



SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

At Bengeworth, we live out a promise to continually learn, improve our world and better ourselves by applying Christian values through our actions each and every day. Our values guide our choices as we learn and prepare us for the journey beyond our school, into our future.

At Bengeworth, our intent is to **develop aspirational, confident learners and leaders of the future who have a deep understanding of the world around them and the impact they can have on it.**

At Bengeworth CE Academy we recognise the challenges that families face in bringing up children. We endeavour to create a school ethos that promotes trust between parents/carers and school, as well as between all adults and children, so that everyone knows who they are able to talk to if they have any concerns or worries. There may be times when you need extra help and support. If this is the case, please come and talk to us. Providing early help to our pupils and families at Bengeworth means we are more effective in promoting support as soon as we can which can be at any point in a child's life, from early years all the way through to teenage years.

There are many ways in which we can help as outlined in this offer of Early Help. We can also help to plan specific support for families in many forms where we can work together to set out the ways the school and other agencies and you as a parent can work together to achieve the best for your child and family. In order to support in the right way, we work with you to identify what are you worried about, what is working well and what needs to happen. The information you share with us we will use to form a 'family plan' which will help us to identify which other agencies and professionals will be able to support you and your child appropriately.

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EARLY HELP TEAM AT BENGEWORTH

			
Kirsty Shaw Head of School Burford Road setting Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Hayley Potter Headteacher King's Road setting Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Natalie Snowdon Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Jane Wadmore Family Support Professional Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
			
Elizabeth Lane Bengeworth SENCo Year 2 Class Teacher	Rachel Seneque Bengeworth MAT Director of Inclusion and Provision	Katy Roleston Culture and Ethos Lead Year 5 class teacher	Monika Slowinska EAL Support Professional
			
Sarah Martin Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) Year 4 Support Professional	Caroline Morgan Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) Year 5 Support Professional	Emma Gallot Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) Year 2 Support Professional	Louise Townsin Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)
	<p>If you are experiencing any challenges or issues affecting family life, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to provide support and advice.</p>		
Kevin Mackleworth Educational Psychologist			

OUR EARLY HELP OFFER

Early Help is a pathway to supporting your child and you as they grow up when you, or they, may need further support or guidance.

Early Help can support children and their families who may be struggling with:

- Routines and family rules
- Families who may be not be eating healthy food
- Keeping to a healthy lifestyle
- Children who are caring for a family member
- Children who may not want to go to school for different reasons
- Disability within the family
- Children in the family have special educational needs (SEND)
- Children who may becoming involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour
- Children who go missing from home
- Children or parents / carers misusing drugs or alcohol
- Children at risk of being tricked, forced, or made to work in the criminal world
- Children who may need support because they may live in a home and see drug or alcohol abuse or adult mental health problems.
- Children who have parents who argue a lot (and sometimes might hurt each other) whether the parents live together or apart.
- Children at risk of being groomed to join groups which support illegal views
- A privately fostered child (a child from another family living within your family home)
- Families who may be need support with finances

Anyone can provide early help – you don't need to be an expert or professional. Early help is not about passing on the issue to an expert, but is about finding the best support at the right time in order for a child, and family, to thrive. The coordinated Bengeworth offer of Early Help is outlined in the table below. In addition, Bengeworth CE Academy may also sometimes support you to contact other support agencies when additional help is identified to support children, young people, or families or to prevent harm and this information is also available below.

