

## Early Help for Children and Families

At Wyre Forest School we recognise the challenges that families face in bringing up children with additional needs. 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.

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 here at WFS means we are more effective in promoting support as soon as we can. Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to teenage years.

## **Key Personnel and their roles**

**The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is:** Rebecca Garratt [Headteacher]

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At WFS we meet the needs of our pupils through a variety of ways:

Supporting our pupils and families with:

- Attendance
- Safeguarding concerns
- Behaviour
- Pastoral Support
- Online safety
- Mental Health

In **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 (updated Jan 2021)** it makes it 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 staff should be particularly alert to the potential need for early help for a child who:

- Is disabled and has specific additional needs;
- Has special 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.

The coordinated WFS 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 WFS staff must be aware of the school's 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.

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

## Early Help within Wyre Forest School:

Class Teacher and class team	Your child's class teacher is the first point of contact to discuss the wellbeing of your child
Family Support	Alison Hopkins works across the school, and liaises with outside agencies and families to promote the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.
School Nurse	Emma Zinzan, our special school nurse, is available Monday – Thursday between 8.45 and 2.45
Online safety co-ordinator	Sam Harper is able to provide advice to any parent/carer who needs support keeping their child safe on-line.
Team Teach training	Training sessions are provided for parents, where appropriate. Further information available from Brian Thomas, Deputy Headteacher
Transport	Many of our pupils benefit from travelling on transport to school. Brian Thomas oversees this aspect of our provision and liaises closely with Worcestershire County Council. If you have any queries please access this link;  <a href="https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20275/special_education_needs_and_disabilities_travel_assistance">https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20275/special_education_needs_and_disabilities_travel_assistance</a>
CWD Team social workers	Alison Hopkins is our link to the Children with Disabilities team and liaises regularly with them to ensure that our pupils with complex needs are well supported
Communication Team	Beverley Thorne runs signing courses throughout the year, and also provides PECS support for parents/carers.  In addition, she is available in school to offer specific support and guidance to individual parents/carers.

Russell House	<p>Russell House is our educational residential boarding unit for pupils of Wyre Forest School aged 8 upwards. It supports our pupils with complex needs who benefit from working on independent living skills in preparation for adulthood.</p> <p>Please contact Abby Baker for further details (01562512721)</p>
The Front Door to Children's Services	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Do not wait to discuss this with the DSL/DDSL but do report it afterwards.</b></p>
Worcestershire Children First website.	<p><a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/safeguardingchildren">http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/safeguardingchildren</a>  Important information for <b>parents</b> and <b>professionals</b> 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 safeguarding and child protection processes on it.</p>
Universal source of help for all families in Worcestershire: <b>Worcestershire Family Information Service (FIS)</b>	<p>Worcestershire Family Information Service (FIS) advisors give impartial information on <b>childcare, finances, parenting and education</b>. FIS are a useful source of information for parents and professionals. They support families, children and young people aged 0-19 years of age (25 for young people with additional needs) and professionals working with these families. They can help link parents up with other organisations that might be able to help or provide the information themselves.</p> <p><a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20507/childcare/1579/family_information_service">http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20507/childcare/1579/family_information_service</a></p>
	<p><b>Accessing Support :</b></p>
Autism	<p>Here at Wyre Forest School Sue Jones is our Autism Lead and she has a wealth of experience and ideas to draw upon.</p> <p>The Cygnet course is provided by the Children's Centre, but run in school, specifically for parents of young children with Autism.</p> <p>8 x 2 hour sessions</p> <p>Further information available from Victoria Glass</p>

