



Support and Advice for Adults and Children

Westlands First School

Early Help Offer

At Westlands First School we recognise the challenges that families face in bringing up children. There may be times when you need extra help and support. If this is the case please come and talk to us. 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 the forms of an Early Help Assessment where we can work together to set and achieve outcomes.

The diagram below shows the range of needs at different levels. We use this graduated approach to make sure we provide the best support for different families' individual situations.



Providing early help to our pupils and families at in promoting support as soon as we can. Early help emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the

Westlands First School means we are more effective means providing support as soon as a problem foundation years through to teenage years.



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Child Sexual Exploitation

All staff at Westlands First School have been trained to identify early cases of child sexual exploitation. At school we use the CSE Screening tool if we have concerns.

Female Genital Mutilation

All staff have received training on FGM. Teachers know how to identify if a child may be at risk. They know the signs to look for and most importantly how to refer, following the schools safeguarding procedures.

In Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 it makes clear that ALL staff should be aware of their local early help process and understand their role in it. In addition, this statutory document makes it clear that any child may benefit from early help, but all school and college staff should be particularly alert to the potential need for early help for a child who :

- Is disabled and has specific additional needs;
- Has specific educational needs (whether or not they have a statutory education, health care plan);
- Is a young carer;
- Is showing signs of being drawn in to anti- social or criminal behaviour, including gang involvement and association with organised crime groups;
- Is frequently missing/goes missing from care or from home;
- Is misusing drugs or alcohol themselves;
- Is at risk of modern slavery, trafficking or exploitation;
- Is in a family circumstance present challenges for the child; such as substance abuse, adult mental health problems or domestic abuse;
- Has returned home to their family from care;
- Is showing early signs of abuse and/or neglect



- Is at risk of being radicalised or exploited;
- Is a privately fostered child.

Everyone needs help at some time in their lives and therefore an ethos of early help is important for any school or PRU.

The coordinated Westlands First School offer of Early Help is outlined in the table below. We believe that early interventions for children or families, in many cases, will prevent children from experiencing harm.

All Westlands First School Staff must be aware of the Westlands First School offer of help. At all times, staff should consider if there is any offer of early help that we can make in order to help a child thrive.

We also liaise with other agencies and people within the local community. In the table below are some National organisations that can support children, young people and their families.

Everyone (Universal)

Organisation/Curriculum Area	Links	Summary
Listening and talking	Contact Paula Nicol through the school office by phoning 01905 772740 or calling in at the school office.	All teachers are happy to discuss concerns, such as, behaviour, family issues, how a child presents, friendships, attitude to learning including homework, additional needs, mental health. Through the Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Paula Nicol, liaising with other agencies and people within the local community.



Daily Assemblies	Class teachers and SLT	Children are taught about safeguarding in schools and are addressed in assemblies, PSHE, SRE and in the wider curriculum. Details of areas covered can be found in our Safeguarding Policy under section 2.3
PSHE Lessons	Class teachers and SLT	<p>Include in the curriculum activities and opportunities (specifically through PSHE/ ICT) which equip children with the skills they need to stay safe from abuse (including online) and to know where to get help.</p> <p>More details are in Curriculum policy and e-safety policy.</p> <p>As a school we have adopted the MyHappyMinds approach delivered throughout the different year groups. MyHappyMinds is a programme that promotes a positive approach to wellbeing.</p> <p>There is a Parent App available so MyHappyMinds can be supported both within school and the home environment.</p>
Attendance Support	SLT/EWO	The School Office checks attendance on a daily basis. If your child is not marked present and, if no call has been received at the School Office that morning, they will telephone to verify the child's whereabouts. This is a requirement by the DfE and also a Safeguarding process.



