

At Britannia Primary School, there may be times where we are able to offer additional help and advice to families if circumstances are proving particularly difficult for a variety of reasons.

Through school referral processes, the school can sometimes offer CAFs (common assessment frameworks) to try to obtain additional support for families. Through this, school can sometimes gain valuable support and advice from expert service providers who are trained to guide young people and adults through challenging sets of circumstances.

Our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Chapman, meets regularly with parents and children who may find themselves in challenging times.

At Britannia, we can offer support and advice on a range of issues, including domestic violence, family break ups, school attendance, housing concerns, financial worries, debts, abuse or neglect, behaviour management and parenting, bereavement and loss, bullying and online safety.

School staff are trained regularly in understanding early signs that pupils may be vulnerable to abuse or radicalisation of some form. The training staff undertake also looks at signs to be observant of which may indicate pupils are becoming involved in anti-social behaviour or gang-related activities. This training also encompasses guidance on drug and alcohol misuse, mental health issues, domestic violence and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Training also looks at resources which are available to support families in need of additional time and guidance and how valuable signposting support can be, particularly when undertaken early on, both for parents and young people alike.

Further details are available on the school's website in relation to offers of Early Help in terms of pupils with Special Educational Needs which can be accessed through reference to the school's SENCO.

Both the Principal and SENDCo are fully trained as Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and the school's Vice Principal and Family Liaison Officer have undertaken Alternate DSL training.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

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