We are pleased to announce that a new incentive scheme for schools is about to launch. The scheme is intended to encourage local schools to support the Local Authority to demonstrate how early Help is delivered across the partnership through the Supporting Families Programme. The incentive scheme will passport funds to the school for every successful Supporting Families Claim they make (£400 per claim).

**What is the Supporting Families Programme?**

The Supporting Families Programme is a government led agenda that aims to improve the life chances for children and their families, by offering help at the earliest onset of an issue, through the delivery of a whole family assessment, family plan and outcome focused interventions.

**What is a claim?**

Each year central government give each Local Authority a target number of families to work with to demonstrate the Supporting Families Principles and achieve sustainable change against a key set of criteria and outcomes.

A claim can be made when the principles of the programme can be demonstrated, this looks like:

* A whole family assessment has been completed
* An outcome focused plan that takes into consideration all identified needs is created
* A minimum of 3 of the 10 supporting families headline criteria are identified
* There is sufficient evidence that ALL outcomes have been achieved as outlines in the SF Framework at point of closure
* A quality closure takes place, including the completion of the Supporting Families Outcome Plan
* Intervention (from assessment to closure) is recorded in the Early Help Module (EHM- the shared case management system)

NOTE: Cases will have to successfully make it through the regression checks 6 months after closure for the funding to be secured- this includes no re-referrals into service (Early Help or Social Care) and no child in the household has more than 10% unauthorised absence.

**How do schools get involved?**

Schools can note an expression of interest to get involved- there is no commitment at this stage to proceed. Please email nicola.martin-jones@coventry.gov.uk to register your interest.