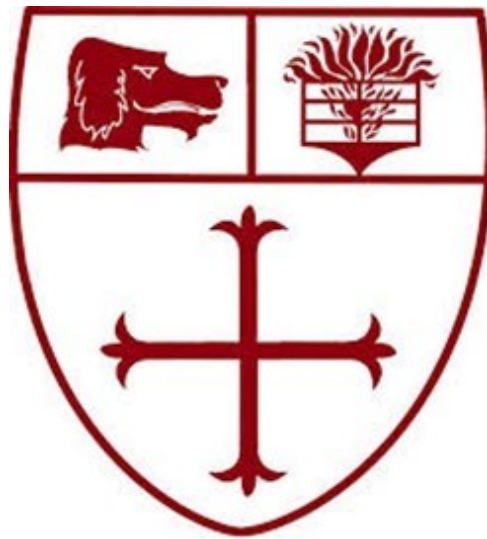


**Early Help for Children and  
Families  
@  
Dyson Perrins Church of England  
Academy**

**2024/25**



**‘To Love to Learn’  
To enable all students to flourish and become the  
best versions of themselves.**

## Support for Children and Families

At Dyson Perrins Church of England Academy 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.



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## Our Early Help Offer

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

Providing early help to our pupils and families at Dyson Perrins C of E Academy means we can improve outcomes for children, families, and communities, providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the early years through to teenage years.

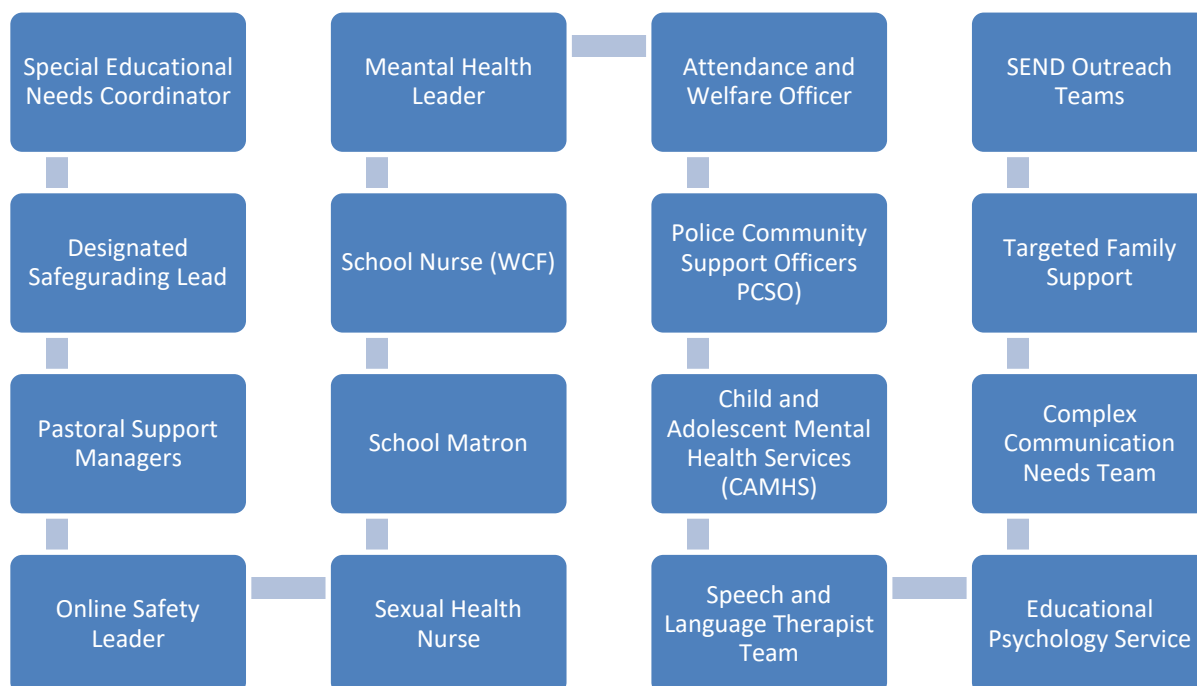
### **Early Help can support children and their families who may be struggling with:**

- 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 including children being a young carer
- 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)

Early help relies upon local groups and people in the community, sometimes we work together to help children, young people, and their families.