At Bengeworth CE Academy we meet the needs of our children through a variety of ways:

BENGEWORTH'S EARLY HELP OFFER	
Designated Safeguarding Lead and team	Our Safeguarding team works closely together to ensure best possible safeguarding practices are in place. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Kirsty Shaw) is non-teaching and therefore able to offer immediate support as needed, supported by 2 highly trained deputies (Mrs Hayley Potter and Mrs Jane Wadmore) who are able to support in the DSL's absence. Staff are trained to share any emerging concerns with the DSL who will put a plan in place, or seek further advice, to support the child or family as needed.
Family Support Professional	Mrs Jane Wadmore is our school Family Support Professional. She can provide face-to-face support for families, including signposting to

	<p>relevant resources to support families, including support for routines, finances, behaviour, housing and much more.</p> <p>Parents and carers can contact Mrs Wadmore, who is available every afternoon at our Burford Road setting, directly through the email familysupport@bengeworth.worcs.sch.uk or by completing an online referral form via the website on the tab: Parent Information – Family Support – Family Support Referral Form.</p>
Pupil Voice	<p>We regularly conduct children’s questionnaires to ascertain if they feel happy and safe. Our Pupil Parliament, including our Mental Health Ambassadors and Digital Leaders, have a big role in making sure the pupil voice makes a difference to decisions made at school and all pupils leaders meet fortnightly as a whole group. All staff are trained in promoting self-esteem and confidence and the school holds the Gold Carnegie Mental Health Award.</p>
Attendance	<p>Attending school on time each and every school day is very important. Mrs Roleston, our Culture and Ethos Lead, will help support families where children are struggling with attendance or arriving on time. Advice and support can be found on our website here.</p>
Behaviour For Learning	<p>At Bengeworth, we always seek to recognise children for the good choices they make each and every day, with children rewarded with house points, values’ marbles, stickers and certificates when they display positive choices. We have taken a relationship-based restorative justice approach towards behaviour, enabling children to reflect on any inappropriate choices they may make and to consider the impact of their behaviour on others around them. Parents and carers are well informed, involved and given guidance as needed to support them in encouraging positive behaviour. Our Behaviour Policy is available on our website or by clicking here.</p> <p>All children are encouraged to demonstrate the six values of respect, responsibility, perseverance, friendship, forgiveness and trust; these are publicly recognised and celebrated through the awarding of marbles when a value is demonstrated, as well as through peer-nominated ‘Values Champions’ who are awarded medals half termly for consistently demonstrating all values.</p>
Inclusion Lead and SENCo	<p>Mrs Rachel Seneque is our Inclusion Lead and holds an SLE for Inclusion, the national SENCo award, is Mental Health First Aid trained and holds a Level 5 TISUK qualification. Miss Elizabeth Lane is the school’s SENCo who also holds the national SENCo award and is Mental Health First Aid trained. Both Mrs Seneque and Miss Lane oversee the support and provision of all groups of pupils to ensure they are making their best possible progress and meet their full potential. They are able to offer support and guidance to parents and carers via email or telephone and can refer to specialist agencies if a particular need is identified.</p> <p>The school holds Inclusion Quality Mark ‘Flagship’ status. Further information on our website can be found here.</p>
Educational Psychologist	<p>Mr Kevin Mackelworth is an independent Educational Psychologist who supports children, parents/carers and the school both in school and remotely. He works with children using his knowledge of child development to assess difficulties they may be having with learning, as well as engaging adults in collaborative discussions about how to</p>