		<p>Half termly letters will be sent to those pupils whose attendance is below 90% and the expectation from school is that parent/carer will attend the suggested appointment to discuss and agree a plan of action.</p> <p>Safeguarding note: If a child is absent from school and we are unable to contact a parent or carer, we reserve the right to complete a 'safe and well' check by visiting the family home to ensure that the child is safe. If this check is not successful in confirming the child's whereabouts, we might then contact 101 and request that the police conduct a visit to ensure the child is safe and well.</p> <p>Further information is detailed in our Attendance Policy.</p>
Class Teachers	office@westlands.worcs.sch.uk	<p>An appointment can be requested for a parent/carer to meet with class teacher (out of teaching hours) to discuss any concerns and agree an action plan to support this. The appointment can be made via the school office.</p>
SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator)	office@westlands.worcs.sch.uk	<p>An appointment can be requested for a parent/carer to meet with SENCo to discuss any concerns in relation to a child's special educational needs, and agree an action plan to support this. The appointment can be made via the school office.</p> <p>In addition Termly appointments are offered to all parent/carers to discuss and review IPMs.</p>
Senior Leadership Team (SLT)/Headteacher	office@westlands.worcs.sch.uk	<p>An appointment can be requested for a parent/carer to meet with SLT/Headteacher to discuss any concerns</p>



		and agree an action plan to support this. The appointment can be made via the school office.
Safeguarding Team		The Safeguarding Team includes the Designated Safeguarding Lead and 1 Deputy Safeguarding lead.
School Nurse	https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-community-health-services/school-health-nursing/	
Breakfast Club		Breakfast Club is available everyday from 8am until 8.40am. More details are available at the school office.
After School Clubs		Different clubs are available each half term for children to attend and a list of clubs is available at the school office.

Need a bit of help?

Organisation/Curriculum Area	Links	Summary
Educational Psychology Assessment		Educational psychologists work in partnership with families and schools to help young people achieve their full potential and improve all children's



		experiences of learning. If your child is experiencing difficulties in school, the SENCo might suggest that an Educational Psychologist assessment is carried out. The report should provide advice and make suggest strategies to encourage effective learning
Early Help Assessment	https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/eha	An Early Help Assessment is a tool to assist professionals working with young people and families and can be used where there are emerging welfare or well-being concerns. This referral can be made by parent/carer or with consent from the family can be made by school. School will often be the lead for the assessment.
TA Support in lessons		It is possible that your child might require some extra support in school. If this is the case, they might be in teaching groups where a Teaching Assistant supports some or all of the lessons.
Drop in Appointments	office@westlands.worcs.sch.uk	Our Pastoral Support or a member of SLT is available to meet and discuss in more detail any help or support that might be required in or out of school. Appointments can be made via the school office or directly.

If we can't help



Organisation/ Curriculum Area	Link	Summary
Starting well Partnership	https://www.startingwell.worcs.nhs.uk	Parent can self-refer to this service or be referred by a professional for parenting advice and support pre-birth to 19.
Targeted Family Support	https://ehmp.ortal.worcschildrenfirst.org.uk/web/portal/pages/professionaltehr#ssa	Families can self-refer, or school can refer for you .Once a referral has been accepted, a Targeted Family Support worker will work with families and children to manage and overcome difficulties and challenges that can occur in life.
PCSO	https://www.westmercia.police.uk	Police Community Support Officers – support Westlands First School students as and when required.
CAMHS WEST	https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west/	<p>CAMHS WEST</p> <p>Wellbeing and Emotional Support Teams in Schools</p> <p>The Wellbeing and Emotional Support Teams (WEST) in schools service is designed to help children and young people ages 5-18 years access mental health and wellbeing support early on in educational settings.</p> <p>It's all about ensuring children and young people can get access to the right help as early as possible, this is through 1:1 work with children, group work with children and parenting support.</p> <p>Each school have their own WEST worker who visit the school weekly. Parents can attend Drop In's to discuss their child or school can make a referral.</p>



CAMHS	https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-community-health-services/camhs/	<p>CAMHS stands for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. CAMHS is the name for the NHS services that assess and treat young people with emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties. Referrals can be made by the GP.</p> <p>CAMHS SPA (Single Point of Access) support and advice to parent and carers regarding a child's mental health 01905 520520</p>
Young Carers	https://www.yss.org.uk/worcestershire-young-carers	<p>Young Carers is commissioned by Worcestershire County Council to provide assessment, signposting, one to one support and monthly youth clubs for young people with a caring role at home, aged between seven and 17, who live in Worcestershire. Parents can self-refer a child through the website or school can make a referral.</p>