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

At Dyson Perrins, we meet the Early Help needs of our children through a variety of ways. As a school, we have available to us a group of staff with a broad range of skills and expertise, as well as working closely with other professionals outside of our school community. These key staff and professionals include;



At Dyson Perrins Church of England Academy, we operate a coordinated offer of early help, as outlined in the table below. We believe that early interventions for children or families, in many cases, will prevent children from experiencing harm.

In accordance with **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020**, all staff at staff must be aware of the Dyson Perrins offer of early 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. Below is a list of some of those interventions that may be used within School, as part of that 'Early Help' offer.

Managing Anger	A programme supporting students to understand the emotional and physical impact of anger and explore strategies to manage this emotion. The six session focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why I get angry</li> <li>• I think, I'm angry</li> <li>• The cost of my anger</li> <li>• Handling my anger</li> <li>• Expressing my anger</li> </ul> Anger Avoidance diary
Managing Anxiety	A programme supporting students to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand anxiety</li> <li>• Reframing anxious thoughts</li> <li>• Make time for worries</li> <li>• Practise relaxation and mindfulness techniques</li> <li>• Slowly build up time to face concerns</li> </ul> Use problem solving techniques to identify solutions to manage anxiety
Pixl Character Curriculum	All pupils within the Academy will follow the Pixl Character Curriculum during their Form Tutor periods. The curriculum will cover a range of areas and topics, empowering learners with knowledge and strategies around how to deal with a

	wide range of topics, including internet safety, substance misuse, and what constitutes a healthy relationship.
Emotional Wellbeing Toolkit	A 'toolkit' of resources, delivered by our School Mental Health Lead, to promote good mental health amongst our learners.
Self Esteem	A programme supporting students to raise low self-esteem and encourage students to understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What self-esteem is</li> <li>• What cause low self-esteem and how this affects us</li> <li>• How to have a healthy self esteem</li> </ul> Ways to improve low self esteem
Chapel Drop In	The sessions aim to help students to develop a strong sense of self-worth, value and purpose and recognise how faith and spiritual practice can support personal development and wellbeing.
Bereavement	A programme supporting students who are experiencing bereavement, grief or loss. The programme encourages students to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise the mental, emotional and physical symptoms of bereavement, grief or loss</li> <li>• Provide a safe space to discuss these feelings</li> </ul> Explore ways to help manage these feelings, supporting students to feel more in control and able to cope
Attendance Support	A programme supporting students to improve low attendance. The motivational sessions focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the importance of good attendance</li> <li>• Identifying potential barriers to good attendance</li> </ul> Action planning to put strategies in place to support improved attendance
Physical Wellbeing	A programme supporting students to improve their physical wellbeing. The sessions focus on exploring the mental, emotional and physical benefits of exercise and healthy nutrition, encouraging healthy life style choices
1:1 Mentoring	A service providing students with access to advice and support via a fortnightly trained mentor led session. Referrals can be made for this service.
Citizenship	A programme led by our local PCSO, Kerry Plant. The programme provides the opportunity for students to develop links with local services and encourages students to develop citizenship skills needed within the wider community. The programme includes twice weekly informal drop in sessions as well as referral based workshops led by PCSO, Kerry Plant.

## Local Services

<p><b>Family Hub</b> Sunshine Children’s Centre Bluebell Close Malvern WR14 3SW Telephone: 01684 577442</p>	<p>What’s on during the school holidays? (e.g. Ready, Steady, Worcestershire, youth groups, clubs and activities) <b>Malvern Cube Youth Centre</b> Albert Road North Malvern WR14 2YF Telephone: 01684 575363</p>
<p><b>Youth and Community Centre</b> Malvern Cube Youth and Community Centre Malvern Cube Albert Road North Malvern WR14 2YF Telephone: 01684 575 363</p>	<p><b>Foodbank</b> Malvern Hills Foodbank Unit 4, Spring Court Spring Lane South Malvern WR14 1AT Telephone: 07529 322985</p>
<p><b>Early Help Family Support District Team</b></p>	<p><b>Library</b> Malvern Library Graham Road Great Malvern Worcestershire WR14 2HU Telephone: 01905 822722</p>

**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](#)

## Health (including mental health, emotional wellbeing, and sexual health)

The **Starting Well Partnership** offers a range of health services which support both children and families experiencing a range of health issues.

