

Offer of Early Help for Children, Young People and Families

Being a parent is one of the most important jobs there is - it is also one of the hardest. Parents are the key to giving children a happy and stable childhood.

There is no such thing as the perfect family. Every family is unique with its own combination of strengths and weaknesses. Any family can get overwhelmed by what seems like endless challenge when it comes to juggling money, school and each other's needs. And sometimes families are disrupted by an upheaval such as a mental or physical illness, a job loss, or an addiction. Even "joyful" events such as a wedding or a new job can bring unexpected problems.

Every family is different; each needs options from which to choose to find an early solution to challenges as they arise. This solution could be as simple, for example, as talking with a worker in the Academy; with a voluntary worker; a faith worker; a GP; a health visitor or using a self help checklist.

The Early Help Offer (the Offer) is an approach not a service. It respects every family's right to access information to help manage their own lives successfully, whilst guiding them to seek support from appropriate sources. Help can then be agreed as soon as concerns start to emerge. The 'Offer' is for all children, as issues may arise at any point in a child or young person's life. It includes both universal and targeted /specialist services, to reduce or prevent concerns from growing or becoming entrenched

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Our intended outcomes for children, young people and families are:

- enhanced life chances as a result of the well documented benefits of Early Help in preventing issues later in life
- an all age integrated service providing continuous support across age groups and for the whole family
- an easy to access one stop service with no wrong front door
- co-ordinated support resulting in maximised opportunities and outcomes for children, young people and families
- a relationship with a known and trusted key worker, whilst benefiting from the pooled knowledge and skills of a range of professionals.

If anyone thinks a child or young person is at immediate risk of significant harm they should contact the Front Door on: 01452 426565 or in an emergency always call 999. Anyone can do this. In the case of needing medical help fast dial 111.

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<p>Universal source of help for all families in Gloucestershire:</p> <p>Gloucestershire Family Information Service (FIS)</p>	<p>Gloucestershire Family Information Service (FIS) advisors give impartial information on childcare, finances, parenting and education. FIS are a useful source of information for parents and professionals. They support families, children and young people aged 0-19 years of age (25 for young people with additional needs) and professionals working with these families. They can help link parents up with other organisations that might be able to help or provide the information themselves e.g. parents could ask them about holiday clubs for your children across Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Contact the FIS by emailing: familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk or telephone: (0800) 542 0202 or (01452) 427362. FIS also have a website which has a wealth of information to support many issues such as childcare and support for children with disabilities. www.glosfamilies.org</p> <p>THE KEY: The Gloucestershire Disabled children's and young people's register and information service. email: thekey@gloucestershire.gov.uk tel: 0800 009 34 43 web: www.keywords.org.uk</p> <p>For information for Children and Young People with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) go to the SEN and Disability 'Local Offer' website: www.glosfamilies.org.uk/localoffer</p>
<p>GSCB (Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board) website.</p>	<p>http://www.gscb.org.uk</p> <p>Important information for parents and professionals across Gloucestershire in relation to keeping children safe and avenues of support including early help options.</p>
<p>Dursley C of E Primary Academy universal support for all pupils and families</p>	<p>In order to achieve the best level of support for all pupils and families we aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure all staff are aware of those pupils currently considered at risk • To train all our staff and volunteers in how to identify the early signs that a child or family are struggling • To ensure all staff know our Child Protection and safeguarding Policy, who to

