

# Fox Wood School

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Dear Parents and Carers

An Early Help Assessment (EHA) is an optional assessment that parents and carers can request, which enables them to access further support for their child and their family. The Early Help Team sit within Warrington Local Authority. As Pastoral Support Officer my role is to work with parents and carers to complete the Early Help Assessment. This entails me working with you in whatever way best suits you, this could be face to face at home or in school, or somewhere that suits you. We work through the EHA questions together informally; then I will type this up on your behalf and submit this to the Early Help Team. The form is written to the child to make sure this is accessible, we often add symbols and pictures to make it child friendly, I love to include family photographs too should you be willy to provide these. From our first meeting, I have four weeks to complete the paperwork, I gather information from any other schools that siblings attend, as well as contributions from Fox Wood class teachers.

Once the form is completed, I will send a paper copy to you, I ask you to read through the form including the declaration on the back page and sign it once you are happy for this to be shared with the Early help Team. Once you are happy with the completed paperwork, I complete a Multi-Agency Request for Services (MARS) form and attach the Early Help Assessment to this. It is nothing to worry about, it means that the paperwork is getting to the correct team for review. The wait times can be very long, at present it can be up to 12 weeks due to the capacity of the team.

If you have not heard from the Early Help Team by the 12-week point- please contact me at school and I will be happy to chase this on your behalf (my contact details are below). Usually, at the 12 week point they will make contact with you, and they will assign you to a Family Support Worker. If you have requested PA hours, the Assessment will go to the Short Breaks Panel. Once the Family Support Worker has been assigned, they will work with you to support your requests and will also communicate with school should any further support be required from us, sometimes a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting is held, but the Family Support Worker will be able to explain this to you in more detail should they feel this is required.

We appreciate, there may be a long wait, in the meantime we offer signposting to support groups, and I am always at the end of the phone or email if I can help you any further.

My contact details are as follows:

- Email: [lsimms@foxwoodschool.org.uk](mailto:lsimms@foxwoodschool.org.uk)
- Tel: 01925 811 534
- Mob: 07562 949275

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## Signposting Support

### ❖ Parents of children with SEND

- Warrington Carers Hub: <https://www.n-compass.org.uk/our-services/carers/warrington-carers-hub>
- National Autistic Society (NAS): <https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/branches/warrington>
- Addvanced Solutions: <https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/our-offers/our-offer-in-warrington.html>
- SENDIASS: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/warringtonsendiass>
- Childrens' Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT): <https://caft.co.uk/>
- Warrington Play and Sensory: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/sensory>

### ❖ Clubs and activities that children with SEND can access

- Springboard at Warrington Youth Zone- <https://warringtonyouthzone.org/young-people/springboard/>
- Warrington Wolfprint- <https://wolvesfoundation.com/2018/02/10/wolfprint/>
- Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) offer SEND specific activities- <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/haf>

### ❖ Aspire

- We can support you to complete an application for Aspire which is a holiday club held at Fox Wood and Green Lane during some of the school holidays (6 years plus)

### ❖ Medical support and dental support

- Can be accessed via a referral from our school nursing team – call 01925 811534 and choose option 1

### ❖ Behaviour support via specialist nurses at the CDC

- Request a triage form for CDC, contact number: 01925 946773
- Challenging Behaviour Foundation website: [challengingbehaviour.org.uk](http://challengingbehaviour.org.uk)

### ❖ Sleep support

- Bridgewater leaflet
- NAS information- <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/physical-health/sleep>
- School-based OT Anita Bartlett 01925 811534
- By contacting your child's GP or Paediatrician through the CDC- 01925 946773
- Cerebra- <https://cerebra.org.uk/get-advice-support/sleep-advice-service/>

### ❖ Housing

- Housing support can be accessed directly from Under One Roof or your own letting company, they will only speak to parents and carers directly.

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## ❖ Young Carers

- useful for siblings, please go to the website for further information: <https://www.n-compass.org.uk/our-services/carers/warrington-carers-hub>
- Call on: 0300 303 0623
- Email: [enquiries@warringtoncarershub.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@warringtoncarershub.org.uk)

Please ask if you would like this information via email to enable easy access to the website links.

Please also see the attached leaflets with further signposting relating to Addiction, Mental Health and Domestic Violence.

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