

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



A child means everyone under the age of 18.



Children need the right help at the right time to address risks.



Remember 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.



We are all responsible for the welfare of children and keeping the environment safe, whatever our job.

What is safeguarding?

The definition of safeguarding is: • providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge • protecting children from maltreatment, whether that is within or outside the home, including online • preventing the impairment of children's mental and physical health or development • ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care • taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



What do I need to do?



ALWAYS ACT

in the best interests of the child. Never promise a child you will not tell anyone.



KNOW HOW

to identify children who may benefit from Family Help.



KNOW THE DIFFERENT

types of abuse, neglect and exploitation, including racism, faith-targeted abuse and other prejudice-based harm, so that you can identify children who may need help or protection. Abuse can happen online too.



Know what to do if a child tells you they are being abused or neglected.



Know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead is and talk to them as soon as you are concerned.



Children can abuse other children, on and off site and online. It is never 'just banter'. Tell the DSL.



Keeping Children Safe in Education Part one and the Annex. Child protection policy. Staff behaviour policy.



Report any concern about a child carrying, threatening with or intending to use a weapon to the Designated Safeguarding Lead straight away.



If a teacher finds that Female Genital Mutilation appears to have been carried out on a girl under the age of 18, the teacher must report this to the police.

Staff Behaviour



If you are concerned about any behaviour of a staff member, no matter how small, speak to the headteacher. Concerns about the headteacher go to the Chair of Governors.

Whistleblowing



If you're worried about poor or unsafe safeguarding practices, or potential failures in the school, talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, any senior leader, or the Chair of Governors. If you feel unable to talk to someone in school, you can call the NSPCC whistleblowing helpline on 0800 028 0285 or [email: help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

For more information go to: www.safeguardingschools.co.uk