

Early Help

At Frederick Gent School we understand that from time to time family life can have its complication and sometimes young people and their families may need some extra support.

Early help is support given to a family when a problem first emerges. It can be provided at any stage in a young person's life. The early help offer at Frederick Gent School gives parents a framework for asking for support; and for the school to approach families where we can offer support. Early help support can be delivered to parents, young people or whole families, but the main focus is to improve outcomes for young people.

At Frederick Gent School staff may identify a possible need for early help services or a family may request support. In some cases the school may be asked to provide early help support for a family by Derbyshire Starting Point. This may be as a result of a concern being raised to Starting Point, a referral from another professional or following a social care assessment.

If school staff identify a possible need for early help a referral will be made to the school Early Help Team. This team consists of a family support worker and a youth worker. Where it is felt appropriate, for example where specific expertise is needed, early help staff from other schools within The Two Counties Trust may be used to support a young person and/or family.

If staff have identified that there may be a need for early help support, this will be discussed with the family by a member of the pastoral team for the year group or one of the early help team. The young person and their family will be asked to consent to this support.