	remove barriers to learning and develop strategies to support the inclusion of pupils with additional needs within lessons.
EAL support	Mrs Monika Slowinska is our Polish speaking support professional who supports children with English as an additional language through targeted and individualised programmes for EAL children from Reception to Year 5. In addition, she holds an informal drop-in session for parents and carers every Monday morning from 8.45am to 9.15am at our Burford Road setting.
Speech and Language	Katy Essex supports children who are on the NHS caseload for Speech and Language therapy interventions through direct work, liaison with parents and provision of resources. She works alongside Miss Claire Floisand and Mrs Melanie Judge, our Speech and Language trained support professionals.
Parenting Groups and Parental Learning	As a school, we work with South Worcestershire Parenting Group and Family Learning to offer a range of online parenting courses to our community, including the Solihull Approach, Triple P and Incredible Years.
Food packages and Caring Hands in the Vale	School staff are able to identify and refer any families who are in need of a food parcel which also contains other necessary household items. More information can be found here: chands.org.uk
Financial support	<p>As a school, we recognise that there may be times when funding activities may be a challenge for families. We offer all our DA pupils (eligible for the PPG grant/FSM) in Reception a free school uniform when they start school and encourage parents/carers to come in and discuss any financial concerns with a member of the Leadership Team. Contributions for educational visits, swimming and residential opportunities can be adjusted or spread over a longer period as necessary so that no child is excluded from an activity as a result of funding.</p> <p>Pupils who qualify for FSM are also offered the opportunity to attend our after school Curriculum+ clubs with payment funded by the school.</p> <p>Parents and carers can apply for benefits-related free school meals here.</p>
ELSA (Emotional Literacy)	We can support children who have an identified need regarding social and emotional mental health through a 1:1 mentoring service with one of our ELSA trained members of staff. This is tailored to meet the needs of the individual.
Mental Health and Wellbeing	<p>We have 2 key staff who have received the Mental Health First Aid training, Mrs Seneque, who has completed the `Strategic Lead for Mental Health award, and Miss Lane, who are both able to support staff to spot signs and symptoms of common mental health issues, provide non-judgmental support and reassurance, and guide the child or adult to seek professional support they may need to recover. We offer a range of interventions in school to support the emotional wellbeing of our children. These include Talkabout, Zones of Regulation, Time to Talk and nurture-based provision.</p> <p>The school also has pupil mental health ambassadors who learn about the skills and personal qualities of a mental health champion, what mental health is and why it is important, how we care for our own mental health and practical ways they can promote positive mental health around school.</p>

Online Safety	<p>The school has achieved the Carnegie Mental Health Gold award.</p> <p>Each year group is taught how to use computers, iPads and the internet safely throughout the year, linking directly with the computing curriculum and through a cross-curricular approach. We run presentations for parents using the NCA-CEOP 'ThinkuKnow' resources at curriculum meetings and signpost parents to these. This supports both children and parents in developing a greater awareness of the dangers they face online each day, as well as offering strategies to keep themselves safe. Our online safety leads, Mrs Snowden and Mr Hunt monitor safety in school and work with the SLT to put measures in place to further support the children in developing safe online usage.</p> <p>The school uses Securus monitoring software which is also checked regularly and which alerts staff to any potential online concerns arising from online searches or access to inappropriate material. The school has appointed 'Digital Leaders' from Years 3 to 5 who work together to ensure online safety is a focus within school and that all children have a clear understanding of how to stay safe online.</p>
CAF - Children, Adolescents and Families Team	<p>We work closely with the Molly Edwards, social prescriber for the Children, Adolescents & Families (CAF) Team who support children, young people and their families with a whole range of issues and problems that may be affecting their health and wellbeing, helping them to feel more empowered, build their confidence and enable them to take greater control of their life. Support is person-centered and tailored to a child's individual needs.</p> <p>More information can be found at www.onside-advocacy.org.uk and can be contacted at accesshub@onside-advocacy.org.uk</p>

Evesham Local Services	
<p>Starting Well Partnership – Pershore and Evesham Family Hub Pershore Medical Practice, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PX 07872 503058 Family Hub every first and third Thursday of the month. Pershore and Evesham Family Hub</p>	<p>John Martin's Charity Providing grants for families, individuals, the disabled and anyone who is on a low income or who is in financial difficulty due to a variety of circumstances, including support for school uniform. 01386 765440 enquiries@johnmartins.org.uk – general enquiries student@johnmartins.org.uk – student grant enquiries johnmartins.org</p>
<p>Caring Hands in the Vale Food bank in the centre of Evesham providing food parcels, toiletries, bedding, clothing and blankets on a referral basis. Diane Bennett 07859 892528 (12 noon to 2pm)</p>	<p>Rooftop Housing Group Supporting the local community to find safe and appropriate homes. 70, High Street, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 4YD 01386 420800</p>

chands.org.uk Email - info@chands.org.uk	Rooftop Housing Group Email – enquiries@rooftopgroup.org
What's on in Evesham in the school holidays? Ready Steady Worcestershire – school holiday food and activities (HAF) – Worcestershire County Council	Evesham Library Oat Street, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 4PJ Evesham Library – Worcestershire County Council

Early Help Family Support Service:



The Early Help Family Support Service is delivered by Worcestershire Children First directly to families permanently living in Worcestershire who have children aged 0-18 years old and need help and support specifically from a Family Support Worker.

