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Safeguarding
Support for
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Support for Parents and Carers – who can I contact for help with my child if things get too much?

There are a number of agencies that can support you to support your child if things become difficult. Everyone needs a little help from time to time and early intervention is the key. Below are some useful contacts that you can use for support and guidance when times get tough.

Early Help

The Early Help Assessment (previously known as CAF) is an assessment of the child / young person within the context of the family and community. It is not a comprehensive, core or specialist assessment and provides the opportunity for practitioners and the family to gain a better initial understanding of the child / young person's needs.

The Early Help Assessment:

- helps identify the child or young person's needs
- provides structure for recording information
- can support referrals to other services
- provides a common form of assessment which will be familiar across children and young people's services
- reduces duplication for practitioners
- reduces multiple assessments for young people and their families
- can be shared with consent

Report a child at risk

- Child abuse can involve physical injury, neglect, or emotional or sexual abuse.
- Abuse can happen to any child from any social background or ethnic group. It can involve a parent, another family member or someone else the child knows well. Or it could be someone the child does not know.
- If you suspect or believe a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm, including any form of mistreatment or abuse, you should report your concerns.

To access either of these services, contact the Sandwell Childrens Trust – 0121 569 2200

Other useful contact numbers:

West Midlands Police – 101

Local Authority Child Protection Officers for Education – 0121 569 8144

Local Authority Designated Officer – 0121 569 4770

CSE Team – 0845 352 8690

Prevent (Extremism) Coordinator Sarfraz Khan – 0845 352 7701

Tipton COG – 0121 569 7291

Wednesbury COG – 0121 569 7294

West Bromwich Central COG – 0121 569 7293

West Bromwich North COG – 0121 569 7292

Oldbury COG – 0121 569 7295

Rowley COG – 0121 569 7296

Smethwick COG – 0121 569 7297

Online support:

www.childline.org.uk

www.nspcc.co.uk

www.sandwell.gov.uk

www.sandwellscb.org.uk

www.sandwellchildrenstrust.org.uk