Specialist Support

Organisation/Curriculum Area	Link	Summary
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Children's Services	<p>http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/safeguardingchildren/</p> <p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/signs-symptoms-effects/</p>	<p>Safeguarding children means protecting children from all forms of harm and abuse, such as physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up to be confident, healthy and happy adults. The aim is to work in partnership to keep all children and young people safe and thriving; where safeguarding is everybody's business and intervention and support is timely and right for individuals and families Concerns can be called into the Family Front Door on 01905 822666 or a referral can be made online</p>
CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).	<p>https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/ourservices/childrens-services/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services/</p>	<p>CAMHS stands for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service. CAMHS works with Children and Young People that are having problems with their Mental Health. Referrals to this service can be made by your GP, the School Nurse or school. CAMHS work with :</p> <p>Children and Young People who are having problems with their Mental Health. In our team we have</p> <p>Doctors (Psychiatrists) Clinical Psychologists and</p> <p>Counselling Psychologists that are trained in working with</p> <p>Children with Mental Health problems. We also have;</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Psychologists and Counselling Psychologists • Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists • Community Mental Health Nurses • CAMHS Social Workers • Community Support Workers • Child Psychotherapist
Medical Education team	https://www.babcockprime.co.uk/disadvantaged-and-vulnerable-learners/medical-education	<p>School can refer pupils to the MET when a medical condition seriously compromises a pupil's attendance at school. All referrals to the Medical Education Team must be supported by relevant medical evidence from an appropriate specialist service which is currently working directly with the young person. The MET works in close conjunction with the school to assess the pupil's educational needs and together a plan is agreed to provide support</p>
Community Paediatrician		<p>We undertake the assessment and treatment of children with developmental problems such as delayed milestones, learning difficulties, autism and cerebral palsy, and also children with behavioural problems including ADHD.</p> <p>The following general categories describe the children and young people who can be referred for specialist assessment and treatment:</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impaired communication (including where Autistic Spectrum Disorder is suspected) • Impaired motor function (e.g. Cerebral Palsy) • Sensory Impairment • Impaired feeding • Impaired sleep Impaired continence • Impaired/restricted attention • Developmental impairments or at significant risk of development (e.g. high-risk neonates) • Learning difficulties restricting access to learning activities or participation in school • Prolonged absence from school on health grounds (>6 weeks) • Epilepsy/possible seizures (some individual clinicians may forward these referrals to paediatric neurology) • Chronic unexplained symptoms (e.g. pain, fatigue) • Palliative care in life limiting conditions • Children at risk of harm (note child protection concerns should already have been reported to the statutory agencies ie CYPS prior to referral)
Police	https://www.westmercia.police.uk/home	Links to a range of areas including victim and witness information, tackling crime, safety, your right to information.



		Reports can be made to the police Tel: 101 Emergency calls Tel: 999
Prevent	https://educateagainsthate.com/teachers/?filter=prevent-duty https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/?filter=safeguarding-advice-and-support	Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

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Family Front Door -The Front Door to Children's Services	<p>If a member of staff, parent/carer or member of the public thinks a child or young person is at immediate risk of significant harm they should contact the Family Front Door (FFD) – 01905 822 666 or in an emergency always call 999.</p> <p>Do not wait to discuss this with the DSL/DDSL but do report it afterwards.</p>
WSCB (Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Board) website.	<p>http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/safeguardingchildren</p> <p>Important information for parents and professionals across Worcestershire in relation to keeping children safe and avenues of support including early help options. Everyone should know how to access this website which has all of the agreed Worcestershire</p>



	safeguarding and child protection processes on it.
Universal source of help for all families in Worcestershire:	https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/childcare/information-about-support-parents-and-carers
Home-school support Worcestershire Home Education Network	<p>Home education is becoming an increasingly popular option for families in Worcestershire and we have a growing community that are able to offer each other support. Between us we have years of experience in educating children of all ages and are able to organise and put on a range of activities.</p> <p>We hold meetings usually at least weekly, throughout term time at various locations round the county-for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Social gatherings occur monthly in North Worcestershire for all ages, with both indoor and outdoor games plus organised activities such as climbing/zip-wires/grass sledging for 8+.</i> - <i>Monthly meeting in Worcester with games, music and crafts for all ages.</i> - <i>Monthly social meeting in south Worcestershire, including indoor and outdoor games, group music session and a drama group.</i> - <i>Bowling or Ice skating most months.</i> - <i>"Education group" workshops organised regularly. Recent workshops have include: Marvellous Mosaics' 'Gunpowder plot' 'Medieval life', 'Making Music' and 'Creative Writing.</i> <p>We also meet up with people from neighbouring counties and many of us go along to the national camps and gatherings that are organised by home educators throughout the year.</p> <p>We have a Worcestershire Home Educators Newsletter (WHEN) that lists all of the activities for the coming month and run a Worcestershire Home Educators Internet support list.</p> <p>Contact us on: info@worcestershirehome-educators.co.uk</p>
E-safety (Online	Online Activity (phones, computers) can be a serious risk to



