

If you are worried about your child? What can you do?

Medical needs

School have a policy called “supporting pupils with medical needs,” that gives more information on how we can help. We will do all we can to meet your child’s needs. You can get more information or help by asking at the office to speak to Mrs Parry (who is our medical assistant for the school) or Mrs Dearn (Assistant headteacher who over sees inclusion)

If you would like us to refer you to the **school nursing team** for a private conversation about your child’s health needs then please ask Mrs Dearn to refer you to this team.

Sometimes parents want to speak to their GPs about their worries but would like supporting information from school. Please speak to your child’s teacher or Mrs Dearn and we can provide a supporting letter (for example if you are concerned about ADHD.)

Family needs

From time to time all families can have worries. We can refer you to our **Family Worker** if you would like someone to talk to in confidence. The Baldock schools and surrounding villages have a Family Worker called Nicki McGrinder who is based at Knights Templar school. Please ask to speak to Mrs Dearn, via the office, if you would like to be referred. Nicki helps families with:

- Financial/ benefit advice
- Access to food banks
- Housing difficulties /unemployment
- Tips on parenting/ parenting course
- Support for helping your child with their behaviour or mental health
- Support for the families of autistic pupils

For families with younger children **The Children’s Centres** provide a wealth of support and expertise. Children’s centres offer a welcome environment and provide access to a variety of services to support children under five and their families. Our local one is:

Holly Blue Children's Centre, Baldock 01462 893615

Address:

c/o St Mary's Church of England (VC) Infant School

St Mary's Way

Baldock

Hertfordshire

Postcode

SG7 6HY

For families with young children with autism we would like to make you aware of TRACKS Autism at Stevenage. TRACKS autism is a specialist early years centre for children with an autistic spectrum condition

Contact: TRACKS autism

TRACKS House

Boulton Road

Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 4QX

Telephone: 0300 123 1913

Email: info@tracks-autism.org.uk

There is further help for parents of pupils with SEND under the SEND/equality section of this website.

Bereavement and Mental Health needs

If you have needs related to bereavement, serious ill health, mental health issues, substance abuse, alcoholism or similar concerns please ask to speak to Mrs Dearn who can discuss help that is available for your child on an individual basis.