For more information, please visit: [Worcestershire Children First Early Help Family Support Service | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Early Help in Worcestershire have created a **booklet** to help families find out about the help and support available in the county for children and young people aged 0-18 years old. The booklet will help you and families find the most appropriate support.


To download this booklet, please visit: [Worcestershire Family Hub](#)

Virtual Family Hub


We have developed this virtual family hub to give you a range of different types of resources to help to support you and your family.

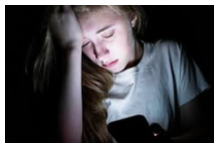
WORCESTERSHIRE VIRTUAL FAMILY HUB

- Parenting, health, housing and relationships support**
Support and guidance resources.
- Resources and information about family support**
Links to services that could help support you and your family within the Worcestershire area.
- Groups and activities for young people**
Here you can find information on some groups and activities for young people living in Worcestershire.
- Harmony at Home**
Reducing Parental Conflict in partnership with organisations from our multi-agency reference group.
- SEND support and guidance**
Information about the help and support available in schools and colleges for children with SEND.
- Learning disability and autism support and advice**
Information and guidance if your child has learning disabilities or is on the autism spectrum.
- Family health resources**
Resources and information for supporting your family's health.
- If you need professional support for your family**
Find information about how Early Help Services can support your family.
- Get Safe**
Information and resources to help you look out for signs of child exploitation.
- Ready Steady Worcestershire**
Offers free holiday provision to children in receipt of free school meals and vulnerable families during school holidays.
- Early Help booklet**
Download the Early help booklet
- Young carers**
A Young Carer is a person aged between 6 and 17 who support to a family member at home beyond what is typical for their age.
- Family learning**
Useful set of resources for the family.

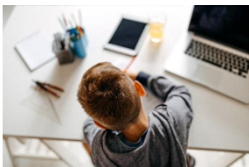
Health, including mental health, emotional wellbeing, and sexual health)	
The Starting Well Partnership offer a range of health services which support both children and families experiencing a range of health issues – startingwellworcs.nhs.uk	
School Health Nursing Service School health nurses offer a range of services such as home visits, health needs assessments, time4u drop-in service, school aged hearing and national child measurement programme to support the needs of children and their families	Chat Health Text Service Chat health is a free and confidential text service for young people in need of advice or support. To confidentially contact your school nurse, text: 07507331750
Worcestershire Health Visiting Service Health visitors work with families to improve future health outcomes and can offer expert information, assessment and intervention for babies, children and families	
Reach4Wellbeing The Reach4Wellbeing team promotes positive wellbeing to reduce the stigma of mental health by providing short-term group programmes for children and young people age 5-18 experiencing mild to moderate anxiety and low mood	Social Prescribing - Onside Advocacy, Worcestershire (onside-advocacy.org.uk) Social Prescribers support you to take control of your health and look after yourself by making connections with the different types of community support available
NHS Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	Kooth Kooth is an online mental wellbeing community which offers free, safe, and anonymous support.
Healthy Minds Supporting adults with their mental health	Winston's Wish Winston's Wish provide support for children and young people following the death of a sibling, parent, or person important to a child
Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention Charity dedicated to the prevention of suicide and the promotion of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people	Mental Health Foundation Working for good mental health for all
Samaritans Telephone: 116 123 24 hour support	Parental Wellbeing Support and guidance for all aspects of parenting


