

**Through friendly conversations, we build stronger partnerships that make it easier to support children, young people, and families together**

The MAFH approach offers schools and partners a regular opportunity to connect with our Family Help service and other key professionals. These meetings create a safe space for shared conversations about children and young people who may need extra support.

Our aim is to build strong foundations that help families thrive by focusing on prevention and early support rather than waiting for a crisis.

## **Multi Agency Family Help Meeting (MAFH)**

### **What is the Aim**

We want to work together to provide early help for children, young people, and their families when emerging needs appear. This is about offering the right support at the right time, so families can access help before challenges escalate.

### **What do I need to do?**

- Talk with parents/carers about any concerns.
- Ask for their consent to discuss their child or young person at the meeting.
- If consent is given, complete the MAFH referral form.
- Submit the form at least 5 working days before the meeting.

### **Working Together**

Agencies will collaborate and share expertise to find practical solutions that help families achieve positive outcomes. By pooling resources and focusing on strengths, we aim to prevent issues from growing and support families to feel confident and resilient.

### **What Happens Next?**

- An Early Help Consultant will invite Family Help Practitioners and other key partners.
- The Early Help Consultant will confirm if you will be attending in person or virtually
- The Early Help Consultant will send you a time slot and invitation for the meeting

**MAFH Meeting Venue:** Bury East Family Hub (Redvales) / or Via MS Teams

**Time:** 9:30 +

**Dates:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January; Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February; Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March;  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April; Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May; Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June; Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Contact an Early Help Consultant (Vicki Burgess, Faye Higgens or Julie Barlow )**

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