



Early help offer – at a glance.

We know that sometimes unexpected problems can create difficulties which need support to help resolve them. Our aim at Broomfield is to do whatever we can to provide support for any member of our school community. We can provide support in the following ways:

Pastoral

Pastoral care is support which we provide in school in order to help a child to improve their social, emotional and behavioural skills.

Pastoral care can be provided in a range of ways to meet a variety of goals. The reasons we provide pastoral care can range but some examples are:

To help a child turn-take or share appropriately

- Boost self-esteem and confidence
- To provide strategies to help manage anxiety
- To help build stronger relationships with their peers
- To give support to those who are struggling with events taking place at home
- To help a child with transition to a new class/key-stage or school

The ways in which we deliver this support can include:

- Draw and Talk session working 1:1 with a child.
- Communication groups
- ELSA
- Referrals to the mental health Support team
- Additional transition

Parental

Sometimes pastoral care needs to bridge home and school. Sometimes help is needed to address challenging behaviour at home, sometimes help is needed due to family illness, financial difficulties or other misfortune.

The ways in which we deliver this support can include:

Signposting to local services or websites both on our weekly newsletter and on the school website.

- Mental Health Support Team and School Nurse displays boards and information available at Parent Evenings.
- Completing household support forms for families.
- Access to the SENCO.
- Providing different payment plans for trips etc.
- Giving school uniform.
- Drop-ins – staff available to meet and discuss any concerns.

Other Agencies

Sometimes we need to involve other agencies and people such as Family Support Workers or the School nurse so that we can all work together and share ideas and expertise.

We may also need to use specialist services who can offer different support such as bereavement or domestic violence amongst others. We would always seek permission before making any referrals.

We also work with other agencies offering support such as:

- Local PCSO's
- The Bikeability team
- Mental health support Team
- Virtual School

Attendance

Good attendance is vital for children to succeed at school and prepare them for the next phase of their life. Target attendance is 97%+ and this is what everybody should be aiming for to ensure that children make good progress and reach the expected standards at school.

The ways in which we promote positive attendance and provide support to families can include:

- Meet and greets
- Weekly attendance certificates for 97%+
- Breakfast club
- First day calling
- Attendance meetings with families

Contact Us

Should you have any worries or concerns during term-time, please contact the school office and make an appointment with Miss Allison.

In the holidays, any urgent safeguarding issues should be referred to Leicestershire First Response Children's Duty – 0116 30505

Support for families can also be found on our website:

<https://www.broomfield.bepschools.org/parents/parent-information-signposting/>