**Working Together to Help Families**

**What is Families First Partnership?**

Families First Partnership is about everyone working together to help you, our children, young people, and families feel safe, happy, and supported.

This includes people from schools, doctors, nurses, the police, and other community helpers. They might work in different places, but they all share the same goal – to give you, our families, the right help at the right time.

We want families to feel listened to, cared for, and supported.

**What’s Already Going Well in Sefton?**

In Sefton, we already do lots of good things to help families, like:

* FAST (Family Advice and Support Team) & CHAT (Children’s Help and Advice Team) - provides quick help when families need it
* Team Around the School (TAS) – a way schools and other professionals work together to help families as early as possible
* Family Group Conferencing – where families make plans together
* Trauma-informed care – where helpers understand feelings and tough times
* Working together – where everyone shares ideas and helps each other

**What’s Changing?**

We’re not starting over—we’re making what we already do even better! We want to make sure families don’t have to keep telling their story again and again. Everyone who helps will work more closely together.

**What Will Be New?**

We’ll be doing three big things to better support families:

* Family Help – Giving support early, so families get the help they need as soon as possible.
* Teamwork – People from different jobs (like teachers, nurses, and police) will work in one team to help families.
* Family Meetings – Families will have more say in making their own plans.

**Why Are We Doing This?**

* To provide help earlier, before things get too hard
* To dedicate one team who knows your story
* To ensure your voice is heard

Families First is all about working with you, not doing things for you or to you.

**Let’s Work Together!**

We want you, our children, young people, and families, to be part of this. There will be chances to share your ideas, ask questions, and learn more. Your voice matters!

For more information and ways to have your say, please scan the QR code.

