

Longstone CE (VA) Primary School



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SCHOOL CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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This is an overarching policy.

Child as written in this policy is a child until 18.

Child as written in this policy is of statutory school age including children in EYFS who are younger than statutory school age. (See Appendix B)

A vulnerable adult as written into this policy (only when relevant / have pupils in this category) is so defined as still in the setting and who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age, or illness, who is unable to take care of him/herself, or unable to protect him/herself from significant harm or exploitation.

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

‘Working Together to Safeguard Children’ (July 2018) which is statutory guidance to be read and followed by all those providing services for children and families, including those in education. The guidance is available via the following link: <http://www.workingtogetheronline.co.uk/index.html>

“**Keeping Children Safe in Education**” (Sept 2018), which is the statutory guidance for Schools and Colleges. The guidance is available via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

“**What to Do if Worried a child is being Abused: Advice for Practitioners**”. March 2015. The guidance is available via the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419604/What_to_do_if_you_re_worried_a_child_is_being_abused.pdf

“**Information Sharing: Advice for Practitioners providing Safeguarding Services to Children, Young People, Parents and Carers**”. July 2018. The guidance is available via the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419628/Information_sharing_advice_safeguarding_practitioners.pdf

“**The Prevent Duty Departmental, advice for Schools and child care providers June 2015**. The guidance is available via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty> Furthermore, we will follow the procedures set out by the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children’s Board: <http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

Furthermore, we will follow the Procedures set out by the local Derby City & Derbyshire Safeguarding Childrens Board.

In accordance with the above procedures, we carry out an annual audit of our Safeguarding provision (S175 Safeguarding Audit, which is a requirement of the Education Act 2002 & 2006) a copy of which is sent to the Local Derbyshire safeguarding Childrens Board.

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CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY

1 Introduction and Context

1.1 Aim of Policy

The aim of this policy is:

To create an ethos within the school that helps children feel secure and able to talk freely, in the belief that they will be listened to and that their point of view will be valued, in line with the school's values and mission statement (as follows):

- Respect and kindness
- Happiness and belonging
- High expectations for everyone
- Achieving our potential
- A passion for learning
- Working together in a happy safe environment

Mission Statement

To create a happy, safe and creative school in which everybody can grow, learning new things together.

Context

Our school is in a rural small village surrounded by farmland. As well as the usual safeguarding issues in all schools, some of our issues involve the isolation of our families and lack of networks often resulting in the need to support our families. The experience of schools in our local area suggests that concerns relating to radicalisation are here more likely to arise from far-right politics/white supremacy than Islamic radicalisation, but we remain alert to signs of radicalisation in all its forms.

1.2 Our Responsibilities

Longstone CE (VA) Primary School fully recognises its responsibilities for Child Protection and Safeguarding, this Policy sets out how the School/college will deliver these responsibilities.

1.3 Principles

Safeguarding arrangements at Longstone CE (VA) Primary School are underpinned by three key principles:

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility: all staff, governors and volunteers should play their full part in keeping children safe.
- That Longstone School operates a child-centred approach: a clear understanding of the needs, wishes, views and voices of children.
- That all staff, governors and volunteers have a clear understanding regarding abuse and neglect in all forms; including how to identify, respond and report. This also includes knowledge in the process for allegations against professionals. Staff, governors and volunteers should feel confident that they can report all matters of safeguarding children in the School or College where the information will be dealt with swiftly and securely, following the correct procedures with the safety and wellbeing of the children in mind at all times. We aim to protect children using national, local and school child protection procedures;
- We aim to work in partnership and have an important role in multi-agency safeguarding arrangements as set out by Working Together 2018;

1.4 Our Policy

There are 7 main elements to our Policy, which are described in the following sections:

- The types of abuse that are covered by the policy;

- The signs of abuse that staff, governors and volunteers should look out for;
- How to report a concern, who to go to within school/college; including how /who to report to at the relevant agencies;
- Roles and responsibilities for safeguarding;
- Expectations of staff, volunteers and governors with regard to safeguarding, and the procedures and processes that should be followed, including the support provided to children;
- How the school will ensure that all staff, governors and volunteers are appropriately trained, and checked for their suitability to work within the school; this includes receiving regular updates and undertaking annual whole school training in safeguarding.
- How the policy will be managed and have its delivery overseen.

