



Early Help Offer

What is Early Help?

At Reedham Primary and Nursery School, we recognise that sometimes family life can be complicated. You may have times when you need extra help and support. Early Help is about getting you and your family the right help at the right time. Talking to us when you have a worry that is affecting your child is an important first step.

What can I talk to the school about?

A wide range of issues such as concerns about attendance, behaviour, housing, bereavement, financial worries, mental health - in fact, any concerns you have that might be having a negative impact on your child. Sometimes, we might suggest Early Help. For example, if we want to support you with attendance.

What support does the school offer?

We can offer advice on a range of concerns and signpost you to other services for help and support. In school, we can offer clubs such as breakfast and after school, bespoke interventions - this might be one of our parent groups. We can support with mental health referrals to the Cambridgeshire Mental Health Service Team, Nelson's Journey, and NIDAS.

Who do I speak to in school?

You can speak to any member of staff. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Miss Beth Spaul, Mrs Hannah Waters and Mrs Claire Wren. Our CIC Designated Teacher is Miss Beth Spaul.

Working together?

Sometimes we might work together to agree a plan. This will involve a meeting where we listen to what your needs are, your strengths, views and goals. We use this information to agree what actions need to happen to support you and your family. We will write this down and always share this with you. We will review this together to check the plan is working and make changes together.

Useful contacts in the local area?

Call the Early Help Team on 01603 223161.

The Early Help website can be found here for further information [Early Help-Norfolk County Council](#) Alternatively, Contact our SENDco Mrs Hannah Waters and she can support your family with a referral to the School Nurse Team.

What other support is available?

Sometimes, we might need to share a plan with other professionals, such as the Early Help Team in Norfolk. They might feel you would benefit from some extra support such as a Family Support Worker. We also work collaboratively with other agencies such as CADs. We will always talk to you before referring to other agencies and ask for consent.



How do we support you and your child to improve attendance?

Universal Support

- Attendance Policy
- Whole school approach to wellbeing
- Wraparound care
- Daily meet and greet from staff
- Wellbeing display boards with resources and useful information for parents
- Termly pupil wellbeing surveys
- Termly parent meetings

Targeted Support

- Meeting with Academy Head to identify additional support required.
- Soft starts
- Weekly pupil drop ins with Mental Health Lead - referral to MHST
- Discussion with SENDco about possible additional needs
- School nursing referral
- Emotionally based avoidance planning

Specialist Support

- Referrals to external agencies such as CAMHs referrals through GP
- Pastoral interventions with ELSA
- EHAP (EARLY HELP ASSESSMENT PLAN)
- Referral to Early Help