



Hagley Catholic High School

‘Called as God’s family, we strive to achieve our personal best, by living and learning in Christ’

Supporting Families

We understand that from time-to-time family life can have its difficulties. At these times You may need some extra help and support in order to help you and your family we have our own Early Help Offer.

Early Help means providing support as soon as a problem appears, to prevent it from getting worse.

This could be at any point in a child's life, from birth to the teenage years.

What sort of Concerns might you share?

These might include but are not limited to:

- Behaviour
- Attendance
- Financial worries and debt
- Domestic abuse
- Bereavement and loss
- Cyber Bullying
- Mental Health

We will support you as a family in every way that we can. This might be through:

Key interventions such sessions with our Art therapist, Wellbeing and emotional support practitioner, or referral to our Educational Psychologist. Time with our Mental Health First Aiders or reasonable adjustments in school

Support and guidance to find the right outside agencies and support with administration to access services

Completing a local authority Early Help assessment with you

Liaison with the relevant experts in school (attendance, behaviour etc)

National Online Safety - Parents can sign up to this fantastic resource which we also use regularly in school. All schools within Emmaus have been provided with this opportunity to support online safety of our children.





How will our safeguarding procedures be effective in supporting our families?

At Hagley Catholic High School, we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead and safeguarding deputies. All our staff are trained to identify and report safeguarding concerns. Where concerns are raised, we will follow the reporting procedures. Our team works and supports our families to work with all relevant agencies to reduce and remove identified risks.

How will our children learn to keep themselves safe?

Our curriculum provision and additional work from outside agencies, including charities and the police, support our students in learning how to keep themselves safe.

- The Early Help Team
- School Nurse
- Art therapist
- Wellbeing and Emotional Support Practitioner (ACT ON IT)
- Early Intervention Family Support
- Educational Psychologist
- Autism outreach Team
- Support from local police officer – PCSO David Foden
- PSHE / RSE curriculum
- Assemblies
- SENDIAS
- CAMHS
- Barnardo’s
- Action for children
- Craunston
- Here for Youth

For further information please contact:

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Useful Agencies	Description
• Childrens Front Door: 0300 555 0050 (or 0300 555 8574 for the out of hours Emergency Duty Team). • Worcestershire Family Front Door: 01905 822666 In emergencies 01905 768020 • Birmingham Children’s Trust (CASS): Telephone: 0121 303 1888 Emergency out-of-hours Telephone: 0121 675 4806 • Sandwell Children’s Trust: Telephone 0121 569 3100	If a staff member, parent/carer or member of the public thinks a child or young person is at immediate risk of significant harm contact Children’s Services Team by completing a Request for Help and Support Form or by calling the number next to relevant area. If there is a concern that a child is immediately at risk, call the Police on 999.
Safeguarding People Partnership websites	Dudley: Professionals working with Children – (dudleysafeguarding.org.uk) Worcestershire: About Us - Worcestershire Safeguarding Boards (safeguardingworcestershires.org.uk) Birmingham: Home - Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership (lscpbirmingham.org.uk) Sandwell: Home - Sandwell CSP The above has important information for parents/carers and professionals in relation to keeping children safe and avenues of support including early help options. Everyone should know how to access these websites which have all the agreed safeguarding and child protection processes on them.





Online Safety

Online Activity (phones, computers) can be a serious risk to children: The use of technology has become a significant component of many safeguarding issues. Child sexual exploitation; radicalisation; sexual predation – technology often provides the platform that facilitates harm. 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. [Ivison Trust](#)

[CEOP Education](#) This is the Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre. It’s a one stop shop for most information about online safety to help children, parents and professionals understand the risks of children and young people being radicalised by extremists online and how to keep children safe from this.

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#) A great site for helping parents keep their children safe online.





Mental Health and wellbeing	Papyrus is a charity that is dedicated to the prevention of young suicide and the promotion of positive mental health and wellbeing, resources online for young people and parents and carers Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention Prevention of Young Suicide (papyrus-uk.org) They have a HOPELINE247 which is a confidential support and advice service for children and young people under the age of 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide or anyone concerned that a young person could be thinking about suicide. Call 0800 068 41 41 Text 88247 Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org Sane Home - SANE is a website giving information, support and self-help advice for a range of mental health/ emotional and wellbeing issues. Rethink Rethink Mental Illness factsheet giving information, support and self-help advice for a range of mental health/emotional wellbeing issues Young minds is a website giving support and self help advice. Resources for parents and carers on how to start conversations with children about mental health and wellbeing. YoungMinds Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People YoungMinds Kooth Free safe and anonymous online support for young people Home - Kooth
Children with disabilities support Supporting children with learning or physical disabilities, special educational needs or autism to live independent, happy and fulfilling lives.	Dudley Children with disabilities Dudley Council Worcestershire Social care support for children with disabilities Worcestershire County Council Sandwell Family Information Service Hub Children With Disabilities Team (sandwell.gov.uk) Birmingham Children with Disabilities Service – including short breaks and the Local Offer Birmingham Children's Trust (birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk)