Through implementation of this policy we will ensure that our school provides a safe environment for children to learn and develop. We will cross reference to other policies relevant to our safeguarding in Longstone School and make reference to them in this policy where relevant.

All staff, governors and volunteers are aware of and trained in child protection and safeguarding. We legislate for all people who come into contact with our children by ensuring that they are always under close supervision. Therefore these infrequent visitors are not formally trained or made aware of current legislation but we make this policy and our procedures available to everyone through its publication on our school website and by the safeguarding statement which is prominently displayed as they enter the school.

2 Types of Abuse

2.1 Children who may require early help

All Staff, Governors and Volunteers working within the School should be alert to the potential need for early help for children, considering following the procedures identified for initiating early help (see section 5) for a child who:

- Is disabled and has specific additional needs.
- Has special educational needs.
- Is a young carer.
- Is a privately fostered child;
- Has returned home to their family from care:
- Is showing signs of engaging in anti-social or criminal behaviour.
- Is in a family circumstance presenting challenges for the child, such as substance abuse, adult mental health, domestic violence; and/or
- Is showing early signs of abuse and/or neglect.
- Is showing signs of displaying behaviour or views that are considered to be extreme
- Is misusing drugs or alcohol themselves:
- Not attending school or are at risk of exclusion from school
- Frequently going missing/goes missing from care or from home;
- Is at risk of modern slavery, trafficking, exploitation, radicalised;

These children are therefore more vulnerable; this School/College will identify who their vulnerable children are, ensuring staff, governors and volunteers know the processes to secure advice, help and support where needed.

2.2 Child Abuse

In relation to children, safeguarding and promoting their welfare is defined as;

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's' health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

There are four types of child abuse as defined in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2018) which is defined in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education Statutory Guidance 2018' as:

- **Physical Abuse** - may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning/scalding, drowning, suffocating, or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer fabricates the symptoms of, or deliberately induces, illness in a child.
- **Emotional Abuse** - is the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to children that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. It may include not giving the child opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say or how they communicate. It may feature age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children. These may include interactions that are beyond the child's developmental capability, as well as overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning, or preventing the child participating in normal social interaction. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another. It may involve serious bullying (including cyber bullying), causing children frequently to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of children. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, though it may occur alone.
- **Sexual Abuse** involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may involve physical contact or non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, or grooming a child in preparation for abuse (including via the internet). Sexual abuse is not solely perpetrated by adult males; women can also commit acts of sexual abuse, as can other children.
- **Neglect** is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. It may include a failure to:
 - Provide adequate food, clothing and shelter.
 - Protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger.
 - Ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers); or
 - Ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment.
 - Respond to a child's basic emotional needs

Bullying and forms of bullying on and off line including prejudice based and Cyber Bullying is also abusive which will include at least one, if not two, three or all four, of the defined categories of abuse [see Anti-Bullying Policy].

2.3 Specific Safeguarding Issues

There are specific issues that have become critical issues (highlighted are current key concerns in Derbyshire and nationally) in Safeguarding that Schools and Colleges will endeavour to ensure their staff, governors and volunteers are familiar with; having processes in place to identify, report, monitor and which are included within teaching:

- Bullying including cyber bullying
- Children at risk of criminal exploitation (CRE) as defined by local safeguarding partnership procedures.
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) as defined by Working Together 2018
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs
- Fabricated or induced illness
- Faith abuse

- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Forced Marriage
- Gangs and Youth Violence
- Gender based violence/Violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Hate
- Mental Health
- Private Fostering
- Preventing Radicalisation
- Online abuse/Sexting
- Teenage Relationship abuse
- Trafficking
- Missing children and vulnerable adults
- Child sexual abuse within the family
- Poor parenting, particularly in relation to babies and young children
- Spiritual Abuse

Schools and Colleges can access broad government guidance on the issues listed above via the <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education> and local procedures and strategies are available through the local safeguarding partnership. www.derbyshirescb.org.uk

3 Signs of Abuse (Child Protection)

3.1 Physical Abuse

Most children will collect cuts and bruises and injuries, and these should always be interpreted in the context of the child's medical / social history, developmental stage and the explanation given. Most accidental bruises are seen over bony parts of the body, e.g. elbows, knees, shins, and are often on the front of the body. Some children, however, will have bruising that is more than likely inflicted rather than accidental.