	<p>refer concerns to and how to escalate matters if not satisfied with responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have four members of staff trained as Designated Safeguarding Leads (Vulnerable families Team) with a clear job description outlining their responsibilities • Vulnerable Families Team meet regularly to monitor and review case load • To have staff trained to work with professionals and Lead Professional Forums within localities • To run a Nurture Group with fully trained members of staff to support pupils and families • To ensure careful management of children and families at transition points both on entry and exit as well as their time with us. • To liaise carefully with the Local Authority when a child's behaviour places them at risk of exclusion (SCAPS) • To continually liaise with outside agencies to ensure prompt and appropriate support. We are registered with GSCB's alert service as well receive their newsletter service which ensures staff are kept up to date with the latest Serious Case Reviews and their implications for our practice. • To support Children and Young Person's Services to ensure that multi-Agency work can have the maximum impact
<p>Together Curriculum at Dursley C of E Primary Academy</p>	<p>The Academy have combined PSHE (Personal Social Health Education), SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) and SMSC (Spiritual Moral Social and Cultural) Education and called it the Together Curriculum. The comprehensive curriculum covers many aspects of keeping young people safe, healthy, resilient and aware of the world around them so that they can make informed decisions. Where pupils have specific issues that need discussing or addressing we will make the curriculum bespoke to them and is often delivered by our staff in The Nest.</p> <p>In addition the Academy's Together Curriculum enables us to prepare children for the many opportunities and challenges facing them in modern day society, including the need to keep themselves and others safe.</p>

	<p>Our Together Curriculum promotes safeguarding through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Objectives that teach pupils how to stay safe. * Providing opportunities that equip children with the skills they need to stay safe and know who to turn to for help. * Activities that enable children to understand how to take responsibility for their own and others' safety. * Learning opportunities focussing on how to protect themselves from harm. <p>In addition children are taught to understand and manage risk through out Relationship and Sex Education and online safety aspects of our curriculum.</p>
E-safety (Online Safety)	<p>Online Activity (phones, computers) can be a serious risk to children: The use of technology has become a significant component of many safeguarding issues. Child sexual exploitation; radicalisation; sexual predation – technology often provides the platform that facilitates harm. With the right support, education and safety measures in place the internet and new technologies can also bring great benefits but we must all be vigilant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All staff undertake annual e-safety training. ➤ E-safety is a key part of the ongoing Together Curriculum for pupils (PSHE, SRE, SMSC) <p>Websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE (parents against child exploitation) UK is a useful website to engage parents with e-safety issues. www.paceuk.info/ • https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ - This is the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre. It's a one stop shop for most information about online safety. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/teachers (excellent resources) • http://educateagainsthate.com/ - This is the government website to help parents and professionals understand the risks of children and young people being radicalised by extremists online and how to keep children safe from this. • www.internetmatters.org – A great site for helping parents keep their children safe online. • https://ico.org.uk – Information commissioners' website. Find out about protecting your personal information online and report concerns.

<p>Bullying (including cyber-bullying)</p>	<p>All Gloucestershire schools are committed to tackling bullying. We want to know immediately if there any issues with bullying so that it can be addressed. We can offer bespoke lessons on anti-bullying for anyone who has suffered bullying to encourage behaviours that might avert it in the future (e.g. assertiveness) or to boost self esteem. We have a series of teaching resources produced by the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Team (www.ghll.org.uk) to support this. Other sources of help and advice are: www.gscb.org.uk (Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children’s Board) and http://www.bullying.co.uk/ Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning team provide alerts and resources in relation to supporting young people being bullied. Education about bullying is an integral part of our Together Curriculum.</p> <p>www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk – A Gloucestershire website which also covers bullying as a topic and where to go for help.</p>
<p>Children or young people with multiple needs (vulnerable) or multiple needs (complex) requiring multi-agency input or assessment.</p> <p><i>“Providing early help is more effective in promoting the welfare of children than reacting later. Early help means providing support as soon as the problem emerges, at any point in the child’s life, from the foundation years through to teenage years.” (working together to safeguard children DfE March 2015)</i></p>	<p>Within Gloucestershire Early Help Partnership (co-ordinated by Families First Plus) provide multi-agency support for children and families. A phone call to discuss a possible referral is helpful before making written referral. Parents must consent to a referral. GHES actively refer to when appropriate. Referrals go to the Early Help Partnership (representation from Education, health, social care etc. and referring agencies are encouraged to attend. All agencies should view themselves as part of this Early Help Partnership. The referral meeting is a multi-agency discussion to decide the best way forward:</p> <p><u>Early Help Partnership/Families First Plus:</u> Gloucester: gloucesterearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk tel:01452 328076; Stroud: stroudearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk Tel: 01452 328130;</p> <p>These teams are made up of the following professionals Early Help co-ordinators; Community Social Worker and Family Support Workers. They all work together from one base so they can recognise and respond to local needs and act as a focal point for co-ordinating support for vulnerable children, young people and their families.</p> <p>Support provided includes: Support for school and community based lead professionals working with children and families; Collaboration with social care referrals that do not meet their thresholds, to co-</p>