Safety)	<p>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</p> <p>☞☞ PACE (parents against child exploitation) UK is a useful website to engage parents with safety issues. www.paceuk.info/</p> <p>☞☞ https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ - This is the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre. It's a one stop shop for most information about online safety. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/teachers (excellent resources)</p> <p>☞☞ http://educateagainsthate.com/ - This is the government website to help parents and professionals understand the risks of children and young people being radicalised by extremists online and how to keep children safe from this.</p> <p>☞☞ www.internetmatters.org – A great site for helping parents keep their children safe online.</p> <p>Parentzone – information for parents/carers helping to keep children safe online. https://parentzone.org.uk/</p>
Mental Health	We have some useful self-help guides/leaflets available for you to access online. The guides are available for you to read online. The



	<p>self-help guides can be accessed by typing the below link into your URL and selecting 'Self Help Guides': www.hacw.nhs.uk/a-toz/letter-s/</p> <p>Staying Safe http://stayingsafe.net/</p> <p>SANE 0845 767 800 Email: sanemail@org.uk www.sane.org.uk</p> <p>Samaritans 116 123 (24 hour helpline) www.samaritans.org.uk</p> <p>Rethink Mental Illness 0300 5000 927 www.rethink.org</p> <p>Mental Health Foundation www.mentalhealth.org.uk</p> <p>MIND 0300 123 3393 or text 86463 www.mind.org.uk</p> <p>Anxiety UK 08444 775 774 www.anxietyuk.org.uk</p> <p>Droitwich Wellbeing hub 07926 436635</p>
Bullying (including	Cyberbullying is using the internet, email, online games or any



cyberbullying)/ Child death/suicide/prevention

Cyberbullying

digital technology to threaten, tease, upset or humiliate someone else.

If the police consider a message or post to be potentially criminal, they will take appropriate action. This could involve arresting the person responsible or interviewing them under caution. Cases involving sustained abuse or where someone's life is threatened will be treated seriously. The police will consider all of the circumstances when considering the best response to a report of cyber bullying. They will assess how vulnerable the victim is and what resources are required to trace the offender via social networking sites that often operate abroad and to different legislation. In certain cases it may be difficult to take action if the offender isn't in the UK. They will work with the victim to bring about the most suitable and proportionate conclusion, this will include alternative options that include the officer in the case using their discretion and working with the offender to record an apology to the victim.

Useful links

[Bullying UK](#)

[Childline](#)

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/>

KidScape: Our

resources provide information on issues surrounding bullying, online and personal safety. They can be used directly by young people and parents, as well as in the classroom within schools and youth organisations.

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/resources-and-publications/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Advice and support through different ages.



<p>Hollie Guard-A new personal safety APP</p>	<p>https://hollieguard.com/Children & Teens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollie Guard keeps your entire family safe. • Keep an eye on your children while they're traveling to and from school with Journey. • Teens can get help quickly while out with friends. • Parents, guardians, and caregivers are automatically contacted by both SMS and email.
<p>Hate Crime</p>	<p>A hate crime is a criminal offense whose motivation can be shown to be race, national origin, religion or sexual orientation. A difference of race alone is NOT sufficient to make it a hate crime. There would have to be evidence of racial slurs or racial statements in addition to the crime (this does not trivialise other serious offenses that are NOT hate crimes).</p> <p>Hate Crime: West Mercia Police: Email: contactus@westmercia.police.uk Emergency number: 999 Non-Emergency number: 101 report online to True Vision (opens in a new window) https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/ Call in at your local police station</p>
<p>Children with disabilities team (CWD)</p>	<p>The Children with Disabilities (CwD) Social Work Team provide services designed to meet the needs of children and young people who have complex disabilities.</p> <p>The CwD Social Work Team is one of a range of services that can provide support to children and young people with disabilities and their families. Other services available are those provided by health, education, play and youth services as well</p>



as community resources provided by voluntary agencies. The CwD team offer services to those children and young people requiring additional resources in respect of their disability, where the disability has a profound impact on the child or young person's life.

