**Sources of Advice and Support:**

**People:**

People who have already had experience in starting a business Eg: A friend or business partner. This will help my business as I can ask someone who has already started a business for advice.

People who invest in new businesses Eg: Allan Sugar. I could ask someone to invest in my business and they can provide advice, but they will have a certain percentage of my business.

Friends and family can help by filling in for you or giving you money. Eg: Father or cousin. This could help as I might need some extra money and the banks might not give it to me, so I can ask a friend or family member for some money and pay them back later. But this could be bad as the business could fail and I will still need to pay them even if I do not have the money.

**Agencies:**

HM Revenue and Customs give advice on their website on how to set up a business. This could help me as I can go on their website to look for information and advice.

Council can set up support centres. Eg: Enterprise GY. This is good for me as I can go to the support centre and get reliable advice and support. But this could be bad as I have to go to the place and you have to book an appointment to see them.

Banks can offer loans to start a business. Eg: Lloyds TSB Bank. This is good for me as I can get money to help me set up the business. But this could be bad as I will have to pay back with interest. So I will have to make enough money to pay the bank back and still have enough to keep enough money for myself.

**Technical:**

Antivirus Software would be very important in a business as it can help against hackers and save confidential information. Eg: Norton Antivirus Software. This is a good thing to have as it will keep my business safe from hackers and viruses. But this can be bad as you have to buy a copy of the software for every computer you use.

Website Managers will maintain your website and keep it up to date. Eg: Coastal Creative. These are good as they will be able to maintain the website and keep it up to date with everything that is necessary. This could be bad as I will have to pay them to keep updating and maintaining my website.

IT technicians will fix any problems with computers you may have. Eg: Geek Squad

Software Help Desks are helpful for specific software problems. Eg: Adobe Help Desk

**Educational:**

School can help teach you the core skills. Eg: Manchester University.

Training courses show you how to do specific things. Eg: Health and Safety