	<p>ordinate support within the community; Work in partnership to support children with special educational needs in school; Advice and guidance from a social work perspective on a 'discussion in principle basis' ; Signpost children with disabilities and their families to access activities and meet specific needs; Advice and guidance to lead professionals and the provision of high quality parenting and family support services to families.</p>
<p>Mental health concerns</p> <p>* Please note that in Gloucestershire CYPS (children and young people's services) replaced CAMHS (child and adolescent mental health services)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Mental Health Lite staff trained in each phase of the Academy and two mental health lead practitioners. • www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk – a newly launched website by Gloucestershire as part of the Future in Mind Programme. This website is good for young people, parents and professionals in terms of help with mental health issues and where to go for help. • Referral to school nurses may be appropriate. • Referral to CYPS (Gloucestershire's mental health services) in Liaison with Dave Wright Vulnerable Groups Lead. • TIC+s (Teens in Crisis+, Gloucestershire) counselling service. • For children/young people/adults with existing mental health difficulties concerns should be discussed with the existing medical professionals (consultant psychiatrists). In an emergency call 999 or 111. <p>CYPS* Practitioner advice line (for professionals to call) tel: 01452 894272.</p>
<p>Families facing financial difficulties and housing difficulties</p>	<p>The Academy works proactively to support families who are facing financial difficulties: For children we are part of the Lifesavers program which encourages life-long saving and is planned into our Together Curriculum as well as a regular saving club that is hosted once a week. www.lifesavers.co.uk For adults wishing to save we host the Stroud Valleys Credit Union at Treetops Children Centre. www.svcu.org.uk In addition P3 offers community based support for families around benefits, dealing with debts and tenancy support www.p3charity.org Christians Against Poverty UK also offers debt counselling for families www.capuk.org</p>

	<p>The Academy also works alongside Stroud Foodbank and St James' to support families facing difficulty feeding themselves www.strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk</p>
Family members in prison	<p>Where families have a member likely to be or indeed in prison the academy would work with www.infobuzz.co.uk/: InfoBuzz provides individual targeted support for families around emotional health issues, development of personal & social skills, and information & support.</p>
<p>Child Sexual exploitation (CSE)</p> <p><i>Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people receive something (for example food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol or gifts, money or in some cases simply affection) as a result of engaging in sexual activities. Sexual exploitation is marked out by an imbalance of power in a relationship. It can take many forms ranging from seemingly 'consensual' relationships to serious organised crime by gangs and groups.</i></p>	<p>Information about CSE can be found on the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board (GSCB) website. CSE screening tool (can be located on the GSCB website): This should be completed if CSE suspected. It can apply to GIRLS and BOYS. Clear information about Warning signs, the screening tool and Gloucestershire's multi-agency protocol for safeguarding children at risk of CSE are at www.gscb.org.uk Referrals should be made to Gloucestershire social care and the Gloucestershire Police.</p> <p>Gloucestershire Police CSE Team: The CSE team sits within the Public Protection Bureau Single agency team (Police) DS Nigel Hatten/ Detective Inspector Bob Heywood. PC Christina Pfister (Missing persons Coordinator) 01242 276846 All referrals to go to the Central Referral Unit 01242 247999</p> <p>Further information: National Working Group (Network tackling Child Sexual Exploitation) www.nationalworkinggroup.org and PACE UK (Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation) www.paceuk.info</p>
Domestic violence	<p>The GSCB (Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's board) have published a Domestic Abuse pathway for educational settings which is on the GSCB website. If a child or young person is suspected of living at home with a domestically abusive parent or if a young person has domestic abuse in their own relationship then the usual procedures should be followed and a referral made to the children's helpdesk (tel: 01452 426565). The response will vary according to the age of the young person so that the appropriate agencies are involved.</p>