Substance Misuse	
Cranstoun Working with adults over 18 who are struggling with their drug or alcohol intake, as well as advice and guidance for family members	Here4YOUth Children and young person's alcohol and drug service for children up to the age of 18



Sexual Health	
Sexual Health – Worcestershire County Council Information and support on all areas of sexual health	Worcestershire Integrated Sexual Health Services Friendly, non-judgmental specialist services across Worcestershire to support the management of sexual health
	WISH Contraception and sexual health clinics WISH have a dedicated Outreach nursing service. Referral forms can be found at www.knowyourstuff.nhs.uk . The Outreach team see young and vulnerable people who couldn't otherwise access sexual health services
NHS Sexual Health Information and advice about sexual health, including contraception and sexually transmitted diseases (STIs)	SH:24 Free STI test kits and contraception


Bullying, including Cyberbullying (online)	
If you are concerned that your child may be being bullied, please come into school and talk to us and we will be able to help. In addition, there are several links below which will provide you with more information as to how to support your child if you, your child, or someone you know is being bullied.	
School Online Safety Reporting Tool Online safety and cyberbullying reporting tool available on the school website	NSPCC Guidance, support and information on bullying and cyberbullying
Be Internet Legends Helpful advice for adults and children about how they can be smarter, safer and happier explorers of the online world	Anti-Bullying Alliance Advice and support for parents
UNICEF – Cyberbullying and How to Stop it Support and guidance aimed at teenagers regarding bullying online and social media platforms	
Kidscape Help and guidance with bullying	Family Lives Information about bullying, cyberbullying and its effects


Family Members in Prison	
NICCO – National Information Centre on Children of Offenders Helpful links to websites which can support parents and carers who may have a relative in prison	Your (Youth) Support Services (YSS) A service committed to helping young people and adults overcome adversity and achieve independence


Online Safety including Sexting	
If you have concerns around the safety of your child or a child you know online, the following links will provide you with information, support, and advice to help understand the risks and keep your child safe online:	
CEOP - ThinkuKnow – advice for parents Advice, guidance and resources for parents regarding internet use and how to stay safe online, as well as how to report a concern	Barnardo's – Keeping children safe online Information from online safety experts for all areas of internet safety, including how to start a conversation with your child
	Educate Against Hate Government advice and trusted resources to help safeguard students from radicalisation, build resilience to all types of extremism and promote shared values
Internet matters A great site for parents to help their child feel safe online	BBC – Own it! 8 tips for staying safe online for children
Sexting is the sending or receiving of sexually explicit images, videos or conversations online.	
NSPCC – Sharing pictures Advice and support to help parents understand the risk and how to support your child if they have been sending, sharing or receiving nude images	CEOP Advice and guidance; Nude selfies – what parents and carers need to know

Special Educational Needs (SEND)	
Mrs Rachel Seneque is our Inclusion Lead and holds an SLE for Inclusion, the national SENCo award, is Mental Health First Aid trained and holds a Level 5 TISUK qualification. Miss Elizabeth Lane is the school's SENCo who also holds the national SENCo award and is Mental Health First Aid trained. Both Mrs Seneque and Miss Lane oversee the needs of all the children at school and can refer to specialist external agencies for extra help and support.	
SEND Local Offer – Worcestershire County Council Information and advice for families with children and young people with SEND/disabilities Contact: localoffer@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk	SENDIASS – Special Needs and Disabilities Advice and Support Service Herefordshire and Worcestershire SENDIASS are a dedicated team of advisors offering legally-based and easily accessible information and advice about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
Council for Disabled Children Helping disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs to have full and happy childhoods, to fulfil their potential and be active in the community	
Worcestershire Social Care and support for children with disabilities Services to support the needs of children and young people who have complex disabilities	Worcestershire Parent and Carers' Community A local charity that supports families across the county, all of whom have a child with a disability or an additional need
Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association Information and advice for parents who would like to find out more about dyslexia	Worcester Dyslexia Parent Group Support group for parents who have children with dyslexia