An assessment will be offered where the child has a condition which is substantial, long lasting or permanent, is a physical and/or learning disability or a life limiting, life threatening condition. These may include:

- severe learning disabilities
- severe physical disabilities
- severe developmental delay in motor and or cognitive functioning
- profound multiple disabilities
- severe sensory impairment (registered blind and/or profoundly deaf)
- complex and severe health problems that arise from the disability, that are life threatening, degenerative illness or organic disorder resulting in severe disability
- a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Condition with an associated learning disability and where the condition severely affects day to day functioning

SEN Services and Support Groups

- [9 Tea Cups](#)
- [autismlinks](#)

Links to events, services and information of use to families of people with Autism

- [Autism Spectrum Condition and Learning Disabilities Group](#) , a group for family members and carers,



Kidderminster Hospital

- [Autism West Midlands](#) a support group for young people aged 16-24 with Asperger's Syndrome in the Malvern Hills area

- [Autism in Worcestershire](#)

ASPIE is a social self-help and motivation group for adults with Asperger's Syndrome. We provide a centre in Worcester where Aspies feel welcome and accepted.

- Childrens Centres. Find out what's happening at [your local Children's Centre](#)

- Community Paediatric Service

Community Paediatric Service is concerned with developmental delay and learning disability; Motor difficulties such as cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy; Neuro-developmental conditions including ADHD and ASD; complex behavioural difficulties; sensory impairment; statutory medical & educational assessments

([The Community Paediatric Service South Worcestershire](#), [The Community Paediatric Service Wyre Forest](#) and [The Community Paediatric Service Redditch and Bromsgrove](#))

- [Council for Disabled Children](#)

A host of useful leaflets on SEND issues many in Easy Read format to help children understand

- [Disability Information Advice Line \(DIAL\) Worcestershire](#)

Website of the disability advice line South

Worcestershire; local info on: Mobility; Benefits and Finance; Carers Support and Respite; Community and



	<p>Voluntary Support; Disabled Children's Services; Education and Employment; Health; Housing; Independent Living; Learning Disabilities; Legal Support; Leisure and Holidays; Mental Health; Mobility and Aids to Daily Living and Older People's Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyslexia Parent Support Group. Find out more from the Worcestershire Dyslexic Support Group • Footprints Support for Bereaved Children and their Families in Worcestershire https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/births-deaths-marriages-and-citizenship/death-registration-services/bereavement-support <p>Support for bereaved children and their families in Worcestershire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Disabilities (opens in a new window) <p>We work with people with learning disabilities, their families and the people who support them.</p>
<p>DDNs (Dangerous Drug Networks)</p>	<p>DDN's are drug dealing gangs who target vulnerable people in order to set up drugs distribution networks. These criminals are using extreme violence to establish a presence, displacing an existing drug supply chain and intimidating rivals, witnesses and victims, this has resulted in local murders.</p> <p>DDN's exploit vulnerable teenagers to become drug runners for their network. Early intervention and intelligence are key to safeguard and protect the vulnerable.</p> <p>Presentation For DDN's (PDF, 151.7 KB) Drug Gangs and Exploitation (PDF, 556.6 KB)</p>
<p>Child Criminal Exploitation</p>	<p>Here is some guidance for frontline professionals on dealing with county lines, part of the government's approach to ending</p>



<p>(County Lines)</p>	<p>gang violence and exploitation: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminalexploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines 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. https://www.catch-22.org.uk/child-criminal-exploitation/</p>
<p>Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Key facts about CSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.

