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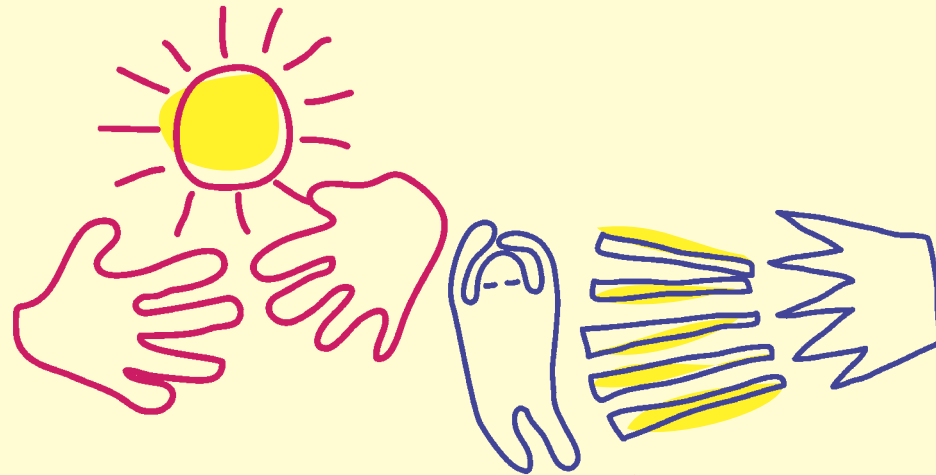
When you need extra help

**Common assessment framework
Information for children in Medway**

What is CAF?

Sometimes you might need help to sort out a problem or worry

- something at home, school, with your friends or family
- you don't need to feel alone.



What happens next?

A team of people (including your mum, dad or carers and you) will get together to decide what help you might need.

Everyone will come up with a plan of how to make things better for you.

Only workers who need to will see the information on your CAF form.

One worker will be chosen as a Lead Professional.

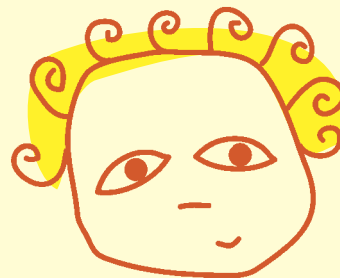
How can CAF help?

You, your mum, dad or carers will have a chat with someone who works with you, to talk about what is going well in life for you and if there is any extra help you might need. They will write it down on a standard CAF form. Your mum, dad or carers will get a copy of the form and be able to decide who else can see it.

Only one person needs to be told about your problems or worries, rather than lots of people.

Do I have to have a CAF?

No, CAF is voluntary and can only be done if your mum, dad or carers agree.



Who is CAF for?

CAF is for all children who might need some extra help.

What is a Lead Professional?

This is the person who will co-ordinate the things agreed in the plan. The Lead Professional will listen to what you want, discuss your worries and answer your questions. You will have a say in who will be the Lead Professional.

Confidentiality

Usually the information, which your mum, dad, carers or you provide, will only be shared if everyone agrees. But, there might be certain times when the people working with you need to share information. For example:

- To help protect a child who is at risk of harm
- When an adult is at risk of harm
- To help prevent or detect a serious crime



Want to know more?

You can talk to someone who works with you at school or clubs you go to.

You can phone the CAF Co-ordinator on 01634 334325, or email caf.co-ordinator@medway.gov.uk

Information is also available on the Children's Trust website www.medwaychildrenstrust.co.uk



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