

# EARLY HELP



We want all children at Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School and Nursery to enjoy a happy, safe and healthy childhood and be able to reach their full potential. Sometimes a child or family might need extra support, and we want to find the best way forward for everyone as quickly as possible. **EARLY HELP** means taking action to support a child, young person or their family as soon as a problem emerges. It can be required at any stage in a child's life, from pre-birth to adulthood, and applies to any problem or need that the family can't deal with alone.

Our Early Help offer at SAF is extensive and it is to enable everyone to work together to put your family at the heart of decisions made about your child.

## What is an Early Help Assessment?

An Early Help Assessment is a way of working with children and young people. It involves listening to you and your child to find out your child's needs and what is working well in your child's life and your family life. This is reviewed and if needed sent into Strengthening Families to see if an allocated worker is needed to support you in the home. This is a voluntary process.

## How does it work?

With agreement, a family support worker from school will ask you and your child some questions to find out what help and support your child might need. This information is recorded on a simple form and you, and your child will agree to what is on the form. Older children may wish to discuss their situation with the adult in school on their own.

## How will the Early Help Assessment help my family?

The Early Help Assessment exists to help you support your child. It can lead to a quick solution or help to identify extra support if needed. The EHA will ensure that everyone involved in your child – such as teachers and health visitors – work together to support your child. The EHA will help your child receive the right support at an early stage before their needs increase.

## What happens next?

Based on the information you and your child provide all those that can help your child will work together to provide the support that your child and family needs. The information that you and your family provide will only be shared with the people who need to know and only with your agreement.

Early Help Workers can support you with the following:

- Parenting
- Employment
- Money worries
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Opening doors and providing access to other services that can support
- Acting as part of the pathway towards a BEEU referral.

What do Sir Alexander Fleming offer as Early Help?

# Early Help Offer

AT SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH...

**AN EXPERIENCED AND DEDICATED INCLUSION TEAM**

**LITTLE FLEDGLINGS TODDLER GROUP**

**COFFEE AND A CHAT**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

**WASHING MACHINE & TUMBLE DRIER**

**1:1 HOW TO PLAY SESSIONS**

**ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**PARENTING WORKSHOPS**

**HOUSING ADVICE**

**MONEY HELP**

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

**TRAINERS, SHOES, COATS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL**

**ALDI FOOD COLLECTIONS**

**PRE-LOVED UNIFORM COLLECTIONS**

**ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE**

**FOOD PARCELS**

**SIGNPOSTING TO OTHER AGENCIES**

**SUPPORT WITH FAMILY ROUTINES AND BOUNDARIES**

**A LISTENING EAR**

**EARLY HELP ASSESSMENT**



If you feel that your child or family would benefit from an Early Help Assessment or from any Early Help support then please speak to the pastoral / inclusion team in school – Mrs Adams, Miss Hullin or Mrs Tomlinson.