resilience and healthy eating. In addition to the taught curriculum we have a number of outside agencies involved including the NSPCC.

Young Minds Matters

We are a 'young minds matter' school and have support for low level mental health needs. They work closely with the school to help support the early intervention to support low level issues.

Gloucestershire Family Information Service (FIS)

www.gloshfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

[Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, Uk GL1 2TP](#) ·

[0800 542 0202](tel:08005420202)

Gloucestershire Family Information Service (FIS) advisors give impartial information on childcare, finances, parenting and education. FIS are a useful source of information for parents and professionals.

For the most up to date and comprehensive information please check the [Glofamiliedirectory](http://www.glofamiliedirectory.org.uk) website first:

Link to the website [Glofamiliedirectory](http://www.glofamiliedirectory.org.uk)
www.glofamiliedirectory.org.uk

Targeted support

Forest Families First Plus Team

This is a network of Early Help co-ordinators and community support workers who work alongside other professionals. With parental consent, we are able to make a referral for support to this team. They will meet and decide who will be best placed to meet the required needs.

Gloucestershire safeguarding children partnership (GSCP)

Important information for parents and professionals across Gloucestershire in relation to keeping children safe and includes support such as early help options.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp>

School Nurse

All schools have links to a school nurse. We are able to give you contact details and advice about the services they provide.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=56518&p=0

Radicalisation

‘‘Radicalisation’’ refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism. Extremism can take several forms, including Islamist extremism, far-right and animal rights. Staff have been trained in line with the new Prevent Duty (2014)

Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321

Preventing Radicalisation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance>

E-safety

Technology is constantly changing as is how we keep people safe whilst still enjoying the many benefits of using the internet. Staff undergo regular e-safety training every two

years. We also hold a parent meeting at this time to keep parents informed. We use outside experts to deliver this and train our staff. Lessons are delivered to children on a yearly basis with ongoing reminders and discussions. The CEOP website offers some really useful [guidance http://thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://thinkyouknow.co.uk) <http://www.childnet.com/resources/>

There is also guidance and practical advice on the NSPCC website: NSPCC.org.uk

PACE (parents against child exploitation) UK is a useful website to engage parents with e-safety issues. www.paceuk.info/

Sexting www.ceop.police.uk

Drug/alcohol concerns

InfoBuzz provides individual targeted support around drugs & emotional health issues, development of personal & social skills, and information & support around substance misuse.

www.infobuzz.co.uk/:

Gloucestershire Drugs and Alcohol Support www.gdas.co.uk

Mental health

If a child needs support we will signpost to the most relevant service. This may be medical support, advisory support or a counselling service. For children/young people/adults with existing mental health difficulties concerns should be discussed with the existing medical professionals (consultant psychiatrists). In an emergency call 999 or 111.

YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. It has some really useful information and support. www.youngminds.org.uk

www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk is a newly launched website by Gloucestershire as part of the Future in Mind Programme. This website is good for young people, parents and professionals in terms of help with mental health issues and where to go for help. This is a support finder website.

Domestic Abuse

Support for parents/carers who are affected by domestic abuse or know someone that is, can be accessed as follows:

Call the Police (999 in an emergency or 101 for a non-emergency situation.)

National Domestic Violence Helpline – 0808 2000 247

Contact GDASS – Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service- on 0845 602 9035.

GDASS can help you:

- And your child stay safe in your own home.
- Access specialist legal advice
- With other agencies (e.g. housing and benefits)
- Find a place of safety if you cannot stay at home or can help you move on

Child sexual exploitation

CSE screening tool (can be located on the GSCB website

www.gscb.org.uk/article/113294/Gloucestershire-procedures-and-protocols)

This should be completed if CSE suspected. Clear information about Warning signs, the screening tool and Gloucestershire's multi-agency protocol for safeguarding children at risk of CSE are at www.gscb.org. Referrals should be made to Gloucestershire social care and the Gloucestershire Police.

Gloucestershire Police CSE Team:

The CSE team sits within the Public Protection Bureau

Single agency team (Police) 01242 276846

All referrals to go to the Central Referral Unit 01242 247999

Further information: National Working Group (Network tackling Child Sexual Exploitation)

www.nationalworkinggroup.org and PACE UK (Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation)

www.paceuk.info

Trafficking <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-who-may-have-been-trafficked-practice-guidance>

Gender-based Violence/Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/violence-against-women-and-girls>

Teenage Relationship Abuse

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/this-is-abuse-campaign>

Honour Based Violence

The police have made a high priority to help communities tackle this and hate crime. Honour Network Helpline 0800 5999247

Faith abuse

www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-action-plan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief

This is the link to the DfE document '**National action plan to tackle child abuse linked to faith or belief.**'

Judith Knight; Diocese of Gloucester Head of Safeguarding/faith abuse contact: jknight@glosdioc.org.uk. For other faith groups contact Jane Bee (GCC LADO).

Carers Gloucestershire

carersgloucestershire.org.uk

Private fostering/Looked after children

We work with the virtual school to support all children and families. We are involved in the regular PEP reviews.

A private arrangement between a child's parent and the foster parents. Children are privately fostered if they live with someone for 28 days or more, or are placed with the intention that they will stay for 28 days or more.

Private fostering applies to children under 16 years of age (or 18 if they are disabled) and doesn't include arrangements made between close relatives. A close relative is an aunt, uncle, step-parent, grandparent or sibling, but not a cousin, great aunt/uncle or a family friend.

The law requires the private foster carer to notify the Local Authority of the agreement at least 6 weeks before the arrangement or within 48 hours of the child's arrival if it is an emergency placement. If our school becomes aware of a private fostering arrangement, we will contact the **Children and Families Helpdesk (01452 426565)** to ensure that the LA have been notified.

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/privatefostering>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-private-fostering>

Bereavement

We provide a safe, supportive environment for the children. We will refer to a school nurse, 'Families First' or CAMHS (Children and adolescence mental health services) if needed. Winston's Wish – www.winstonswish.org.uk are a charity offering support for bereaved children.

Female Genital Mutation (FGM)

Staff have been trained to recognise signs of FGM. Safeguarding procedures will be followed if a child is deemed to be at risk.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/female-genital-mutilation> NHS information and signs of FGM. Any suspicion of FGM should be referred to the Police and social care.

Gangs and Youth Violence

Contact the Avenger Task Force at Gloucestershire Constabulary.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418131/Preventing_youth_violence_and_gang_involvement_v3_March2015.pdf

Forced Marriage

UK Forced Marriage Unit fm@fco.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7008 0151 Call 999 (police) in an emergency.

www.gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage for information on Forced Marriage.

Housing advice and support

www.shelter.org.uk/Housing-Advice- Forest of Dean District Council Housing Association can offer support with housing issues. www.fdean.gov.uk