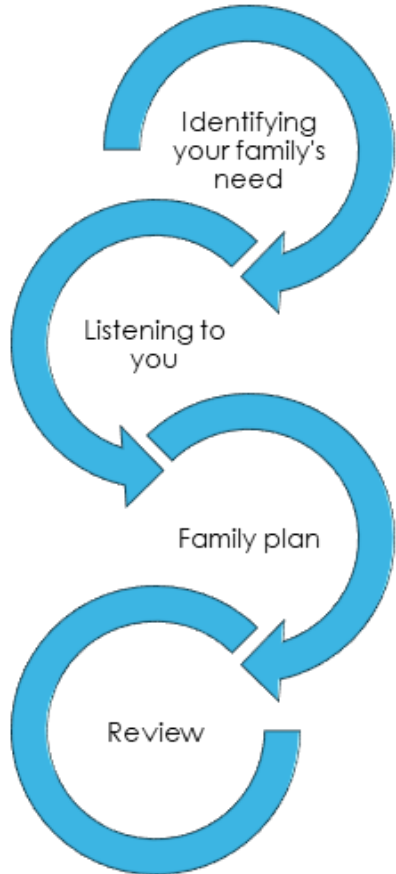


Early Help at Ivybridge Community College



I have a child at Ivybridge Community College, how can I get help for my family?

Contact your child's Tutor, Pastoral Leader or College Director in the first instance via email:

icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

or telephone - 01752 691000

or email our Early Help Coordinator, Mrs Brittin, for a discussion about Early Help support:

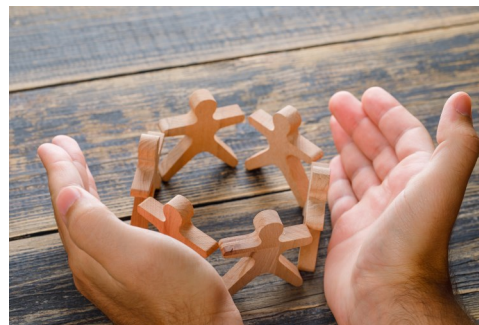
earlyhelp@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

How do I apply?

If your family is eligible for Early Help support you will need to sign the consent form and return it to your child's Tutor, Pastoral Leader or for the attention of Kylie Brittin, Early Help Coordinator.

www.devonscp.org.uk

Your lead professional will invite you into College to complete the Early Help assessment. This will help us gather information to identify your family's needs. We will then create a plan and review actions accordingly.



Early Help



Ivybridge
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

What is Early Help?

- Recognising when we may need support
- Assessing need and planning to meet that need
- Providing children and families with the right help at the right time
- All services working together to help families help themselves

The Early Help Categories:

- Secure Housing
- Financial Stability
- Getting a Good Education
- Good Early Years Development
- Improved Mental and Physical Health
- Improved Family Relationships
- Promoting Recovery and reducing harm from substance use
- Children Safe from Abuse and Exploitation
- Safe from Domestic Abuse
- Crime Prevention and Tackling Crime

Early Help is the extra support your family can get if you need it. It may be that you want to prevent a problem, or change things for your family before the problem becomes more serious.

Early Help is not a specific service or team. It is an approach that brings together people from a range of services and teams who will work together with your whole family to help improve the situation for everyone.

How does Early Help work?

By identifying and building on your strengths as a family we can help and support you to find long term solutions to your issues, as well as developing your skills to help you manage any future challenges.

You will have one main point of contact. This could be someone you already have a good relationship with such as a teacher, youth worker or health visitor. They will be known as your lead worker and they will help you access the services you need quickly and easily.

The information you and your family provide will only be shared with the people who need to know about it, and only with your permission.

You and your family will be central to drawing up your goals, and we will not make any decisions without your involvement.

An Early Help Assessment can help support you in a number of ways ranging from advice and guidance to more intensive family support. It covers different areas to help identify need and plan to support.

For further advice regarding Early Help, please find an Early Help information leaflet from the Devon Children and Families Partnership on the Ivybridge Community College website (under the Safeguarding tab, then Early Help)

Early Help Meetings

Team around the family (TAF)

A TAF meeting is held at least every 12 weeks, where you and all professionals working with your family will be invited.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss what is going well, listen to you and your child's views and consider different services or agencies to support identified areas of need.

Right for Children:

Right for Children (RFC) is a computer programme that is used to hold all information regarding your family.

It is used to undertake the Early Help assessment, planning actions and to review the impact of the plan.

The programme is used by all professionals involved, so the Information you share is in one central place to ensure the whole picture is available to everyone involved.

Once all areas of need are identified and addressed, the case can be closed on Right for Children.