Important indicators of physical abuse are bruises or injuries that are either unexplained or inconsistent with the explanation given; these can often be visible on the 'soft' parts of the body where accidental injuries are unlikely, e.g. cheeks, abdomen, back and buttocks. A delay in seeking medical treatment when it is obviously necessary is also a cause for concern.

The physical signs of abuse may include:

- Unexplained bruising, marks or injuries on any part of the body.
- Multiple bruises- in clusters, often on the upper arm, outside of the thigh.
- Cigarette burns.
- Human bite marks.
- Broken bones.
- Scalds, with upward splash marks.
- Multiple burns with a clearly demarcated edge.

Changes in behaviour that can also indicate physical abuse:

- Fear of parents being approached for an explanation.
- Aggressive behaviour or severe temper outbursts.
- Flinching when approached or touched.
- Reluctance to get changed, for example in hot weather.
- Depression.
- Withdrawn behaviour.
- Running away from home.

3.2 Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse can be difficult to identify as there are often no outward physical signs. Indications may be a developmental delay due to a failure to thrive and grow, however, children who appear well-cared for may nevertheless be emotionally abused by being taunted, put down or belittled. They may receive little or no love, affection or attention from their parents or carers. Emotional abuse can also take the form of children not being allowed to mix or play with other children.

Changes in behaviour which can indicate emotional abuse include:

- Neurotic behaviour e.g. sulking, hair twisting, rocking.
- Being unable to play.
- Fear of making mistakes.
- Sudden speech disorders.
- Self-harm.
- Fear of parent being approached regarding their behaviour.
- Developmental delay in terms of emotional progress.

3.3 Sexual Abuse

It is recognised that there is underreporting of sexual abuse within the family. All staff, governors and volunteers in school should play a crucial role in identifying and reporting any concerns that they may have through, for example, the observation and play of younger children and understanding the indicators of behaviour in older children which may be underlining of such abuse.

All staff, governors and volunteers should be aware that adults, who may be men, women or other children, who use children to meet their own sexual needs abuse both girls and boys of all ages. Indications of sexual abuse may be physical or from the child's behaviour. In all cases, children who tell about sexual abuse do so because they want it to stop. It is important, therefore, that they are listened to and taken seriously.

The physical signs of sexual abuse may include:

- Pain or itching in the genital area.
- Bruising or bleeding near genital area.
- Sexually transmitted disease.
- Vaginal discharge or infection.
- Stomach pains.
- Discomfort when walking or sitting down.
- Pregnancy.

Changes in behaviour which can also indicate sexual abuse include:

- Sudden or unexplained changes in behaviour e.g. becoming aggressive or withdrawn.
- Fear of being left with a specific person or group of people.
- Having nightmares.
- Running away from home.
- Sexual knowledge which is beyond their age, or developmental level.
- Sexual drawings or language.
- Bedwetting.
- Eating problems such as overeating or anorexia.
- Self-harm or mutilation, sometimes leading to suicide attempts.
- Saying they have secrets they cannot tell anyone about.
- Substance or drug abuse.
- Suddenly having unexplained sources of money.
- Not allowed to have friends (particularly in adolescence).
- Acting in a sexually explicit way towards adults.

3.4 Neglect

It can be difficult to recognise neglect, however its effects can be long term and damaging for children.

The physical signs of neglect may include:

- Being constantly dirty or 'smelly'.
- Constant hunger, sometimes stealing food from other children.
- Losing weight, or being constantly underweight.
- Inappropriate or dirty clothing.

Neglect may be indicated by changes in behaviour which may include:

- Mentioning being left alone or unsupervised.
- Not having many friends.
- Complaining of being tired all the time.
- Not requesting medical assistance and/or failing to attend appointments.

3.5 Specific Safeguarding Issues

In understanding the signs and indicators of specific issues listed earlier in this policy this school will incorporate the signs of abuse and specific safeguarding issues on safeguarding into briefings, staff induction training, and ongoing development training for all staff, governors and volunteers

The school will also access broad Government guidance, local procedures, strategies and tools through the [Local Safeguarding Partnership \(www.derbyshirescb.org.uk\)](http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk)

The Designated leads and those with responsibility for safeguarding will use the information available to them in Derbyshire [Schools Net Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) to help all staff develop the knowledge and understanding pertaining to national and local emerging concerns.