	<p>Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS) www.gdass.org.uk Teaching staff have attended GDASS training on domestic abuse</p> <p>MARAC Gloucestershire Constabulary: Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) prioritise the safety of victims who have been risk assessed at high or very high risk of harm. The MARAC is an integral part of the Specialist Domestic Violence Court Programme, and information will be shared between the MARAC and the Courts, in high and very high risk cases, as part of the process of risk management.</p> <p>Gloucestershire Unborn Baby Protocol: Research indicates that young babies are particularly vulnerable to abuse but that work carried out in the antenatal period can help minimise harm if there is an early assessment, intervention and support. Working Together (2015) specifically identifies the need of the Unborn Child. Professionals should read and act upon the unborn baby protocol if there is suspected domestic violence and a pregnancy. The unborn baby protocol can be found at www.gscb.org.uk</p>
Female genital mutilation (FGM)	<p>Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal or the external female genitalia. FGM is illegal in the UK and as of October 2015 mandatory reporting commenced. If education staff or other professionals discovers that an act FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl under 18 years old there is a statutory duty for them <u>PERSONALLY to report it to the police.</u></p> <p>Read http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/female-genital-mutilation for NHS information and signs of FGM. Any suspicion of FGM should be referred to the Police and social care.</p> <p>- Annalise Price-Thomas (Head of Service) has completed the online home office training, 'Female Genital Mutilation: Recognising and Preventing FGM' - E-learning package- http://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/ for interested staff or professionals (free home office e-learning)</p> <p>Posters/leaflets on FGM shared with staff and pupils and are in the GHES toilets.</p> <p><i>Gloucestershire Police Contact for FGM is Sophie Garrett (in an emergency or if following mandatory reporting duty then call 111)</i></p>

Forced marriage	<p>SPOC (Single Point of Contact) for Forced Marriage in Gloucestershire is Acting DI Jo Mercurio (Gloucestershire Constabulary, Public Protection Bureau).</p> <p>UK Forced Marriage Unit fmf@fco.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7008 0151 Call 999 (police) in an emergency.</p> <p>www.gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage for information on Forced Marriage. Visit Home Office website to undertake Forced Marriage e-learning package https://www.gov.uk/forced-marriage. GSCB one day Awareness training delivered by Infobuzz www.gscb.org.uk Please see 'Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines- Handling cases of Forced Marriage' for more information and detail: https://www.gov.uk/forcedmarriage. <i>All practitioners must be aware of this, that is they may only have <u>one chance</u> to speak to a potential victim and thus they may only have one chance to save a life. This means that all practitioners working within statutory agencies need to be aware of their responsibilities and obligations when they come across forced marriage cases. If the victim is allowed to walk out of the door without support being offered, that one chance might be wasted.</i></p> <p>Prevention Freedom Charity- Aneeta Prem 'But it's not fair' book. A book for teenagers looking at forced marriage from the point of view of school friends of the girl who went to India and didn't come back. This book promotes discussion.</p> <p>www.freedomcharity.org.uk The Freedom Charity (UK charity) have a helpline, text facility and app which can be downloaded to help to provide support and protection for victims of abuse, FGM or forced marriage. They can be contacted on tel: 0845 607 0133 or text 4freedom to 88802 or go to the website to download the app from the app page.</p>
Faith abuse	<p>www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-action-plan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief for copy of DfE document 'national action plan to tackle child abuse linked to faith or belief.' Judith Knight; Diocese of Gloucester Head of Safeguarding/faith abuse contact: jknight@glosdioc.org.uk. For other faith groups contact Jane Bee (GCC LADO).</p>
Gangs and youth violence	<p>Contact the Avenger Task Force/Inspector Neil Smith (Gloucestershire Police tel: 101). A task force set up to identify potential gang members as vulnerable individuals and potential victims and aims to help them.</p>

