

## Early Help Offer

We will work with children and families and we will:

Aim to:

- **Work to families' strengths**, especially those of parents and carers and take time to understand their needs fully.
- **Focus on preventing problems** before they occur and offer flexible, responsive support when and where it is required.
- **Base all we do on evidence**, both what is needed and what works. We will be resolute in our commitment to act to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the child.
- **Use all resources available** to school to support families

Chapel-en-le-Frith High School's early help offer identifies the needs of children and provides support that is more intensive, once other mechanisms in school have failed to address the issues. For this to be effective, we will work together with other agencies to:

- ✓ **Identify children and families who would benefit from support**
- ✓ **Undertake an assessment of need**
- ✓ **Provide intervention and signposting to address those needs**

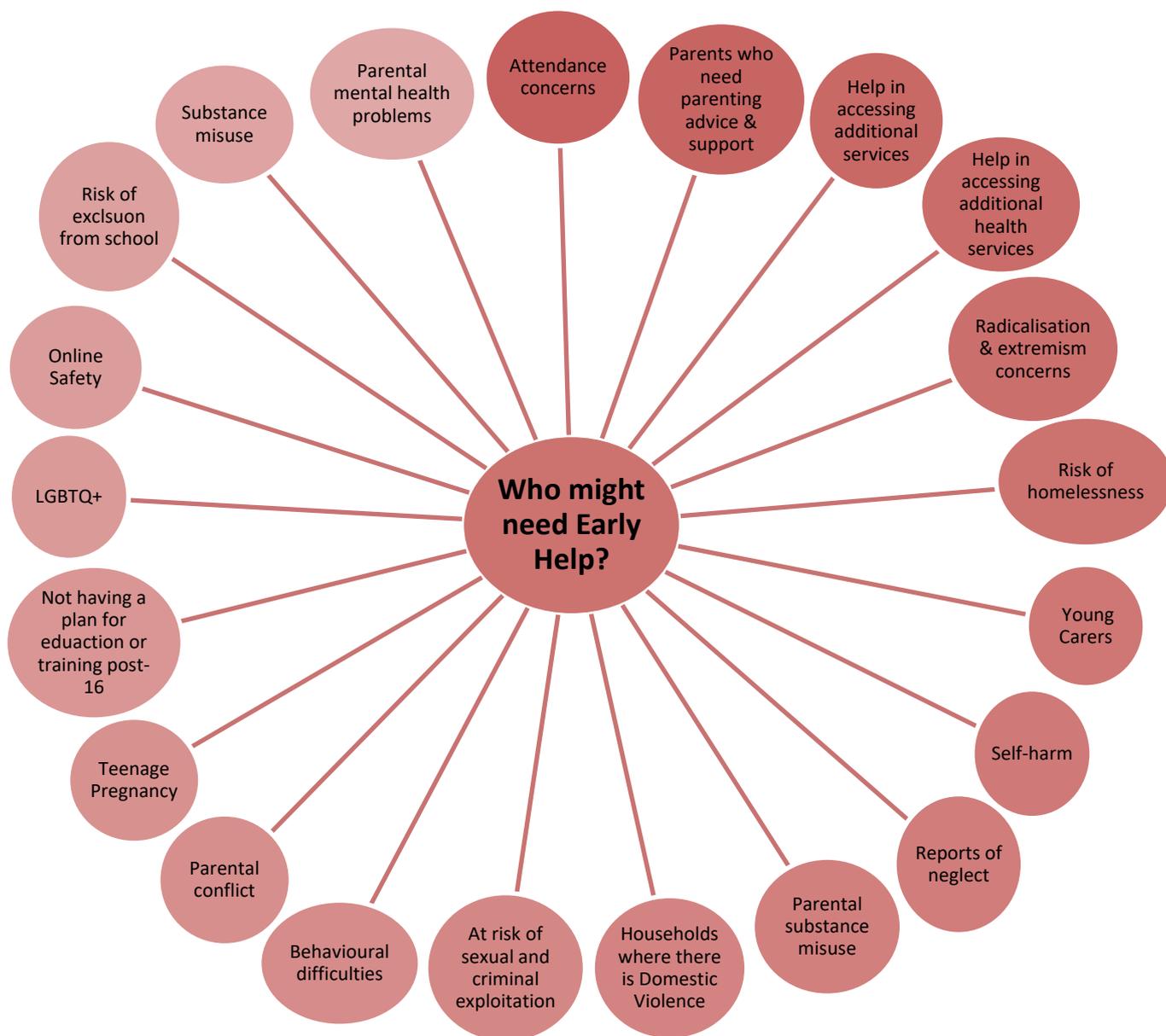
Our Early Help offer is delivered by our Family Outreach Manager **Mrs Andrea Parry**.