	<p>Worcestershire County Council has lots of information about supporting families with autism <a href="https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20564/autism">https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20564/autism</a></p> <p>Autism West Midlands <a href="https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/">https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/</a> and the National Autistic Society <a href="https://www.autism.org.uk/">https://www.autism.org.uk/</a> provide a range of excellent information and support</p>
Bereavement	<p>The loss of a loved one can have a massive impact on the lives of our pupils and their families. Worcestershire has a range of charities and support groups that can help through this difficult time.</p> <p><a href="https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20594/end_of_life_care_and_bereavement/1539/bereavement_support">https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20594/end_of_life_care_and_bereavement/1539/bereavement_support</a></p> <p>Kemp Hospice (<a href="https://www.kemphospice.org.uk/">https://www.kemphospice.org.uk/</a>), Footsteps ( <a href="http://talktofootsteps.co.uk/">http://talktofootsteps.co.uk/</a> Winston's Wish <a href="https://www.winstonswish.org/">https://www.winstonswish.org/</a></p>
Bullying ( including <b>Cyber</b> bullying)	<p><b>Cyberbullying</b> is using the internet, email, online games or any digital technology to threaten, tease, upset or humiliate someone else.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Useful links</b></p> <p><a href="#">Bullying UK</a></p>

[Childline](#)

KidScape:

These 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/>

Child Criminal and Sexual Exploitation

**GET SAFE**

Here is some guidance for frontline professionals on dealing with county lines, part of the government's approach to ending gang violence and exploitation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-exploitation-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/>

**GET SAFE** is a new county wide initiative (2021) in partnership with West Mercia Police that aims to raise awareness, and protect young people, from all forms of exploitation. This should be the first point of access for professionals when seeking advice around concerns and referrals for pupils at WFS who are at risk of Criminal, gang or Sexual exploitation

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/GetSafe-keepingchildrenandyoungpeoplesafefromcrimalexploration>

**Key facts about CSE**

- 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).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 70% of adults involved in prostitution were sexually exploited as children or teenagers.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
Children and the court system	<p>Children are sometimes required to give evidence in courts, either for crimes committed against them or for crimes they have witnessed. There are two guides to support these children which can be found at <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a> (<b>young witness booklet for 5 to 11 year olds</b>) which is a pdf. There is also a document called “<b>going to court and being a witness age 12 to 17</b>” which is also found at <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a>. Making family arrangements via court can be stressful and entrench conflict in families. The ministry of Justice has just launched an online dispute resolution service. This can be useful to parents and carers. Got to <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a> and search for “<b>get help with arrangements.</b>”</p>
Children Missing in Education (CME)	<p><b>Children Missing Education (CME)</b> refers to 'any child of compulsory school age who is <b>not</b> registered at any formally approved education activity eg school, alternative provision, elective home education, <b>and</b> has been out of education provision for at least 4 weeks'. <b>CME</b> also includes those children who are <b>missing</b> (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 <b>and either</b> 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.</p> <p>This is the link for Children Missing Education on the Worcestershire website  <a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20595/behaviour_and_attendance/293/children_missing_education">http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20595/behaviour_and_attendance/293/children_missing_education</a></p>
Children with family members in prison	<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 (<a href="http://www.nicco.org.uk">www.nicco.org.uk</a>) provides information to support professionals working with offenders and their children to help mitigate the negative consequences for these children.</p>



	<a href="https://www.solgrid.org.uk/education/safeguarding/child-protection/issues/children-family-prison/">https://www.solgrid.org.uk/education/safeguarding/child-protection/issues/children-family-prison/</a>
Community Police Officer (Wyre Forest District)	We liaise with PC Neil Sharpe, and invite him into school to address specific issues with our pupils.
DDNs (Dangerous Drug Networks)	<p>DDN's are drug dealing gangs who target vulnerable people in order to set up drugs distribution networks.</p> <p>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><a href="#">Presentation For DDN's (PDF, 151.7 KB)</a></p> <p><a href="#">For professionals that work in health (PDF, 1.3 MB)</a></p> <p><a href="#">For professionals that work with young people (PDF, 1.3 MB)</a></p> <p><a href="#">For professionals working in housing (PDF, 1.3 MB)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Drug Gangs and Exploitation (PDF, 556.6 KB)</a></p>
Domestic Abuse	<p>Here is a very helpful website for what do to in many different difficult situations:</p> <p><a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20379/domestic-violence-and-sexual-abuse">http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20379/domestic-violence-and-sexual-abuse</a></p> <p>West Mercia Women's Aid: 0800 980 3331 0800 783 1359</p> <p><a href="mailto:helpline@westmerciawomensaid.org">helpline@westmerciawomensaid.org</a></p> <p><b>Further reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship Statutory Guidance Framework (GOV.UK website, opens in a new window)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Domestic Abuse - A toolkit for employers (Wellbeing.BIT website, opens in a new window)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Groups for parents - information and guidance</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Multi-agency Statutory Guidance for the Conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews (GOV.UK website, opens in a new window)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Worcestershire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2017 - 2020 (click to download)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Worcestershire Multi-agency domestic abuse training – Learning Outcomes (click to download)</a></li> </ul>