	<p>Prevention: Together Curriculum – self-esteem & identity, law & order and considering impact on communities.</p> <p>The Door Youth Service is used by the Academy to support children who might be starting to involve themselves with anti-social behaviour. There are bases in Dursley and Stroud.</p> <p>www.thedoor.org.uk</p>
<p>Gender-based violence/violence against women and girls (WAWG)</p>	<p>www.gov.uk – home office policy document, ‘Ending violence against women and girls in the UK’ (June 2014).</p> <p>FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) is violence against women and girls.</p> <p>Hope House SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre): 01452 754390</p> <p>Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (GRASAC): There’s a 24-hour answerphone service and they’ll respond within 24 hours. Or you can use the confidential and anonymous email support service at support@glosrasac.org.uk. The support workers are <u>all women</u>, who are specially trained to work with survivors of sexual violence. They will work with you at your own pace, explaining your options and your rights – and most importantly of all, they will always listen to you and believe you. GRASAC also have really helpful booklets: a self help guide, a guide for families or loved ones and a guide if you have learning needs. You can access them on the www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk website or contact GRASAC for a free copy.</p> <p>www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk for ‘I’ve been raped or sexually assaulted’ information.</p>
<p>Honour based violence (HBV)</p>	<p>The police have made it a high priority to help communities fight back to tackle both honour based violence and hate crime. The ‘Honour Network Help line’: 0800 5 999 247</p> <p>Inspector John Lynch-Warden is the Gloucestershire Police contact for honour based violence.</p>
<p>Private fostering</p>	<p>http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/privatefostering</p> <p>Gloucestershire County council website information on private fostering. Refer to Gloucestershire Children & Families Helpdesk on 01452 426565 or Gloucestershire Private Fostering Social Worker 01452 427874.</p> <p>A private fostering arrangement is essentially one that is made without the involvement of a local authority. Private fostering is defined in the Children Act 1989 and occurs when a child or young person under the age of 16 (under 18 if disabled) is cared for and</p>

	<p>provided with accommodation, for 28 days or more, by someone who is not their parent, guardian or a close relative. (Close relatives are defined as; step-parents, siblings, brothers or sisters of parents or grandparents).</p>
<p>Preventing Radicalisation and Extremism/HATE (PREVENT duty)</p> <p><i>HM Government PREVENT duty: As of 1 July 2015 duty in the Counter-terrorism and security act 2015 for specified authorities (including all schools) to have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn in to terrorism.</i></p> <p><i>If you see extremist or terrorist content online please report it via: https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children’s Board www.gscb.org.uk There is a new GSCB PREVENT referral pathway (Annalise Price-Thomas/DSL has a copy) • www.educateagainsthate.com is the government website providing information and practical advice for parents, teachers and schools leaders on protecting children from radicalisation and extremism. • Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children’s Board have published a PREVENT pathway for professionals to refer to. • All of GHES teachers have had training in how to spot the signs of radicalisation and extremism and when to refer to the Channel panels. The Head of Service, Chair of the Management Committee and other managers have received the Home Office WRAP (Workshop to Raise awareness of PREVENT) training. • GHES has a PREVENT risk assessment and action plan which is updated regularly. • Key contacts: PC Adam Large, Gloucestershire Constabulary PREVENT officer: tel 101 • Anti-Terrorist Hotline: tel 0800 789 321 <p>The ‘Advice on the Prevent duty’ written by the Department for Education explains what governors and <u>staff</u> can do if they have any concerns relating to extremism. The Department for Education has also set up a telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable people to raise concerns directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk. See Appendix 2 for more information on radicalisation.</p> <p>Prevention: The Academy teach traditional British values through the Together Curriculum: democracy, rule of law, respect for others, liberty, tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and promotion of ‘Britishness’.</p> <p>Let’s talk about it is an excellent website for parents www.ltai.info/ as is www.preventtragedies.co.uk</p>

