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ORGANISATION	USEFUL LINKS	SUMMARY
<p>The Front Door to Children's Services</p>	<p>   <a href="#">Virtual Family Hub   Worcestershire County Council</a> </p> <p>   <a href="#">Family Front Door   Worcestershire County Council</a> </p> <p>   <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/signs-symptoms-effects/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/signs-symptoms-effects/</a>                      Please visit the website for more details and information about signs of abuse.                 </p> <p> <b>Please note that PHS has a statutory duty to work with other agencies, including the police and Worcestershire City Council if there are any concerns about the safety and welfare of a student.</b> </p>	<p>Safeguarding children means protecting children from all forms of harm and abuse, such as physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up to be confident, healthy and happy adults.</p> <p>The aim is to work in partnership to keep all children and young people safe and thriving; where safeguarding is everybody's business and intervention, and support is timely and right for individuals and families</p> <p>Concerns can be called into the Family Front Door on 01905 822666 or a referral can be made online either by a member of the public or by school staff.</p> <p>If you think that there is an immediate risk of significant harm, the police should be called on 999.</p>
<p>Children Missing Education</p>	<p>   <a href="#">Children missing education   Worcestershire County Council</a> </p>	<p><b>Children Missing Education (CME)</b> refers to 'any child of compulsory school age who is <b>not</b> registered at any formally approved education activity eg school, alternative provision, elective home education, <b>and</b> has been out of education provision for at least 4 weeks'. <b>CME</b> also includes those children who are <b>missing</b> (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 <b>and either</b> 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.</p> <p>Schools have a duty to report to Worcestershire Children First any child who has had 10 days absence (consecutively) without explanation. Schools must also report any child who have had 15 days or more illness. These days of illness do not necessarily need to be consecutive.</p>

<p>POLICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Home   West Mercia Police</a></p> 	<p>Links to a range of areas including recruitment, victim and witness information, tackling crime, safety, your right to information etc. Can link to information about your local community.</p> <p>Reports can be made to the police Tel: 101 Emergency calls Tel: 999</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to join the local social media Neighbourhood Matters feed to find out about local issues and provision.</p>
<p>PREVENT – preventing extremism; counter-terrorism.</p>	<p>  <b>Home Office</b> Anti-Terrorist Hotline: tel 0800 789 321        Or email to the Home office:  <a href="mailto:counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk">counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk</a> </p> <p>Support and guidance websites and organisations include:</p> <p><b>educate.against.hate</b>  <a href="https://educateagainsthate.com/teachers/?filter=prevent-duty">https://educateagainsthate.com/teachers/?filter=prevent-duty</a>  <a href="https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/?filter=safeguarding-advice-and-support">https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/?filter=safeguarding-advice-and-support</a></p> <p>  <a href="#">Lets Talk About It - Working Together To Prevent Terrorism (Itai.info)</a> </p> <p> <a href="#">Protecting children from radicalisation   ACT Early</a> </p> <p>  <a href="#">ACT Early   Prevent radicalisation</a>        The National Police Prevent advice line:        0800 011 3764, in confidence, to share any concerns with specially trained officers. The advice line is open 9am – 5pm every day.     </p>	<p><b>Prevent</b> is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. <b>Prevent</b> is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.</p> <p>Worcestershire County Council are working to embed the Prevent agenda by supporting families, individuals, schools, colleges, fostering services and safeguarding services.</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.</p> <p>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>Parents can access help and guidance through a variety of websites as shown.</p>
<p>Worcestershire Children with Disabilities Team (CWD)</p>	<p>  </p> <p> <a href="#">Social care support for children with disabilities   Worcestershire County Council</a> </p> <p>To request an assessment of need, please call Family Front Door on 01905 822666 and they will contact the CwD team.</p>	<p>The Children with Disabilities (CwD) Social Work Team provide services designed to meet the needs of children and young people who have complex disabilities.</p> <p>The CwD Social Work Team is one of a range of services that can provide support to children and young people with disabilities and their families. Other services available are those provided by health, education, play and youth services as well as community resources provided by voluntary agencies.</p>

	<p>SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support service can give additional advice and guidance on this and other issues around special educational needs and/or disabilities.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://hwsendiass.co.uk">SENDIASS Worcestershire and Herefordshire (hwsendiass.co.uk)</a></p> <p>Telephone: 01905 768153 Email: <a href="mailto:sendiass@worcestershire.gov.uk">sendiass@worcestershire.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>The CwD team offer services to those children and young people requiring additional resources in respect of their disability, where the disability has a profound impact on the child or young person's life.</p> <p>Any assessment will consider the specific needs of parents and other family members in their role as carers (this is sometimes known as a parent carer needs assessment).</p>
<p>Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Partnership (WSCP)</p>	 <p><a href="#">About Us - Worcestershire Safeguarding Boards</a></p>	<p>Information for <b>parents</b> (and professionals) across Worcestershire in relation to keeping children safe and avenues of support including early help options. This website provides information on the safeguarding of children (and adults) and includes all the agreed Worcestershire safeguarding and child protection procedures designed to prevent harm and neglect.</p>
<p>Private Fostering</p>	 <p><a href="#">Worcestershire Fostering   Worcestershire County Council</a> <a href="#">Private fostering   Worcestershire County Council</a></p> <p>Pershore High School Private Fostering Statement is included in the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.</p>	<p>Private fostering is the term used when someone who is not a parent or a 'close relative' (e.g. great aunt, cousin, mum's friend or a neighbour) is looking after a child or young person under the age of 16 (under 18 if they are disabled) for 28 days or more in their own home. It also covers children who stay at a residential school for more than two weeks of the school holidays.</p> <p>A relative is defined in the Children Act 1989 as a grandparent, uncle or aunt (whether by full-blood, half-blood or by marriage or civil partnership), sibling or stepparent.</p> <p>Birth parents, private foster carers and persons who are arranging for a child to be privately fostered are required by law to notify the local council's Children's Services department of the arrangement. Schools also have an obligation to contact Worcestershire Children First when they are made aware. In these situations, a social worker will visit the home to speak to the carer and the child to ensure the child is safe, carry out background checks and make sure support is being provided that might include advice on benefits and possible funding for some essential items, parenting support and advice, or help in bringing families in crisis back together.</p>
<p>Early Help Family Support</p>	 <p><a href="#">Early Help family support   Worcestershire County Council</a></p>	<p>Early Help aims to make sure that services to support children, young people and their families are there when they need them.</p> <p>Every family has its ups and downs. Being a parent is hard work and there are no instructions. Sometimes, families and children may need extra support. This may be before children are born, when they are very young, or throughout their school years. There is nothing to be ashamed of in asking for help.</p>

	<p>Please visit the websites for more details. Advice &amp; guidance for families <a href="#">Virtual Family Hub   Worcestershire County Council</a></p>	<p>Early Help helps people to recognise what's going well, where they can benefit from extra help, and who is the best person to work individuals and the family to make this happen.</p>
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