



SAINT JOHN'S

Statement of Early Help

The new Children and Families Act 2014 means changes to the law to give greater protection to vulnerable children, better support for children whose parents are separating, a new system to help children with special educational needs and disabilities and help for parents to balance work and family life. Early help is important because it ensures vulnerable children and their families receive the help they need when they need it. It can prevent problems getting worse and requiring specialist intervention from social care, health and the youth justice system.

It is imperative that all children receive appropriate welfare; The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) provides a child-centred framework within which services to children are located. It spells out the basic human rights that all children have, including 'the right to survival; to develop to the fullest; to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation; and to participate fully in family, cultural and social life'.

The Munro 'Working Together' definition of Early Help is as follows;

Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years.

Saint John's C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare at all levels. We ensure that children who are at risk are identified as soon as possible and that we work with them, their families and any necessary outside agencies to try to ensure that the situation does not reach a crises point. We are aware that children and their families have different levels of needs at different times and as a result of different situations; that all needs need to be taken into account when considering the type of support that would be beneficial and which professionals can help. The aim of early help is to identify which level of help is needed and how we can ensure that the children are safeguarded and that their needs are met. We are fully aware of the importance placed on bespoke care and support being offered to individuals.