	<p>While it remains very rare for school age children to become involved in extremist activity to the point of committing criminal acts, young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views, including via the internet, from an early age. As with other forms of criminality or risk of harm, early intervention is always preferable. Schools, working with other local partners, families and communities, can help support pupils who may be vulnerable as part of wider safeguarding responsibilities.</p>
<p>Sexting</p>	<p>➤ Information about Sexting can be found at www.gscb.org.uk including a 'Managing Sexting incidents' factsheet. http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting (NSPCC website). Gloucestershire Police have a small sexual exploitation team. Contact Sgt. Nigel Hatton. Operational lead Detective Inspector Bob Heywood. Prevention: 'So you got naked online' (sexting information leaflet produced for pupils by south west grid for learning) included in the GHES Wellbeing Curriculum. Also shared with parents. <i>Pupils informed that sexting is illegal but the police have stated that young people should be treated as victims in the first place and not usually face prosecution. The police's priority is those who profit from sexual images of young people not the victims.</i></p>
<p>Trafficking</p>	<p>Serious crime which must be reported to Jane Bee (Gloucestershire LADO) and the Gloucestershire Police. Trafficking can include a young person being moved across the same street to a different address for the purpose of exploitation. It doesn't have to include people, children or young people being moved great distances.</p>
<p>Children who run away (missing persons/missing children) Child Missing from Home or Care.</p>	<p>PC Christina Pfister (Missing persons Coordinator Gloucestershire Police). Tel: 101 (Gloucestershire Police). GSCB Missing Children Protocol http://www.gscb.org.uk: <i>Gloucestershire's protocol on partnership working when children and young people run away and go missing from home or care.</i> ASTRA (Gloucestershire): The ASTRA (Alternative Solutions To Running Away) has the primary aim of reducing the incidence of persistent running away across Gloucestershire. The project provides support, advice and information to young people up to eighteen years old who have run away. This might be</p>

	<p>from a family home, foster home or from a residential unit. ASTRA provides support after the event to enable a young person to address the causes of running away. The ASTRA project offers young people help and the support required in order to find Alternative Solutions To Running Away. Freephone Telephone number: 0800-389-4992 EXCLUSIVELY for young people who have run away and have no money. All other callers are asked to use the 'ordinary' number (tel: 01452 541599).</p>
<p>CME (Children missing education)</p> <p>A child missing from education is a potential indicator of abuse or neglect. Keeping Children Safe in Education (July 2016) has further information on CME which has been read by all GHES staff.</p>	<p>Children Missing Education (CME) refers to 'any child of compulsory school age who is not registered at any formally approved education activity eg school, alternative provision, elective home education, and has been out of education provision for at least 4 weeks'. CME also includes those children who are missing (family whereabouts unknown), and are usually children who are registered on a school roll / alternative provision. This might be a child who is not at their last known address and either has not taken up an allocated school place as expected, or has 10 or more days of continuous absence from school without explanation, or left school suddenly and the destination is unknown. Anyone concerned that a child is missing education (CME) can make a referral to the Education Performance and Inclusion (EPI) team at Gloucestershire County Council. Tel: 01452 426960/427360. It is the responsibility of the EPI team, on behalf of the Local Authority (LA), to: Collate information on all reported cases of CME of statutory school aged children in Gloucestershire maintained schools, academies, free schools, alternative provision academies and Alternative Provision Schools (APS). The EPI Team will also liaise with partner agencies and other LAs and schools across Britain to track pupils who may be missing education and ensure each child missing education is offered full time education within 2 weeks of the date the LA was informed.</p>
<p>Missing Children and Adults Strategy</p>	<p>Every year an estimated 200,000 people go missing in the UK. In some cases, missing adults may have</p>

(vulnerable children and adults who go missing)

made a choice to leave and 'start their lives over again', but the vast majority of missing people, children and adults, are vulnerable and need protection and support. The strategy has three key objectives which provide the right foundations for any effective local strategy to tackle this issue:

Prevention - reducing the number of people who go missing, including through prevention strategies, education work and early intervention in cases where children and adults repeatedly go missing

Protection - reducing the harm to those who go missing, including through a tailored, risk-based response and ensuring agencies work together to find and close cases as quickly as possible at a local and national level

Provision - providing support and advice to missing persons and families by referring them to agencies promptly and ensuring they understand how and where to access help.

The police should be informed if any child or adult goes missing. The Missing Children and Adults strategy can then be referred to for further information and help. It is a home office publication (2011).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/missing-children-and-adults-strategy>