Relationships	
<p>Making friends and starting new relationships are a big part of getting older. It's very common to fall out with friends or break up from relationships – which can be very difficult to deal with. You might also be in a relationship that doesn't feel right and need some advice about what to do. The websites below contain lots of information about making friends, peer pressure, healthy and unhealthy relationships, sex and much more. There is also information available for parents around how to talk to your child about friendships, sex and relationships.</p>	
<p>NSPCC Advice and guidance for parents on how to talk to their child about relationships</p>	<p>Harmony at Home Advice and guidance to Reducing Parental Conflict (RPC)</p>
	<p>The Family Hub – Worcestershire County Council Further support and links to helpful websites for all relationship issues and support</p>
<p>Helping Hands Helping Hands is for children aged 7-12. The group will help to increase children's understanding of feeling safe and to explore and promote behaviours which will contribute to a safe environment</p>	<p>Draw the Line Helping teenagers understand real relationships and to recognise harmful behaviour. Available on a mobile phone.</p> 
<p>Childline Advice and support for children experiencing relationship issues</p>	<p>Thinkuknow - Disrespect Nobody Campaign targeting 12 – 18 year old boys and girls to support them, from becoming victims and perpetrators of abusive relationships</p>

Finance, Housing and Employment	
<p>If you are facing challenges around employment and income, please contact the local job centre who can with offer support with jobseekers' allowance, incapacity benefit, employment and support allowance and income support:</p>	
<p>Evesham Job Centre Plus 3 High Street, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 4DA 0800 1690190</p>	<p>Evesham Citizens' Advice Bureau 13 – 15 Port Street, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 3LD 01386 712100</p>
	<p>Housing and Homelessness – Worcestershire County Council Advice and guidance on homelessness and housing in Worcestershire</p>
<p>Building Better Opportunities Help for local people to move closer or into employment</p>	<p>Indeed Job vacancies in Evesham</p>
<p>Rooftop Housing Supporting the local community to find safe and appropriate homes</p>	<p>Act on Energy Financial support for parents and carers experiencing difficulties with household bills</p>

Parenting Support	
<u>Starting Well Partnership – Parenting Workshops, Groups and Courses</u> The Starting Well Partnership offer a range of parenting support, information, groups, and courses	<u>Action for Children – Parent Talk</u> Down-to-earth parenting advice, with answers to parenting questions and access to a parenting coach to talk about anything worrying
<u>HomeStart</u> Working with families to provide one to one support in the family home each week. This service provides support tailored to individual needs and can help parents they learn to cope and build confidence to provide as best they can for their children	
<u>The Gender Trust</u> Advice and support for parents and carers around the subject of gender identity issues	<u>Triple P Parenting – Positive Parenting Program</u> Supporting families, advice and guidance

Child Exploitation	
<u>PACE – Parents Against Child Exploitation</u> Support for parents and carers whose children are being exploited by offenders outside the family	<u>Catch 22</u> Support for young people, professionals and carers with the aim of preventing or stopping child exploitation and missing incidents
	<u>Get Safe Worcestershire</u> Lots of information about exploitation if you are worried that your child is at risk of being tricked, forced, or made to work in the criminal world
<u>Barnardo's</u> Support and guidance for children and families who have experienced exploitation and sexual exploitation	<u>STOPCE</u> Guidance and explanations about child exploitation
<u>West Mercia Youth Justice Service</u> Support and advice for young people aged 10-17 who have got into trouble with the police	<u>Action for Children</u> Information and support for parents who may be worried that their child is being drawn into criminal activity and being exploited

Domestic Abuse	
<u>West Mercia Women's Aid</u> Support for women experiencing domestic abuse	<u>Domestic Abuse Support – Worcestershire County Council</u> Help and guidance for anyone experiencing domestic abuse, with further links to helpful sites
<u>Safe Lives</u> A website for survivors, families and friends	<u>Purple Leaf</u> Support for victims of sexual abuse and violence