<p>Fabricated and induced illness (FII)</p>	<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><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Fabricated-or-induced-illness/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Fabricated-or-induced-illness/</a></p>
<p>Faith abuse</p>	<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><a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-action-plan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief">www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-action-plan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief</a></p> <p>Further contacts for advice can be found from the local representatives for some faiths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Exploration of Knowledge About Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief (2016)</li> <li>• National Action Plan to Tackle Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief (2012)</li> <li>• Safeguarding Children from Abuse Linked to a Belief in Spirit Possession (2007) this good practice guidance is archived but still available.</li> <li>• Eleanor Stobart report 2006: Child Abuse Linked To Accusations of Possession And Witchcraft (2006)</li> <li>• Unicef study report: Children Accused of Witchcraft</li> <li>• AFRUCA: Africans Unite Against Child Abuse</li> </ul>
<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 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 <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/female-genitalmutilation">http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/female-genitalmutilation</a> for NHS information and signs of FGM.</p>

	<p>Any suspicion of FGM should be referred to the Police and social care.</p> <p>- 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- <a href="http://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/">http://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/</a> for interested staff or professionals (free home office elearning)</p>
Foodbank	<p>Foodbanks operate both locally and nationally to provide families with essential food and household items during times of financial difficulty and hardship. Free school meals are also available in these circumstances</p> <p><a href="https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals/2">https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals/2</a></p> <p><a href="https://kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk/">https://kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk/</a></p>
Forced Marriage	<p><b>UK Forced Marriage Unit</b> <a href="mailto:fm@fco.gov.uk">fm@fco.gov.uk</a>  Telephone: 020 7008 0151  Call 999 (police) in an emergency.  <a href="http://www.gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage">www.gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage</a> for information on Forced Marriage. <i>Visit Home Office website to undertake Forced Marriage e-learning package</i>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/forced-marriage">https://www.gov.uk/forced-marriage</a>. GSCB one day Awareness training delivered by Infobuzz  <a href="http://www.gscb.org.uk">www.gscb.org.uk</a> Please see 'Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines- Handling cases of Forced Marriage' for more information and detail:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/forcedmarriage">https://www.gov.uk/forcedmarriage</a>.</p> <p><b>Prevention Freedom Charity-</b> Aneeta Prem '<b>But it's not fair' book</b>. 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. <a href="http://www.freedomcharity.org.uk">www.freedomcharity.org.uk</a> The Freedom Charity (UK charity) 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 <b>4freedom</b> to <b>88802</b> or go to the website to download the app from the app page.</p>
Gangs and youth violence	<p>Here is a PDF assisting with Gangs and Youth  <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418131/Preventing_youth_violence_and_gang_involvement_v3_March2015.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418131/Preventing_youth_violence_and_gang_involvement_v3_March2015.pdf</a></p> <p>This is a website for the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative: <a href="http://www.worcesterma.gov/youth-opportunities/youth-violence-prevention">http://www.worcesterma.gov/youth-opportunities/youth-violence-prevention</a></p>
Gender-based violence/violence	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/violence-against-women-and-girls-evidence-digest-january-2018">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/violence-against-women-and-girls-evidence-digest-january-2018</a></p>

