

Early Help	At Ickworth Park Primary School we understand that from time to time family life can have its complications. These may be the times when you need some extra help and support. We aim to support and advise you at such times we have an Early Help Offer.
What support do we offer?	The Pastoral Team at Ickworth Park is made up of Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Murray. We can offer advice on a range of concerns or can signpost parents to other sources of information, help and support.
What sorts of concerns might parents share with the team?	Parents can speak to the Early Help team about a wide range of issues such as behaviour management, financial worries and debts, domestic abuse, housing concerns, mobility difficulties, parents in prison, bereavement and loss, cyber bullying. The Early Help team are here to listen to your worries and concerns in a safe and judgement-free space.
What might we offer?	<p>Early Help may involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different learning materials or specialist equipment to support children in class</li> <li>• Additional adult support with learning or behaviour support</li> <li>• Some group or individual support, which may involve small groups of children working with qualified teachers or trained TAs on specific interventions</li> <li>• Additional focused support within class from the class teacher</li> <li>• Staff development and training to introduce more effective strategies to support children or families</li> <li>• Use of a positive behaviour chart/book</li> <li>• Access to a trusted adult to talk things through with.</li> <li>• The use of sensory aids to help with regulation and concentration</li> <li>• Sensory circuits and trails</li> <li>• Regular communication with parents.</li> <li>• Support from external agencies - SES (Specialist Education Services), EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) and School Nurse</li> <li>• Support via an Early Help Assessment (formerly Common Assessment Framework) and access to a Family Support Practitioner.</li> <li>• Bespoke interventions which are run to support some pupils or groups of pupils such as Lego therapy and ELSA ( Emotional Literacy Support)</li> <li>• We recognise that mental health concerns may underpin some social, emotional and behavioural issues and will help families to seek appropriate support.</li> <li>• Referrals to trained professionals (Nicky's Way) to support children who have experienced bereavement and loss.</li> <li>• For attendance concerns, support through school will be offered. If required, the Educational Welfare Officer will offer further support.</li> </ul>
How might the support be managed?	<p>There are a range of ways of delivering support at Ickworth Park. Informal pastoral support meetings with a record of conversation might be all that is required.</p> <p>Individual Risk Assessments can be used to support individual pupils. For pupils at risk of exclusion, Suffolk Pupils Support Frameworks could be initiated which involve frequent meetings between school, home and pupils to work together on agreed targets.</p> <p>Individual Boxhall assessments help us assess mental health and social and emotion concerns. An action plan is generated for the school and home to use.</p> <p>If referral to the Early Help team is requested the school will work draw up the documents with the parents and if accepted there will be Team Around the Child set up to plan and action the support required through the agreed timespan.</p>
How do safeguarding procedures help support our parents?	<p>Ickworth Park Primary School has three trained Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Reynolds and Ms. Allen.</p> <p>All staff are trained to identify and report safeguarding concerns. Where concerns are raised, the school will follow the reporting procedures. The team will work with families and all relevant agencies through Child in Need or Child Protection teams to reduce and remove identified risks to children.</p> <p>Support will be given to families by social workers and other relevant agencies including the school.</p>
How do our pupils learn to keep themselves safe?	<p>Curriculum provision and additional work from outside agencies including the NSPCC and the police support our children in learning how to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>Children are also made aware of the role of all staff in keeping them safe and are comfortable about talking to staff. Regular lessons about online safety help pupils stay safe online, supported by the Digital Leaders from Year 5 and 6.</p> <p>Children in Year 5 partake in swimming lessons in the spring term. In the summer term, Year 5 and 6 children complete Bikeability training.</p>
Who might the school refer to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Early Help Team</li> <li>• Children and Young People's Services</li> <li>• Specialist Education Services (SES)</li> <li>• County Inclusive Support Service</li> <li>• Counselling services (Footsteps, Nicky's Way)</li> <li>• The School Nurse/Health Visitors</li> <li>• Speech and Language Therapists (SaLT)</li> <li>• Educational Psychologists</li> <li>• Young Carers</li> <li>• SENDAT</li> <li>• Suffolk SENDIASS</li> <li>• Local Authority Family Services team</li> <li>• Educational Welfare Officer</li> <li>• Family Action</li> <li>• Families Together</li> <li>• The Emotional Wellbeing Hub</li> </ul>