Documents

- [Appropriate Language: Child Sexual and/or Criminal Exploitation Guidance For Professionals \(CSE Police and Prevention website, opens in a new window\)](#)
- [Child Sexual Exploitation: Definition and a guide for practitioners \(GOV.UK website, opens in a new window\)](#)
- [Child Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool](#)
- [WSCP-Child-Exploitation-Strategy-2020-2022-V02.pdf](#)
- [WSCB Multi-agency Child Sexual Exploitation Pathway](#)
- [WSCB CSE self assessment tool and guidance](#)

Making a referral

The Local Authority has a duty to make enquiries where a child may be suffering harm or neglect. If you think that a child may be at risk then you can let us know via the referral form linked below

Useful Websites

- [Barnardo's](#) spot the signs: Advice for parents, professionals and young people on the signs of sexual exploitation and how to keep safe
- [Department for Education \(Gov.uk\)](#) National Action Plan for Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation
- [Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation](#) pace is the leading national charity working with parents and carers whose children are sexually exploited
- [NSPCC](#) definitions, statistics, facts and resources about CSE.
- [NWG Network](#): Fighting against CSE and working to inform, educate and prevent child sexual abuse within



	<p>the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spotting The Signs of Child Sexual Exploitation: a 15 minute YouTube clip from Health Education England
Domestic violence	<p>Here is a very helpful website for what do to in many different difficult situations: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20379/domestic_violence_and_sexual_abuse</p> <p>West Mercia Women's Aid: 0800 980 3331 0800 783 1359 Male Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0800 014 9082</p> <p>helpline@westmerciawomensaid.org</p> <p>Women’s Aid support for young people aged 16-24 to recognise unhealthy relationships before they escalate. Loverespect.co.uk</p> <p>Polish Domestic Abuse Support www.opoka.org.uk</p> <p>Further reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship Statutory Guidance Framework (GOV.UK website, opens in a new window)• Domestic Abuse - A toolkit for employers (Wellbeing.BIT website, opens in a new window)• Groups for parents - information and guidance• Multi-agency Statutory Guidance for the Conduct of



	<p>Domestic Homicide Reviews (GOV.UK website, opens in a new window)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worcestershire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2017 - 2020 (click to download) • Worcestershire Multi-agency domestic abuse training – Learning Outcomes (click to download)
National Centre for DV	<p>The National Centre for Domestic Violence provides a free, fast emergency injunction service to survivors of domestic violence regardless of their financial circumstances.</p>
Fabricated and induced illness (FII)	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Fabricated-or-induced-illness/</p>
Faith abuse	<p>Faith and belief-based child abuse, including practices around ‘spirit possession’ and ‘witchcraft’, is a hidden crime, which makes it difficult to quantify in terms of magnitude. However, from our own experience and in consultation with communities, we know this kind of abuse is under-reported.</p> <p>www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-actionplan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief</p> <p>Further contacts for advice can be found from the local representatives for some faiths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Exploration of Knowledge About Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief (2016) • National Action Plan to Tackle Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief (2012) • Safeguarding Children from Abuse Linked to a Belief in Spirit Possession (2007) this good practice guidance is archived but still available.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleanor Stobart report 2006: Child Abuse Linked To Accusations of Possession And Witchcraft (2006) • Unicef study report: Children Accused of Witchcraft • AFRUCA: Africans Unite Against Child Abuse
<p>Honour based violence (HBV)</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Female genital mutilation (FGM)</p>	<p>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</p>



	<p>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.</p> <p>Read http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/female-genitalmutilation for NHS information and signs of FGM. Any suspicion of FGM should be referred to the Police and social care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annalise Price-Thomas (Head of Service) has completed the online home office training, '<i>Female Genital Mutilation: Recognising and Preventing FGM</i>' - E-learning package- http://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/ for interested staff or professionals (free home office elearning)
Forced marriage	<p>UK Forced Marriage Unit fm@fco.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7008 0151 Call 999 (police) in an emergency.</p> <p>www.gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage for information on Forced Marriage. <i>Visit Home Office website to undertake Forced Marriage e-learning package</i></p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/forced-marriage. GSCB one day Awareness training delivered by Infobuzz</p> <p>www.gscb.org.uk Please see 'Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines- Handling cases of Forced Marriage' for more information and detail:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/forcedmarriage.</p> <p>Prevention Freedom Charity- Aneeta Prem 'But it's not fair' book. A book for teenagers looking at forced marriage from the point of view of school friends of the girl who went to India and didn't come back. This book promotes discussion.</p> <p>www.freedomcharity.org.uk The Freedom Charity (UK charity)</p>