<p>against women and girls</p>	<p>For information about West Mercia Rape and Sexual Abuse visit: <a href="https://www.wmrsasc.org.uk/">https://www.wmrsasc.org.uk/</a></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Hope House SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre): 01452 754390</p> <p><a href="http://www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk">www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk</a> 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 <a href="http://www.gendertrust.org.uk">www.gendertrust.org.uk</a></p> <p>Everyone's Welcome is a guide to supporting children and young people with their gender identity produced by Action for Children. There is also a support group for pupils aged 13-19 that is run by the starting well partnership. A pupil, parent, or professional can make a referral to access this service</p> <p><a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IS0vR6kA4k-LFFHiHX5vn9dlm46yyddBuV6YBSzfmbdUQVVKMIBaOTRTVfHOMExHREIMNTFSVE1RWi4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IS0vR6kA4k-LFFHiHX5vn9dlm46yyddBuV6YBSzfmbdUQVVKMIBaOTRTVfHOMExHREIMNTFSVE1RWi4u</a></p>
<p>Hate Crime</p>	<p><b>A hate crime is a criminal offence 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 offences that are NOT hate crimes).</b></p> <p><b>Hate Crime:</b>  West Mercia Police:  Email: <a href="mailto:contactus@westmercia.police.uk">contactus@westmercia.police.uk</a>  Emergency number: 999  Non-Emergency number: 101  <a href="https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/">report online to True Vision (opens in a new window)</a>  <a href="https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/">https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/</a>  Call in at your local police station</p>

<p>Hollie Guard-A new personal safety APP</p>	<p><a href="https://hollieguard.com/">https://hollieguard.com/</a></p> <p><i>Children &amp; Teens</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hollie Guard keeps your entire family safe.</li> <li>• Keep an eye on your children while they're traveling to and from school with Journey.</li> <li>• Teens can get help quickly while out with friends.</li> </ul> <p>Parents, guardians, and caregivers are automatically contacted by both SMS and email</p>
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<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 <b>so called 'honour' based violence</b> 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.</p> <p>The 'Honour Network Help line': 0800 5 999 247          Having somewhere safe and warm to sleep at night is a right for every child. If you have any difficulties please contact Wyre Forest District Council and Alison Hopkins, who will be able to support in this matter</p> <p><a href="https://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/housing.aspx">https://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/housing.aspx</a></p>
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<p>Missing Children and Adults Strategy (vulnerable children and adults who go missing)</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 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</p>
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	<p>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).</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/missing-children-and-adults-strategy">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/missing-children-and-adults-strategy</a></p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/117793/missing-persons-strategy.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/117793/missing-persons-strategy.pdf</a></p>
Online Safety	<p>Online Activity (phones, computers) can be a <b>serious risk</b> to 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. Our school website has lots of useful guidance and information:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&amp;pid=200">https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&amp;pid=200</a></p> <p><a href="https://educateagainsthate.com/">https://educateagainsthate.com/</a> - This is an additional government website to help parents and professionals understand the risks of children online</p> <p><a href="http://www.internetmatters.org">www.internetmatters.org</a> – A great site for helping parents keep their children safe online.</p>
Over 18's	<p>The Access Centre is the first point of contact for support and safeguarding advice for our eldest pupils</p> <p>01905 768053</p>
Parenting	<p>Starting Well is a project that brings together a range of organisations to support parents and carers in raising children well. It is an excellent source of advice and training on a whole range of issues from potty training to job seeking and the majority of their courses are free</p>

<p>Prevent Duty: Preventing Radicalisation and Extremism</p>	<p><a href="https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/">https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/</a></p> <p>Act Early is the latest government, home office and police strategy that provides information and practical advice for parents, teachers and school leaders on protecting children from radicalisation and extremism (<a href="https://actearly.uk/">https://actearly.uk/</a>)</p> <p>Prevent advice line: 0800 011 3764 Calls outside the hours of 9-5pm will be transferred to the specialist counter terrorism unit</p> <p><a href="https://educateagainsthate.com/">https://educateagainsthate.com/</a> - This is an additional government website to help parents and professionals understand the risks of children and young people becoming targeted by extremist groups online</p>
<p>Private Fostering</p>	<p>National Fostering Agency (NFA) Call on: 0808 284 9226</p> <p>Kinship Care Kinship care means that relatives or friends look after children who cannot live with their parents. Visit this website for more information: <a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/privatefostering">http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/privatefostering</a></p>
<p>Sexting/Sextortion/youth produced imagery</p> <p>Sexual Abuse</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keepingchildren-safe/sexting">http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keepingchildren-safe/sexting</a> (NSPCC website).</p> <p><a href="https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/8206/Sexting">https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/8206/Sexting</a> (West Mercia Police website)</p> <p>This is an incredibly difficult and sensitive subject for families to address. However, it is vital that support and advice is sought from trained professionals.</p> <p>The Barnado's Beacon Service offers local support for children who have experienced sexual abuse</p> <p><a href="https://www.barnardosbeacon.org.uk/">https://www.barnardosbeacon.org.uk/</a></p>
<p>Sexual Health</p>	<p>The Worcestershire Integrated Health Service (Wish) can offer a range of advice and support with regards to your child's sexual health and to young people who may have questions and issues they wish to discuss.</p>