Our Family Outreach Manager will work with families to identify the right level of support, which can be delivered quickly in order to prevent things getting worse. This may require working with other agencies. In these cases, there would be a responsibility to share information in line with our Sharing Information Policy. The Family Outreach Manager will carry out an Early Help Assessment and co-ordinate action plans in the form of a TAF (Team Around the Family) plan.

Early Help is the support that is delivered at Level 1 and Level 2 of Derby and Derbyshire's Safeguarding Children Partnership Thresholds Document. It includes 'Universal' interventions that are offered to all children at Chapel-en-le-Frith High School to prevent problems developing, and 'Emerging Needs,' which is more targeted support to particular children and families who present with additional needs.

The purpose of Early Help is to support the well-being of children and families by tackling emerging needs at the earliest opportunity to support, educate and prevent further escalation. This means working with children and families, engaging them as equal partners and to helping them engage with additional services to promote positive outcomes.

**Children who may need Early Help - (this list is not exhaustive)**



We will know if our work in Early Help is successful if it delivers these outcomes:

Children and Young People ...	Parents and Carers ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are physically and emotionally healthy</li> <li>• are resilient and able to learn well</li> <li>• are supported by their families, their community, and – when necessary – professionals to thrive and be successful</li> <li>• live in environments that are safe and that support their learning and development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are supporting one another in our communities</li> <li>• know where to get help if they need it</li> <li>• have trusted relationships with practitioners, neighbours and other parents.</li> <li>• are well-informed about how best to help their child develop, and motivated to make good choices</li> </ul>

Effective Early Help may be delivered at any point, regarding any issue, which is having a negative impact on a child’s safety, development and/or well-being.

## How can I access support?

You can access support and advice from school by:

- **initially contacting your child's Pastoral Leader:**

Bowden	Mrs Sonjia Webb	<a href="mailto:swebb@chapelhigh.org.uk">swebb@chapelhigh.org.uk</a>
Combs	Mrs Clare Johnson	<a href="mailto:cjohnson@chapelhigh.org.uk">cjohnson@chapelhigh.org.uk</a>
Hollins	Mr Damian Wightman	<a href="mailto:dwrightman@chapelhigh.org.uk">dwrightman@chapelhigh.org.uk</a>
Kinder	Mrs Clair Louis	<a href="mailto:clouis@chapelhigh.org.uk">clouis@chapelhigh.org.uk</a>

- **contacting the Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Mrs Paula Griffiths	<a href="mailto:pgriffiths@chapelhigh.org.uk">pgriffiths@chapelhigh.org.uk</a>
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- **contacting the Family Outreach Manger:**

Mrs Andrea Parry	<a href="mailto:aparry@chapelhigh.org.uk">aparry@chapelhigh.org.uk</a>
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**Not all referrals into this service will meet the threshold for an immediate Early Help Assessment and TAF Plan, but all concerns will be logged and monitored, and parents signposted to additional support that is available where necessary.**

Our offer is embedded in Chapel-en-le-Frith High School's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and is part of a continuum of work we do in helping to keep children safe.

Any concerns in our delivery of this offer will be addressed under our school's complaints procedure.