



EARLY HELP OFFER – COVID-19 ANNEX

Early help means providing help when extra support is needed. During the Covid-19 pandemic, many more families have been in crisis and have needed additional support. Vale of Evesham school have added the Covid-19 Annex to reflect how we too have adapted in terms of supporting our families during the pandemic.

Vale of Evesham continue to be committed to the safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people.

This list is not exhaustive and can be adapted and changed subject to support needed.

Home-based learning: During Covid-19 lockdown, work and resources were uploaded onto our chosen platforms – Tapestry for Nursery and Class Dojo for the rest of the school. Parents and carers are able to communicate effectively and in real time about the work set or any issues they are having at home. This way of working will continue for those who are high-risk and need to continue to shield or those sent home/isolating due to exposure or a positive Covid test result.

Daily communication: Vale of Evesham contact families daily through the communication platforms listed above, Zoom meetings, email or telephone conversations to ensure families are aware that we are still supporting them and safeguarding their children during their time at home.

FSM vouchers: Vale of Evesham ensure that the children who are entitled to FSM still receive their vouchers, where the families were self-isolating or have difficulty accessing the shops. Members of staff are able to, as necessary, shop and deliver to the home address.

Door step visits: Doorstep visits are carried out by staff to make sure families are able to manage whilst isolating, dropping off resources, food vouchers or shopping and showing a familiar smiling face. This gives families the opportunity to discuss anything that is worrying them or letting us know about the great activities and work they do with their children whilst at home.

Resources: Resources such as sensory toys, books and other classroom resources are loaned to families to help facilitate some home-learning opportunities for our pupils.

Electronic learning aids: Electronic learning aids are loaned to parents who have difficulty accessing technology at home and need it to facilitate home-learning.

Additional transport arrangements: Vale of Evesham are able to help families with getting their children to school, in a Lockdown situation, when other modes of transport, such a buses and taxis, are not running as normal. Arrangements can be made with families to support this.