3.6 Prevent Duties

Longstone School will ensure all staff including governors and volunteers adhere to the duties in the Prevent guidance 2015 to prevent radicalisation. The Head Teacher and Chair of Governors will:

- Establish or use existing mechanisms for understanding the risk of extremism
- Ensure staff understand the risk and build capabilities to deal with issues arising
- Communicate the importance of the duty
- Ensure all staff implement the duty

Longstone CE Primary School will respond to any concern about Prevent as a Safeguarding concern and will report in the usual way using local Safeguarding Procedures. We will seek to work in partnership, undertaking risk assessments where appropriate and proportionate to risk, building our children's resilience to radicalisation. We will make referrals into CHANNEL where a risk is identified and the pupil may need de radicalisation.

Longstone CE Primary School is committed to providing effective filtering and monitoring systems and this will include monitoring the activities of children when on-line in the school and actions taken relevant to the activity.

Longstone CE Primary School will use the relevant forms to record any concerns, keeping records which will be treated as a Child Protection Record, storing them as appropriate. (cross reference here to forms being used)

3.7 Child Sexual Exploitation & CRE- children at risk of exploitation (Child Protection)

We recognise this is relevant to all genders.

Risk factors may include;

- Going missing, staying out unusually late
- Engagement in offending
- Disengagement from education
- Using drugs or alcohol
- Unexplained gifts/money
- Overly secretive
- Repeat concerns about sexual health
- Decline in emotional wellbeing
- Association in gangs
- Unexplained injuries
- Carrying weapons, access to or carrying unusual number of mobile phones

All suspected or actual cases of CSE/CRE are a Safeguarding concern in which Child Protection procedures will be followed; this will include a referral to the police. If any staff are concerned about a pupil, they will refer to the Safeguarding Designated Lead/s within the School.

3.8 Female Genital Mutilation

Longstone School recognises and understands that there is now a mandatory reporting duty for all teachers to report to the police where it is believed an act of FGM has been carried out on a girl under 18 in the UK. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the school.

All suspected or actual cases of FGM is a safeguarding concern in which safeguarding procedures will be followed. If any staff are concerned about a pupil they will refer to the Safeguarding Designated Lead in the school unless there is a good reason not to do so.

Signs may include;

- Days absent from school;
- Not participating in Physical Education;
- In pain/has restricted movement/frequent and long visits to the toilet/broken limbs;
- Confides that she is having a special procedure, cut or celebration;
- Unauthorised and or extended leave, vague explanations or plans for removal of a female in a high risk category* especially over the summer period;
- Plans to take a holiday which may be unauthorised, unexplained or extended in a country known to practice FGM.

**parents from a country who are known to practice FGM*

3.9 Allegations of abuse against other children/Peer on Peer abuse (Child Protection)

We recognise that some children abuse other children or their peers; therefore, the reasons for this are complex and are often multi-faceted. We understand that we need as a school to have clear mechanisms and procedures in place to identify and report incidents or concerns. We aim to reduce this behaviour and any related incidents with an expectation to eliminate this conduct in the school.

Peer on peer abuse is a safeguarding concern and will require a discussion with the Designated Safeguarding Lead who will seek advice from agencies and professionals including reference to the Safeguarding procedures as outlined by the local authority. This may mean a referral into the Police and Social Care. Longstone School will consider and may apply the disciplinary policy. Longstone School will offer support to a victim.

We recognise peer on peer abuse can take some of these forms;

- Language seen as derogatory, demeaning, inflammatory;

- Unwanted banter;
- Sexual harassment;
- Sexual Violence;
- Hate;
- Homophobia;
- Based on gender differences and orientation;
- Based on difference.

We will pay adherence to the guidance- Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in Schools/Colleges between children (December 2017) and have a strategy in the school to identify, report and respond to any issues/incidents raised. We aim to challenge this type of abuse. We also aim to use approaches in the curriculum to address and tackle peer on peer abuse.

This school acknowledges the updated Voyeurism Act 2019, and the concerns around upskirting. This is a form of peer on peer abuse and may constitute a criminal act. Any incidents will be treated as a safeguarding concern and this school will follow their usual procedures when dealing with such an incident. This will mean reporting an incident to the police.

3.10 The sending of indecent images from one person to another through digital media devices

This school accepts that this is a safeguarding concern and one that is increasing which requires a robust response. We will seek advice from agencies and professionals acknowledging that there are both national and local guidance that we need to adhere to in order to tackle the concerns and work in partnership with our agencies.

