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### **What is Stockport Family?**

Stockport Family is the name used for all services working with children and families in Stockport.

### **What is Team Around the School?**

The Team Around the School (TAS) is a partnership between schools, Stockport Family and other agencies who will work together with you to offer Early Help and support.

### **How will we know what children and families need?**

As a parent/carer you know your child better than anyone else; services involved in the TAS want to support the development of relationships with families, ensuring professionals and parent/carers are working together.

We will share appropriate information when additional support is needed or requested or children and families. School and key agencies will follow government guidance on information when considering and explaining support available from the TAS.

Families working with the TAS team will have access to support from

- Stockport Family School Age Plus Worker
- School Nurse
- Linked Social Worker
- Other relevant professionals linked to services for children and families

For more information regarding the TAS please contact your school who will be able to provide contact details of the School Age Plus Worker or visit [www.stockport.gov.uk](http://www.stockport.gov.uk)

## **A little more information about Early Help ...**

### **What is Early Help?**

Early help is there to find out what is working well in your family and to build on your family's strengths and achievements. Early help is a way of getting extra support for your family as soon as possible when things happen. It is for any family with children and young people up to the age of 18.

### **What is the Early Help Assessment and how will it help my family?**

The Early Help Assessment is having a 'Family Plan'. It is designed to find out your family's strengths and any issues you or a professional might be worried about. The Early Help Assessment makes sure that everyone who is involved with your family, such as teachers and health visitors, all work together to support you and your family.

### **How does the Early Help Assessment work?**

A worker will meet with your family to agree how best to support you. They might just point you to the right services for your family. If it's a bit more complicated, the lead worker will complete an Early Help Assessment with you. You will be fully involved, and we will listen to you and your family. This helps the lead worker understand more about what your family needs and who can support you.

### **Who is the lead professional?**

If a number of people are providing support to your family, one of these people will be your lead worker. This person will agree with you what's happening, listen to you and support you in many ways.

### **Why am I being asked to give consent?**

We ask for your permission to gather and share information about you. This is called informed consent. There may be times when the workers in your 'team around the family' need to share information to make sure you get the right help and support from the right people at the right time



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