



# LARKHOLME

Safeguarding at Larkholme Primary School

## Early Help Offer

Larkholme Primary school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including the Child Protection policy.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we offer support and help to all our families and have a team of people who are able to offer guidance with early help. With our well developed partnerships with other agencies, we are often in the position to sign post families to the correct support and can act as a central hub.

Within school we provide the following Early Help support for all children, striving to ensure concerns, no matter how small, are listened to and supported effectively, maximising the chances of effectively safeguarding all of our children:

**Lead DSL:** Mrs Sims oversees the Pastoral Team and is available to support children and their families. She monitors safeguarding throughout the school, identifies trends and patterns and puts in place whole school strategies to support all families

**SENDCo:** Our SENDCo at Larkholme is available to support families with children with additional needs. She works closely with external agencies and leads the TAs in school who deliver targeted interventions

**Family Support Worker:** Mrs Mellow is our school family support worker and back up DSL. She works with our families and offers targeted support where needed, 1-1 sessions for children and families and liaises with external agencies.

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*Pastoral Team*

*Mrs Sims*

*Mrs Mellow*

*Miss Zak*

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If you are concerned about a child being abused or neglected or about an adult that works with children call

0300 123 6720

or out of hours

0300 123 6722.

Supporting Our Families

# Larkholme's Early Help Offer

## Nurture facilities:

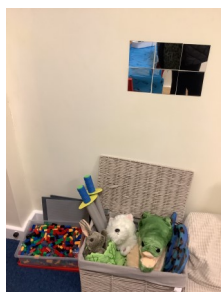
### Sunshine Room

Children come to our Sunshine Room for nurture groups and activities. At a lunchtime Mrs Mellow or Mrs Zak are in the Sunshine Room, so children can drop in.



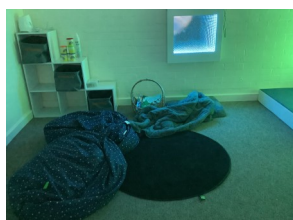
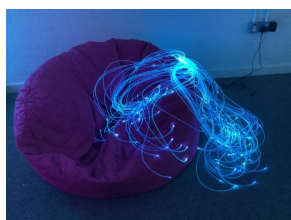
### Rainbow Room

We have renovated another of our rooms to create the Rainbow Room. This is a carefully designed space for Play Therapy. Play Therapy is a type of therapy where children use play and art materials to express themselves. Mrs Zak is currently undertaking her Play Therapy training and have begun to work with families across the school.



### Starlight Room

At Larkholme, we know that sometimes children need time to time and space to regulate. We have created a sensory space called the Starlight Room for this purpose. As required, children will have scheduled time in the Starlight Room to support them with the strategies they need and to give them a calm space. There may be times we invite parents in to join their child in the sensory room in order to share useful strategies.



**Prevent Trained Staff:** All of the DSL team has received the PREVENT training, disseminating this information to ALL staff and ensuring they are all able to identify the early stages of radicalisation and what to do. All staff have completed the online training. This is part of the induction process for new staff.

**Child Criminal Exploitation:** All staff have been trained through the whole school safeguard training delivered annually, and are able to identify early indicators of potential cases of child criminal exploitation. We work with the MASP team to identify risks in our local area

**Female Genital Mutilation (FGM):** All staff receive annual training on FGM. Teachers know how to identify if a child may be at risk. They are aware of the countries and places within this country where children may be taken to for this to happen. They know the signs to look for and most importantly how to refer, following the schools safeguarding procedures.

**Extra Curricular Clubs:** Extra-curricular clubs are offered to all children to encourage a healthy lifestyle, relationship building, physical activity and sports, social development skills and enhancement of the curriculum.

**Lunchtime Play Leaders:** support their peers to have fun and enjoyable playtimes. The children apply to become a leader and are involved in making playtimes a fun and exciting time.

**Well Being Drop in:** We offer regular well being drop in session to all parents. This is an opportunity to discuss concerns with our Children Family and Well-Being Link Worker.

**Outdoor Learning Curriculum:** We offer all our pupils a bespoke outdoor learning experience that enhances the national curriculum and helps them to develop resilience, respect and responsibility

**Curriculum Provision:** The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of our children and is enriched with opportunities for visits and workshops.

**Online safety:** Each year group is taught 6 units of online safety lessons throughout the year, linking directly with areas of computing they are working on. We have run presentations led by the NSPCC and other external providers to support both children and parents to develop a greater awareness of the dangers they face online each day, as well as strategies to keep themselves safe. Regular hints and tips to protect children online, relating to specific areas of interest for children such as Fortnite and Tik-Tok are shared via the newsletter, emails to parents and our Facebook page.

**Speech and Language Support:** We recognise that Communication is both a vital and complex skill that develops gradually over time from the moment a child is born. We work closely with the speech and language team to deliver interventions in school.

**Attendance:** Every child whose attendance is below 90% are carefully monitored and support offered wherever possible, utilising the skills of the Family Support Worker where appropriate. Formal attendance meetings are held and improvements recognised. Our school operates a first day response system. Where attendance does not improve, we enlist the support of the Education Welfare Officer, Jayne Perry to further support families wherever possible.

We will know if our work in early help is successful if it delivers these outcomes:

| Children and Young People...   | Parents and Carers...  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are physically and emotionally healthy</li> <li>• Are resilient and able to learn well</li> <li>• Are supported by their families, their community, and - when necessary - professionals to thrive and be successful</li> <li>• Live in environments that are safe and support their learning and development.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are supporting one another in their communities</li> <li>• Know where to get help if they need it</li> <li>• Have trusted relationships with practitioners, neighbours and other parents</li> <li>• Are well informed about how best to help their child develop, and motivated to make great choices.</li> </ul> |

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**Useful Contacts:**

**Safeguarding**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/your-health-and-wellbeing/domestic-abuse/>

Victim Support Services: 08 08 16 89 111

**Well Being**

Samaritans 116 123 (24 hour helpline) [www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)

Anxiety UK 08444 775 774 [www.anxietyuk.org.uk](http://www.anxietyuk.org.uk)

<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/directory/casher-child-adolescent-support-help-enhanced-response?categories=health,health-conditions,mental-health,children>

Wellbeing help line <https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/Mental-Health-Helpline> 0800 915 4640

**PREVENT**

<https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>

If you have a Prevent concern about someone please send this referral form to: **concern@lancashire.police.uk**. If it's an emergency, please call 999. Or you can call anonymously on 0800 789 321. If you see online material promoting terrorism or extremism, you can report it online.

**If you are concerned about the safety of a child or you require urgent help or advice [Call Lancashire on 0300 123 6720](tel:03001236720) or out of hours [0300 123 6722](tel:03001236722).**