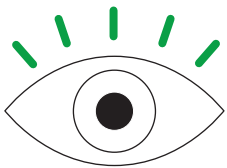


Thank you for helping children at this unique time.

Because of COVID-19 families are under all different types of pressure: your help will really make a difference.

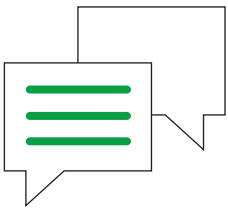
For most children home is a safe place but for some it might not feel safe. These children are particularly vulnerable at the moment as they are not getting the usual day to day support from school, friends and their wider community.

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If you see a child who you are worried is being neglected or abused trust your instincts and get in touch if you see or hear something that you thought wasn't right.

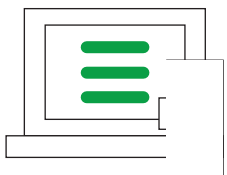
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Children expect grownups to notice and to help them if something is wrong. If a child is old enough to talk it's ok to ask them "how are you?". Babies and small children cannot ask for help and it's good to ask yourself how they might feel? and think about what is going on around them? You might say to the family that you are worried because of something you noticed, that you can see that things are hard right now, and that support for families is carrying on.

If for any reason you don't feel that you can talk with the child or the family but you feel worried you should still let The Bridge know. It is everyone's responsibility to keep children safe especially right now. Families may need extra support at this time and The Bridge can work out what help a family might need and how they can get help at this time. If the family is known to a social worker your concerns will be relayed to them. If the family are known to an early help practitioner the Bridge will help you get in touch with them or the team for advice.

Do



Call The Bridge **0161 603 4500** (8.30am-4.30pm). Outside these hours call **0161 794 8888** or go to www.salford.gov.uk/worriedaboutachild
In an emergency call **999**.