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Early Help Strategy

What is Early Help?

Early Help is intervening early and as soon as possible to tackle problems emerging for children, young people and their families or with a population most at risk of developing problems. Effective intervention may occur at any point in a child or young person's life.

What does Early Help look like?

At MBHT, if a child or their family may need some extra support they can approach us or we may approach them to offer our help. We then sit down and meet with a family and try to gain as much understanding as possible about what life is like for the child and the family and then look to support the family by involving other professionals as required. The Early Help process is carried out with the family and their views are respected and taken into account throughout the process.

The types of support offered, include:

- Support and signposting conversation about emerging needs
- Early Help Assessment of emerging needs might be helpful
- Team Around the Family support for on-going emerging needs might be helpful
- Referral to targeted services if emerging needs become intense, complex or specialist

Examples of the types of support offered, include:

- Link with Mrs Swain (SEND/CO/Nurture/Positive Play lead) to provide support at school & home
- Putting the family in touch with Citizen's Advice
- Supporting the family to join Church in the Peak (local food bank)
- Providing a different type of provision at our School
- Involving specialists to support a child eg. Speech and Language Therapists, School Nurse, Educational Psychologist

Who leads on Early Help?

At MBHT, Mrs Swain (Headteacher/SEND/CO/DSL) leads on Early Help. It is our intention that all our staff have skills in Early Help & support so that each family can be helped by any staff member. If you feel you would like some additional support please speak with any member of staff who will put you in touch with Mrs Swain.