

# Colmers Farm Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we endeavour to support our families wherever possible. There are many ways that school can assist families and collectively this is known as our 'Early Help' offer. The school has a strong pastoral team, lead by Miss Kelly (Deputy Head Teacher,) which aims to work with families to provide support as and when required.

The aim of Early Help is to take action to support a child, young person, or their family early in the life of a problem by providing practical help or by signposting to organisations that can provide this, without judgment. Many parents raise concerns about school involving social workers when they ask for help. In fact, early intervention and the correct support aims to prevent problems developing to this level of need.

Please see below for a list of some of the ways school can offer support:






<p>Our school website has lots of useful information, particularly in the Safeguarding and Wellbeing tabs. <a href="https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/">https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/</a></p>	
<p>Foodbank vouchers for B30 Foodbank.</p>	
<p><a href="https://the-waitingroom.org/">https://the-waitingroom.org/</a> Information on health and well-being services is available via our school website, for example The Waiting Room.</p>	
<p>Referrals to 'The Project' who offer advice on benefits, debt and housing.</p>	



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SCHOOL MEMBER

<p>Free school meals.</p> <p>Did you know all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to government funded free school meals regardless of their household income or benefits? Please let the office know if you would like your child to swap to school dinners.</p> <p>If your child is in Year Three or above and your circumstances have recently changed, or you would like us to check whether you are entitled to means-tested free school meals, please contact the school office.</p>	 <p><b>FREE SCHOOL MEALS</b> Information &amp; Support</p>
<p>We support parents to contact the Rubery Community Swop Shop and get free, pre-loved uniform, shoes and other equipment required by pupils for school. We can even arrange for the uniform to be dropped at school for you to collect if required.</p>	 <p><b>Rubery School Community Swop Shop</b> Providing free preloved school uniform to Birmingham and beyond! No swops needed, no questions asked. facebook: @ruberyswopshop Email: ruberyswopshop@outlook.com</p>
<p>School works with external agencies, such as Pathfinders and MHST (Mental Health Support Team) when children and families need additional support.</p>	 <p>SEMH <b>Pathfinder</b> BIRMINGHAM</p>
<p>We have four licenced Thrive practitioners in school who can work with children and families to support emotional well-being. Please take a look at our school website for more information about the Thrive approach.</p>	 <p>We've introduced <b>thrive</b> in our Setting</p>
<p>If you feel that you would like to come into school to talk to a member of the pastoral team, including our SENDCo Miss Cross, please just call to arrange an appointment! We will always find time for our children and families.</p>	

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kelly  
Deputy Head Teacher