[Worcestershire Health Visiting Service](#) | [Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](#)

If your child is under 5 years old and you need advice on issues such as feeding, behaviour, or toileting you can contact the **Telephone Advisory Service** on 0300 123 9551 (Monday – Friday 9am til 3pm). A Health Visitor will assist you over the phone with any worries, concerns, or questions you have.

[School Health Nursing](#) | [Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](#)

**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.

[Text service supporting young people | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](https://startingwellworcs.nhs.uk)

**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

[Social Prescribing: Onside Advocacy, Worcestershire \(onside-advocacy.org.uk\)](https://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.

[CAMHS | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](https://hacw.nhs.uk)

**CAMHS** provides mental health help to children, young people and their families across Herefordshire and Worcestershire

[Home - Kooth](#)

**Kooth** is an online mental wellbeing community which offers free, safe, and anonymous support.

[Reach 4 Wellbeing | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](https://hacw.nhs.uk)

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.

[Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide \(papyrus-uk.org\)](https://papyrus-uk.org)

**Papyrus** can offer suicide prevent support providing free and confidential helplines, advice, webchats, and resources.

[Home | Healthy Minds \(whct.nhs.uk\)](https://whct.nhs.uk)

**Healthy Minds'** 24/7 mental health helpline provides support or advice if you, or someone you know, is experiencing a mental health crisis and needs urgent help. Its available 24 hours a day to anyone in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

[Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](https://winstonswish.org)

**Winston's Wish** provide support for children and young people following the death of a sibling, parent, or a person important to a child.

[Sexual Health Know Your Stuff | Sexual health | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Worcestershire Integrated Sexual Health Service \(WISH\) | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust \(hacw.nhs.uk\)](https://hacw.nhs.uk)

WISH offer friendly and non-judgemental specialist services to support with information and advice, contraception, pregnancy, STIs and screening.

**Under 21 Saturday Service** - Clinic telephone lines are open between 10:00am – 12:30pm on Saturdays - Please call: 01905 681673 for further details.

Young People have a telephone consultation and are asked questions about their relationships. Callers will be advised what to do next and directed towards a clinic if necessary.

WISH have a dedicated Outreach nursing service. Referral forms can be found at [www.knowyourstuff.nhs.uk](https://www.knowyourstuff.nhs.uk). The Outreach team see young and vulnerable people who couldn't otherwise access sexual health services.

Free STI test kits and contraception: [SH:24 Free Home STI STD Test | Sexual & Reproductive Health \(sh24.org.uk\)](https://sh24.org.uk)

## Bullying (including Cyberbullying)

If you are concerned your child or a child, you know is being bullied there are several services and useful links which can help you support your child as a parent.

In the first instance if bullying is happening at school, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help.

The following links will provide you with more information if you or someone you know is being bullied:

[Is your child or someone you know being bullied? | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Are you being bullied? | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Cyberbullying | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Kidscape | Resources and Publications](#)

### Online Safety

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:

- [Think U Know | Information for parents](#)
- [Online safety | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#)
- [Educate Against Hate](#)
- [www.internetmatters.org](#)
- [BBC | 8 tips for staying safe online](#)

Sexting is the sending or receiving of sexually explicit images, videos or conversations online.

[Sexting and sending nudes | NSPCC](#)

[Think U Know | Parents Sexting Guide](#)

## Relationships

The following services and links offer information, advice, and intervention on healthy relationships for your family and children:

- [Healthy relationships | NSPCC](#)
- Challenges at home: [Harmony at Home – information and support for parent carers | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- CRUSH is an awareness raising and support programme to help young people make safe and healthy relationships. <http://www.westmerciawomensaid.org/crush/>
- [Relationships | The Family Hub | Worcestershire County Council](#)



## Friendships and relationship in teenagers

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.