We will refer to;

Derby City & Derbyshire Children's Social Care Safeguarding Procedures chapter

http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_abuse_img_ch_ict.html?zoom_highlight=sexting

[“Sexting in Schools & Colleges: Responding to incidents & safeguarding young people” UK Council for child internet safety](#)

The DfE guidance 2018 on Searching Screening and Confiscation Advice for Schools

3.11 The criminal exploitation of children: County Lines

Signs which may indicate criminal exploitation:

- Persistently going missing from school or home and / or being found out-of-area;
- Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes, or mobile phones
- Excessive receipt of texts /phone calls
- Relationships with controlling /older individuals or groups
- Leaving home / care without explanation
- Suspicion of physical assault /unexplained injuries
- Parental concerns
- Carrying weapons
- Significant decline in school results / performance
- Gang association or isolation from peers or social networks
- Self-harm or significant changes in emotional well-being

Criminal exploitation of children is a Safeguarding concern and will require a discussion with the Designated Safeguarding Lead who will seek advice from agencies and professionals; including, reference to the Safeguarding procedures as outlined by the local authority. This will mean a referral into the Police and Social Care. The school will offer support to a victim.

3.12 Carrying knives/offensive Weapons & Gang Culture

Bringing and carrying a knife/offensive weapon onto school premises is a criminal offence and immediate action will be taken by calling the police and informing the police. The guidance on Searching, Screening and Confiscation for Head teachers, schools and Governors, January 2018 will be consulted and the school will consider and may apply the disciplinary procedure.

If a member of staff suspects a pupil being involved in gang culture, this is a safeguarding concern and will require a discussion with the Designated Safeguarding Lead who will seek advice from agencies and professionals including reference to the Safeguarding procedures as outlined by the local authority. The pupil may be an exploited child and victim to which the school/college will offer support.

4 Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 All staff, volunteers and governors have responsibility for the following:

- Being aware of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Procedures, (<http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>) and ensuring local Safeguarding Partnership procedures are followed.
- Listening to, and seeking out, the views, wishes and feelings of children and young people, ensuring in this that the child's voice is heard and referred to.
- Knowing who the School Designated Lead/Teacher(s) for Safeguarding are and the relevant links for CIC (Child in Care/Looked After Children), SEN and Anti- Bullying including who is the School link Governor for Child Protection and Safeguarding.
- Being alert to the signs of abuse, including specific issues in Safeguarding and their need to refer any concerns to the Safeguarding Designated Lead(s) in the School or College.
- To be aware of the 'Managing Allegations Against Staff ' (LADO) procedures and feel confident in been able to use them including concerns about the setting. Concerns any staff have about a Head Teacher, should be referred to the Chair of Governors.
- To be aware of the Confidential Reporting procedures (aka Whistle blowing) and where to get information and support on this (See Confidential Reporting Policy)
- Being aware of the 'Guidance for Safer Working Practices when working with Children and Young People in education settings, 2015', relevant sections of 'KCSIE 2018' and local procedures for 'Safer Working Practices'.
- Ensuring that their Child Protection training is up to date, undertaking refresher/update training at least annually;
- Sharing information and working together to provide children and young people with the help and support they need.
- Supporting pupils who have been abused in accordance with his/her Child Protection Plan.
- Seeking early help where a child and family would benefit from coordinated support from more than one agency (e.g. education, health, housing, police) to prevent needs escalating to a point where intervention would be needed via a statutory assessment (see section 5.1).
- If at any time it is considered that the child may be a child in need as defined in the Children Act 1989, or that the child has suffered significant harm or is likely to do so, a referral is made immediately to Local Authority Children's Social Care.
- If staff, including governors and volunteers, have concerns they should raise these with the Designated Safeguarding Lead(s) and they will usually decide next steps, (however any one in a School/College can make a referral).
- If they feel unclear about what has happened to their concerns following a referral they can enquire further and obtain feedback.
- To be aware of the Derbyshire local Safeguarding Partnership's Escalation Policy and Process, which may be followed if a staff member fears their concerns have not been addressed, and of