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<p>Sexualised Behaviour</p>	<p>This can be a challenging issue for parents/carers and professionals to manage appropriately. It is vital that early support is sought for the pupil demonstrating these behaviours and for their families</p> <p>The Lucy Faithfull Foundation offer excellent services in this area:</p> <p><a href="https://www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk/">https://www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk/</a></p>								
<p>Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges</p>	<p>Here is advice from the WCC webpage:</p> <p><a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20379/domestic_abuse_and_sexual_violence_and_abuse">http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20379/domestic_abuse_and_sexual_violence_and_abuse</a></p> <p>West Mercia Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre:</p> <p><a href="https://www.wmrsasc.org.uk/">https://www.wmrsasc.org.uk/</a> 01905 724 514 <u>Helpline opening times:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="603 1384 1318 1738"> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>7.30pm to 9.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>1.00pm to 5.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>7.30pm to 9.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>10.00am to 2.00pm</td> </tr> </table>	Monday	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Tuesday	1.00pm to 5.00pm	Thursday	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Friday	10.00am to 2.00pm
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<p>Short Breaks</p>	<p>Here at WFS we recognise how rewarding, and yet challenging it can be, bringing up a child with significant additional needs.</p> <p>Worcestershire County Council are able to assist parents/carers in accessing respite care for their child-</p> <p><a href="https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/shortbreaks">https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/shortbreaks</a></p>								
<p>Stalking</p>	<p>General Advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If it doesn't feel right it probably isn't!</li> <li>▪ Seek support from trusted family/friends</li> </ul>								



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report to the police and do this early</li> <li>▪ Keep a diary in a secure location</li> <li>▪ Screenshot emails etc and save them</li> <li>▪ Photograph/video your stalker if safely possible.</li> <li>▪ Get advice: Hollie Gazzard Trust, Paladin etc...</li> <li>▪ Tighten security; home, work and on-line</li> </ul> <p><b>National Stalking Helpline</b>  For advice and support. The helpline will operate a triage service for local support and make referrals -Phone: 0808 802 0300  Website: <a href="http://www.stalkinghelpline.org">www.stalkinghelpline.org</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:advice@stalkinghelpline.org">advice@stalkinghelpline.org</a></p> <p><b>Paladin: National Stalking Advocacy Service</b>  For advice and referral.  Phone line: 020 3866 4107  Email: <a href="mailto:info@paladinservice.co.uk">info@paladinservice.co.uk</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.paladinservice.co.uk/">www.paladinservice.co.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Hollie Gazzard Trust</b>  <a href="https://holliegazzard.org/">https://holliegazzard.org/</a></p>
<p>Teenage relationship abuse</p>	<p>Here is a great PDF helping to understand teenage relationship abuse: <a href="U:\U161 CHS\U695 Education Safeguarding\G3 SGAAA .Education Adviser Safeguarding\G1 Mgt &amp; Admin\03.Education Adviser -Safeguarding files\Admin Assisstant\A parents and carers guide to violence and abuse in teenage relationships.pdf">U:\U161 CHS\U695 Education Safeguarding\G3 SGAAA .Education Adviser Safeguarding\G1 Mgt &amp; Admin\03.Education Adviser -Safeguarding files\Admin Assisstant\A parents and carers guide to violence and abuse in teenage relationships.pdf</a></p>
<p>Young carers</p>	<p>Many siblings of our pupils here at Wye Forest school have benefitted from additional support from young carers- an organisation that offers a wealth of support and activities for children who are also carers.</p> <p><a href="https://www.yss.org.uk/worcestershire-young-carers">https://www.yss.org.uk/worcestershire-young-carers</a></p>