

What is GIRFEC?

Getting it right for every child and young person is a national policy to help all children and young people grow, develop and reach their full potential. Its focus is to improve outcomes for children and their families based on a shared understanding of their wellbeing.

What does GIRFEC mean for you and your children?

- You and your children will be fully involved in any processes and decisions which affect you.*

It enables you to:

- understand your responsibilities and the responsibility of others in developing your child's well-being,*
- be treated consistently as an individual in a language you understand,*
- to access services more easily and be helped in the right way by the right people at the right time,*
- experience positive relationships with practitioners and other adults*

How you will be supported

Getting it right for every child aims to have the right people in place so that children and young people get the help they need at the right time. This is known as the network of support and will always include family and/or carers and the universal services of health and education.

Named Person: This person will change as your child gets older, passing from **midwife** to **public health nurse** to **primary school head teacher** to **secondary school pupil support teacher**. If you have concerns about your child you should speak to the **Named Person** who will work with you to resolve any issues.

Lead Professional: When two or more agencies need to work together to help your child and family, a **Lead Professional** will co-ordinate that help. Some children may also need an **Integrated Assessment** and **Child's Plan** to agree a way forward.

Informed Consent: Information will not be passed on about you and your child to another agency without your informed consent. (The exception to this would be relating to a child protection matter).

More information can be sought from

- www.girfecinlanarkshire.co.uk/
- www.scotland.gov.uk/gettingitright

getting
it right
for every child
in Lanarkshire



Information Leaflet
for
Parents and Carers
Getting it right for **your**
child

Getting it Right for Every Child Wellbeing Outcomes

NURTURED

"I enjoy cuddles with my baby and his big sister who likes to help care for her baby brother"

ACTIVE

"We go to the park every day for some exercise and fun"

RESPECTED

"We decide together what we will make for our tea"

RESPONSIBLE

"My son enjoys playing on his game console but knows he has to study first"

INCLUDED

"The nursery, school and organisations provide my children with opportunities to join in with others"

SAFE

"My child is very inquisitive and I have to be careful to keep medicines locked away"

HEALTHY

"My daughter has diabetes and we eat a healthy diet, but she is allowed occasional treats"

ACHIEVING

"I get support from the school so I can help my children with their homework"



The 8 examples of Wellbeing are just some of the ways in which you can help your child grow and develop.