



Pinxton Village Academies

EARLY HELP OFFER

Early help means providing support to our children and families at Pinxton Village Academies as soon as it is needed, at any point in a child's life. We recognise the importance of supporting families to ensure that children are being given the best opportunity to develop fully in their childhood. All families are thrown a range of challenges to overcome and there are a range of matching services that can offer support with issues big or small. If things are not right at home, please come and talk to us.

We can help in many ways.

At Pinxton Village Academies, we pride ourselves in knowing the children well: we are alert to the welfare of our children and are vigilant regarding any situation in which we can provide support.

We have a number of systems in place to help and we seek at all times to work in collaboration with families, with openness, integrity and understanding and with the needs of the child at the centre of all we do.

Early Help is everyone's responsibility. You can speak with any member of the school team who would be happy to work with you or pass your concerns on to one of our Early Help team (during term time).

Early Help is vital because there is clear evidence that it results in better outcomes for children.

Our Early Help Team are:

- Mrs Rachel Barnes, Family Support Worker and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- Mrs Ball, Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) - based at Kirkstead
- Mrs Clarke, SENDCO
- Miss Knighton, Assistant Headteacher and DSL
- Miss Bentley, Assistant Headteacher and DSL

Our Headteacher, Mr Butterworth, maintains a strategic overview of all Safeguarding and Early Help.

1. Support for all children and families

We have an 'open door' policy to communicate, providing time to talk to all parents, carers, children and families, to ensure that all children are safe, happy and learning. We are available to talk via telephone and face-to-face, working with our families (e.g. through structured conversations, Parents Evening meetings and daily availability).

Our children are actively encouraged to speak about any concerns they have to a member of staff. They know that our staff take all their concerns seriously and they know that they can speak to any adult in school. The Children's Voice is also represented by our School Council, who meet with Miss Doncaster.

Our RSHE (including PSHE) curriculum supports children and develops key skills, not only for school, but for life.

2. Support for all children and families

We can work more closely with families and children who need some extra support.

INCLUSION

Mrs Clarke is our SENDCO and, with all staff, identifies children who have more specific and individual needs.

Interventions/personalised programmes may be used for educations, social, physical and emotional needs.

SEND funding pathways and target setting may be implemented. Parents/carers are always fully involved.

A different approach in school may be used following a bespoke plan.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Mrs Rachel Barnes is our Family Support Worker. She can speak to you about any support you might need for children and families.

We can refer to other agencies to provide support. Mrs Barnes might complete an Early Help Assessment with you to help decide the support that would be best.

Mrs Barnes has an area on our school website with information that will help and useful contacts. She has a direct dial number: 07710025255

Attendance is an essential part of Early Help - supporting parents/carers to ensure their children have good attendance and punctuality.

Mrs Barnes can also provide advice about:

- Toileting
- Routines
- Health eating
- Behaviour

SUPPORT AGENCIES WE CAN LINK WITH:

- School Health
- Educational Psychology
- Local Police Community Support Officers
- Health Visitor Team
- DIASS (Derbyshire Information Advisory and Support Service)
- Talking Mental Health
- Speech Therapists
- Autism Outreach
- South Normanton Food Bank

We can also link with any of the other services detailed in the Bolsover Community Update which is a document detailing other services (updated and circulated monthly). The most recent version can be found here:

<https://www.pvacademies.co.uk/early-help-for-families/>

3. Beyond Early Help

We can seek further support to best support children and families.

If the support we can offer and source for you just isn't enough, then we can request further support and intervention.

If your family experiences a crisis, or a safeguarding emergency referral is made, then a social worker may become involved. We will continue to support children and families. One of our Safeguarding Team (which includes Mrs Barnes) will attend meetings and provide reports.

The following members of staff are trained **DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS**:
Mr Butterworth
Miss Dickson
Mrs Barnes
Miss Knighton
Miss Bentley

USEFUL CONTACTS:

If you think a child is at risk of harm always phone CALL DERBYSHIRE: 01629 533190

- ❖ Domestic abuse support and information services in Derbyshire: 0800 019 8668
- ❖ DIASS - Derbyshire Information Advice & Support Service for S E N D: 01629 533668
- ❖ School Nurse and Health Visiting Team: 01246 515100
- ❖ Citizen's Advice Bureau: 0300 456 8390
- ❖ Derbyshire Recovery Partnership (alcohol / drugs): 0845 308 4010
- ❖ Talking Mental Health Derbyshire: 0300 123 0542
- ❖ P3 Derbyshire Homelessness Service: 0115 972 9874
- ❖ ChatHealth (advice and support from a healthcare professional): Text 07507 327754

If you have any questions please contact us:

- Mr Butterworth, Acting Headteacher and Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- Mrs Barnes, Family Support Worker and DSL
- Miss Bentley, Deputy Headteacher and DSL
- Miss Knighton, Assistant Headteacher and DSL
- Miss Bentley, Assistant Headteacher and DSL
- Mrs Clarke, SENCO

01773 303420 (term time only) or

safeguarding@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk (all year)