	<p>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.</p>
<p>Gender-based violence/violence against women and girls</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/violence-against-women-and-girls-evidence-digest-january-2018 For information about West Mercia Rape and Sexual Abuse visit: https://www.wmrsasc.org.uk/ FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) is violence against women and girls. Forced marriage and so called 'Honour' based violence are a violation against human rights and is a high priority area of the national and local Violence Against Women and Girls Agenda. It is, primarily an issue for young women and girls aged between 13 and 30 years. Hope House SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre): 01452 754390 www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk for 'I've been raped or sexually assaulted' information.</p>
<p>Gender Identity Issues</p>	<p>The Gender Trust is a listening ear, a caring support and an information centre for anyone with any question concerning their gender identity, or whose loved one is struggling with gender identity issues. People who might be Transgender, Transsexual or people who do not identify with the gender they were assigned at birth or those who are simply unsure. Address: 76 The Ridgeway, Astwood Bank, B96 6LX tel: 0845 231 0505 www.gendertrust.org.uk</p>
<p>Private fostering / Kinship care</p>	<p>National Fostering Agency (NFA)</p>



	<p>Call on: 0808 284 9226 Kinship Care Kinship care means that relatives or friends look after children who cannot live with their parents. Visit this website for more information: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/privatefostering https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-social-care/worcestershire-fostering/types-fostering/kinship-fostering</p> <p>Kinship Carers UK is a support group for Kinship Carers within Worcestershire https://www.kinshipcarersuk.com/</p>
<p>Preventing Radicalisation and Extremism/HATE (PREVENT duty)</p>	<p>www.educateagainsthate.com 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: www.ltai.info/ as is www.preventtragedies.co.uk 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.</p>



	<p>Channel guidance: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/425189/Channel_Duty_Guidance_April_2015.pdf</p>
<p>Sexting/Sextortion/ youth produced imagery</p>	<p>http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keepingchildrensafe/sexting (NSPCC website). https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/8206/Sexting (West Mercia Police website)</p>
<p>Children Missing in Education (CME)</p>	<p>Children Missing Education (CME) refers to 'any child of compulsory school age who is not registered at any formally approved education activity eg school, alternative provision, elective home education, and has been out of education provision for at least 4 weeks'. CME also includes those children who are missing (family whereabouts unknown), and are usually children who are registered on a school roll / alternative provision. This might be a child who is not at their last known address and either has not taken up an allocated school place as expected, or has 10 or more days of continuous absence from school without explanation, or left school suddenly and the destination is unknown. This is the link for Children Missing Education on the Worcestershire website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20595/behaviour_and_at_tendance/293/children_missing_education Babcock Prime – Educational Welfare Team: Primeedinvservice@babcockinternational.com 01905 678138</p>
<p>Missing Children and Adults</p>	<p>Every year an estimated 200,000 people go missing in the UK. In some cases, missing adults may have made a choice to</p>



<p>Strategy (vulnerable children and adults who go missing)</p>	<p>leave and 'start their lives over again', but the vast majority of missing people, children and adults, are vulnerable and need protection and support. The strategy has three key objectives which provide the right foundations for any effective local strategy to tackle this issue: Prevention - reducing the number of people who go missing, including through prevention strategies, education work and early intervention in cases where children and adults repeatedly go missing Protection - reducing the harm to those who go missing, including through a tailored, risk-based response and ensuring agencies work together to find and close cases as quickly as possible at a local and national level Provision - providing support and advice to missing persons and families by referring them to agencies promptly and ensuring they understand how and where to access help. The police should be informed if any child or adult goes missing. The Missing Children and Adults strategy can then be referred to for further information and help. It is a home office publication (2011). https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/missing-children-and-adults-strategy https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/117793/missing-personsstrategy .pdf</p>
<p>Children with family members in prison</p>	<p>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 (www.nicco.org.uk) provides information to support professionals working with offenders and their children to help mitigate the negative consequences for these children. https://www.solgrid.org.uk/education/safeguarding/childprotection/</p>



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