[Childline - Friends, relationships and sex \(opens in a new window\)](#)

[Disrespect Nobody - Signs to spot \(opens in a new window\)](#)

[NHS Choices - How to talk to your child about sex \(opens in a new window\)](#)

[NHS Choices - Sex and young people \(opens in a new window\)](#)

## SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

### The Graduated Response at Dyson Perrins C of E Academy

Level of support	Type of support
<b>Quality First Teaching – Whole School</b>	<b>Quality first teaching for all learners</b> Use SEND Register and Guidance sheets for any specific learning need
<b>Targeted Intervention</b>	<b>Targeted intervention and support for some learners</b> Narrow the GAP English and Maths Interventions for SEND students Subject specific booster sessions Time-limited SSU Placement Access to homework clubs at lunchtime and after school Catch up reading scheme – Accelerated Reader Use of specific equipment to aid learning
<b>Specialist Intervention</b>	<b>Specialist support for a few learners</b> Individualised 1:1 Literacy Programmes (e.g. LEXIA) Individualised 1:1 Numeracy Programmes (e.g. Numerosity sessions) Longer term SSU Placement Bespoke intervention programmes (e.g. Anger Management, SemanticPragmatic Language Sessions, Organisation Skills) Working with Educational Psychologist / Autism (CCN) Team / Behaviour Support Team

If you are looking for information or advice the following links will help you:

[SEND Local Offer | Worcestershire County Council](#) or contact [localoffer@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:localoffer@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk)

SEND Information, Advice, Support Service [SENDIASS Worcestershire and Herefordshire \(hwsendiass.co.uk\)](http://SENDIASS Worcestershire and Herefordshire (hwsendiass.co.uk))

[Social care support for children with disabilities | Worcestershire County Council](#)



**The Online Family Hub** has been developed to provide you with a range of different types of resources that are available to you online, on the phone or face to face that you can access directly.

The Family Hub can offer you support and information with the challenge's family life can bring.

[The Family Hub | 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 new booklet will help you and families find the most appropriate support. To download this booklet, please visit: [The Family Hub | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Worcestershire Young Carers

Worcestershire Young Carers aim to identify, and support children and young people aged 7 to 24 years who have a caring role within the home and help look after a parent, sibling, or grandparent due to illness, disability, physical or mental health difficulties or substance misuse.

[Worcestershire Young Carers/Shropshire Young Carers | YSS](#)

[Carers | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Finance, Housing and Employment

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:

**Malvern Job Centre Plus**, Malvern Library, Graham Road, Great Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 2HU

Telephone: 01905 822722

**Worcester Job Centre Plus**, Haswell House, Sansome Street, Worcester, WR1 1UZ

Telephone: 0845 6043719

Citizen's Advice Bureau [Worcester Citizens Advice Bureau and WHABAC \(Worcester Housing and Benefits Advice Centre\) \(citizensadviceworcester.org.uk\)](http://citizensadviceworcester.org.uk)

Building Better Opportunities is a service to help local people move closer to employment. [Building Better Opportunities \(fusionworcs.co.uk\)](http://fusionworcs.co.uk)

For information on what financial and housing support is available in Worcestershire, please visit: [Housing and finances | The Family Hub | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Parenting Support

The Starting Well Partnership offer a range of parenting support, information, groups, and courses. For information on the groups available please visit: [Parenting groups | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](http://startingwellworcs.nhs.uk)

Parenting Talk is an online hub offering information, advice, and a free confidential online chat with a parenting advisor.

[Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)

Homestart can work with you to provide one to one support in the family home each week. This service provides support tailored to your needs and can help you as parents they learn to cope and build confidence to provide as best you can for your children.

[Home-Start | South Worcestershire \(home-startsw.org.uk\)](http://home-startsw.org.uk)

### Family Information Service

Do you need advice and support around finding childcare? The following link will provide you with the contact details of the Family Information Service's District Teams: [Family Information Service | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Substance Misuse

[Swanswell - Cranstoun](#)

Here 4 Youth is support service for children and young people up to the age of 18 who may be struggling with their use of drug and / or alcohol. [Here4YOUth Worcestershire - Cranstoun](#)

## Do you have a family member in prison?

Do you have a family member in prison which is having an impact on your child? Support is available to work with both the person in prison and your family.

[NICCO](#)

Families First provides support and guidance in a safe space, to enable the whole family to cope with the demands of having a partner, and parent, in prison: [Families First | YSS](#)

## Get Safe

If you are worried your child is at risk of being tricked, forced, or made to work in the criminal world please speak to a member of staff and visit [Get Safe](#) for help and information.

***If you are experiencing any of these challenges or issues affecting family life, please contact a member of staff who will be happy to provide you further advice and support.***