



Early Help Offer

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Our Early Help Offer

At St Barnabas, we believe that children achieve their best when school and families work closely together. Sometimes, families may need a little extra help. Our **Early Help Offer** sets out the support available to children and families at an early stage, before difficulties become more serious.

What is Early Help?

Early Help means providing support as soon as a concern emerges, at any point in a child's life. It can be offered to children, young people, or whole families, and is designed to:

- Support children's wellbeing, safety, and learning.
 - Provide families with advice, guidance, or practical help.
 - Prevent small issues from becoming bigger problems.
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How can Early Help support my child and family?

We may offer Early Help in relation to:

- **Attendance and punctuality**
 - **Behaviour at home or in school**
 - **Friendship or social difficulties**
 - **Emotional wellbeing and mental health**
 - **Family relationships**
 - **Parenting support**
 - **Financial or housing concerns** (through signposting to external agencies)
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What support can the school provide?

At St Barnabas, our Early Help Offer includes:

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** and **Deputy DSLs** available for advice and support.
- **Pastoral support** from trusted staff who know your child well.
- **Attendance support** – regular monitoring and personalised plans if needed.

- **Emotional and social support programmes**, such as ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) and Thrive.
 - **Regular meetings** with families to talk through concerns and agree next steps.
 - **Referrals** or signposting to specialist services (e.g. CAMHS, parenting courses, family support workers, financial/housing advice).
 - **Early Support Assessments (ESA/Early Help Assessments)** where more coordinated support is required.
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How can I ask for Early Help?

You can speak to any member of staff if you feel you or your child needs extra support. You can also contact our safeguarding team directly:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Abbie Dellar (Headteacher).

Our Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSLs) is Nicola Saunders (school office).

We will always listen to your concerns, work with you in partnership, and agree the best way forward together.

Working together

Sometimes we may work with other agencies to provide the right support for your family. We will always talk with you first and share information openly, unless we believe doing so would place a child at risk of harm.

Our Commitment

- We will treat all families with respect, understanding, and sensitivity.
 - We will offer timely support to help children and families thrive.
 - We will work in partnership with you to get the right help, at the right time.
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✳ For more information about Early Help in Wiltshire, you can also visit the Local Authority website:
[<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1444/Accessing-children-s-services>]