

Early Help

What is the Early Help Assessment process?

There are times when children and their families may need support from a wide range of local agencies. Where a child and family would benefit from support from more than one agency (e.g. education, health, housing, police) an Early Help Assessment will be offered to agree and coordinate that support.

The Early Help Assessment is an evidence based, family friendly tool designed to support solution focused conversations between professionals and the family. Its purpose is to identify strengths and difficulties, engage and empower individuals to achieve positive change and prevent needs escalating.

The EHA:

- Is a voluntary process; you and your family choose to be involved in the process and can withdraw consent at any time.
- Involves completing an assessment with you and members of your family to find out what your problems are and decide on what help is needed.
- Is a shared assessment so you won't need to repeat yourself to different professionals.
- Is an action planning process - you'll agree the next steps and actions with the professionals who are part of the process.

The EHA process is led by a 'lead professional' who co-ordinates the Early Help support package. Support you can request:

Your family can get help with a variety of issues you may need support for, including:

- [Health and development of your child](#)
- [Mental health support](#)
- [Healthy relationship advice](#)
- [Money and buying food](#) - such as discounted or free food club schemes
- [Disabilities or behavioural issues in children](#)
- [Bereavement](#)
- Anything else that makes you worried about your child

At Pike Fold Primary school we are committed to providing Early Help support for our families. All Early Help information is confidential and will only be shared with people who you consent too. If you would like to discuss support in any area please don't hesitate to speak to Miss McHale, our Senior Safeguarding Attendance & Admissions Officer or our Pastoral support Mrs Stevenson.

If you feel that you would benefit from any extra help or support but you don't want to contact school regarding this then please contact the North Manchester Locality Team on: 0161 234 1973 earlyhelpnorth@manchester.gov.uk

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