

The MAFH approach is a mechanism for schools to meet with Family Help practitioners and other key partners, on a monthly basis for a shared conversation about children and young people you are worried about

It provides a strong foundation which supports children, young people and their families by refocusing resources on prevention rather than crisis intervention.

## **East Bury : Multi Agency Family Help Meeting (MAFH)**

### **What is the Aim**

The focus is early intervention and supporting children, young people and their families with emerging needs but who don't require specialist services; ensuring families receive the correct package of support at the right time in order to prevent difficulties escalating to crisis point

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

- Discuss any concerns with parent/Carer
- Seek their consent to discuss their child or young person at the MAFH meeting
- If consent is given complete the MAFH referral form
- The form is to be submitted 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

### **Working Together**

Agencies will work together to pool resources, with professional expertise to develop and provide support to families that is outcome driven, focused on solutions and help the family to become more resilient and self-reliant to prevent a child or young person requiring more complex support in the future.

### **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:** 10am – 1pm

**Dates:** Thursday 8th May; Thursday 5th June; Thursday 10th July;  
Thursday 11th Sept; Thursday 9th October; Thursday 6th Nov; Thursday 4th Dec

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

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