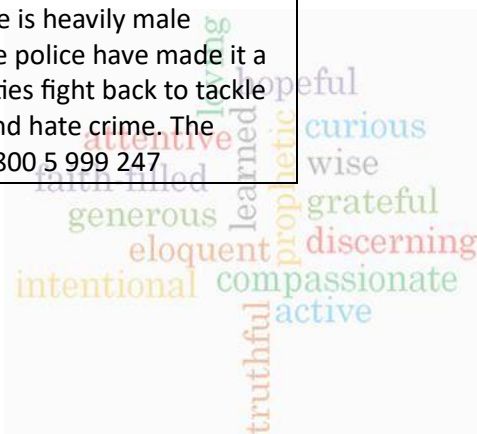
Useful Agencies	Description
Child Criminal Exploitation (Including county Lines)	Here is some guidance for frontline professionals on dealing with county lines, part of the government’s approach to ending gang violence and exploitation: Criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: county lines - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Children who are trafficked, exploited or coerced into committing crimes are victims in need of safeguarding and support. Though perceptions are altering these young people are still often criminalised and perceived as having ‘made a choice’ to take part in illegal activity. Child exploitation Catch22 (catch22.org.uk)
Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	West Midlands Safeguarding Children Procedures has a page dedicated to Child Sexual Exploitation. It provides information about child sexual exploitation, the roles and responsibilities of relevant agencies and the procedures practitioners should follow to ensure the safety and well-being of children and young people whom it is suspected have been sexually exploited or are at risk of sexual exploitation. West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership (westmidlands-vrp.org) Key facts about CSE • It affects both girls and boys and can happen in all communities. • Any young person can be targeted but there are some particularly vulnerable groups: Looked After Children, Children Leaving Care and Children with Disabilities. • Victims of CSE may also be trafficked (locally, nationally and internationally). • Over 70% of adults involved in prostitution were sexually exploited as children or teenagers. • Sexual violence or abuse against children represents a major public health and social welfare problem within UK society, affecting 16% of children under 16. That is approximately 2 million children.





Domestic Violence support	Services from Home - Black Country Womens Aid Charity supporting men who have suffered domestic abuse : ManKind Initiative - Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Abuse
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	Parenting and Family Support - Family Lives (Parentline Plus)
Fabricated and Induced Illness (FII)	Fabricated or induced illness (FII) is a rare form of child abuse. It occurs when a parent or carer , exaggerates or deliberately causes symptoms of illness in the child Overview - Fabricated or induced illness - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
Honour based violence (HBV)	Honour’ based violence (HBV) occurs when perpetrators believe a relative or other individual has shamed or damaged a family’s or community’s ‘honour’ or reputation (known in some communities as izzat), and that the only way to redeem the damaged ‘honour’ is to punish and/or kill the individual. ‘Honour’ based violence is a term that is widely used to describe this sort of abuse however it is often referred to as so called ‘honour’ based violence because the concept of ‘honour’ is used by perpetrators to make excuses for their abuse. There is a very strong link between ‘honour’ based violence, forced marriage and domestic abuse. The term ‘Honour Based Violence’ is the internationally recognised term describing cultural justifications for violence and abuse. Honour Based Violence cuts across all cultures and communities: Turkish, Kurdish, Afghani, South Asian, African, Middle Eastern, South and Eastern European for example. This is not an exhaustive list. Where a culture is heavily male dominated, HBV may exist. The police have made it a high priority to help communities fight back to tackle both honour based violence and hate crime. The ‘Honour Network Help line’: 0800 5 999 247





Female genital mutilation (FGM)	Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal or the external female genitalia. FGM is illegal in the UK and as of October 2015 mandatory reporting commenced. If education staff or other professionals discovers that an act FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl under 18 years old there is a statutory (legal) duty on teachers for them PERSONALLY to report it to the police. Female genital mutilation (FGM) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
Forced marriage	UK Forced Marriage Unit fmw@fco.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7008 0151 Call 999 (police) in an emergency Forced marriage - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) for information on Forced Marriage. Visit Home Office website to undertake Forced Marriage e-learning package Forced marriage - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) The Freedom Charity (UK charity) have a helpline, text facility and app which can be downloaded to help to provide support and protection for victims of abuse, FGM or forced marriage. They can be contacted on tel: 0845 607 0133 or text 4freedom to 88802 or go to the website to download the app from the app page. Home - Freedom Charity





Preventing Radicalisation and Extremism/Hate (PREVENT duty)	Educate Against Hate - Prevent Radicalisation & Extremism is the government website providing information and practical advice for parents, teachers and schools leaders on protecting children from radicalisation and extremism. Anti-Terrorist Hotline: tel 0800 789 321 also be raised by email to the Home Office: counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk Let’s talk about it is an excellent website for parents: ACT Early Prevent radicalisation While it remains very rare for school age children to become involved in extremist activity to the point of committing criminal acts, young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views, including via the internet, from an early age. As with other forms of criminality or risk of harm, early intervention is always preferable. Schools, working with other local partners, families and communities, can help support pupils who may be vulnerable as part of wider safeguarding responsibilities. Channel guidance Channel and Prevent Multi-Agency Panel (PMAP) guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Sexting/Sextortion/youth produced imagery	Young people’s experiences of online sexual extortion or ‘sextortion’ NSPCC Learning (NSPCC Website)
Children who are young carers	Support and information from Barnardo’s Young carers Barnardo's (barnardos.org.uk) The children’s society Facts About Young Carers The Children’s Society (childrenssociety.org.uk) Birmingham Young carers Birmingham City Council Dudley Young Carers Dudley Council Worcestershire Young Carers Worcestershire Association of Carers (carersworcs.org.uk) Sandwell Home (sandwellyc.com)





Children with family members in prison	Approximately 200,000 children have a parent sent to prison each year. These children are at risk of poor outcomes including poverty, stigma, isolation and poor mental health. NICCO NICCO Barnardo’s support Children with a parent or relative in prison Barnardo's (barnardos.org.uk) Starting well partnership Worcestershire Supporting families affected by parental imprisonment Starting Well (startingwellworcs.nhs.uk)
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