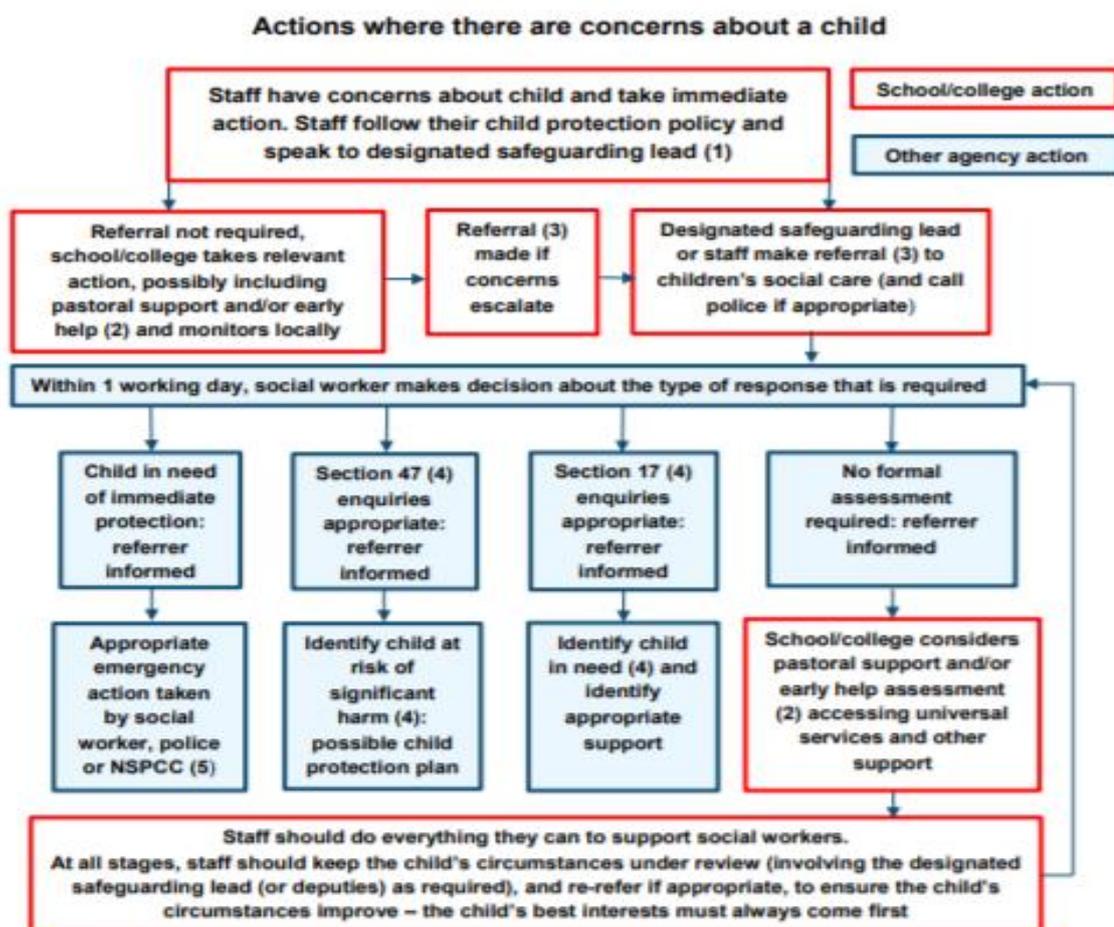
the Confidential Reporting Code (Whistle Blowing 2015) which can be accessed on the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board website or the Derbyshire Schoolsnet site Keeping Children Safe in Education tile.

- Learning from the outcomes of serious case reviews (see Appendix A).
- Referring to Children Missing from Education (CME), those children who go missing from education, whereabouts unknown, by adhering to guidance and timelines shown on in the DCC policy, this can be found at:
https://derbyshire.inthehive.net/extranet/pupil_support/children_missing_from_edu/default.aspx
- To recognise the new requirements on Children Missing From Education and particularly those where it is believed a child/children may be leaving the country;
- To refer & adhere to Children Missing from Education (CME) processes and procedures as set out by national and local guidelines on all children where there is a concern they may be missing or who are missing.
- Recognising that Home Educated Children can be more vulnerable than other children and with regard to the motivations of the intention to home educate. Therefore, recognising the responsibilities the school/college has to those who are thinking about or who are about to home educate, including those who have been removed from the school roll with a view to home educate;
- Recognising that looked After Children are more vulnerable than other children and often have poorer educational outcomes; therefore, ensuring their wellbeing, safety and welfare, helping them to reach their potential;
- Recognising that looked After Children and care leavers are more vulnerable than other children, often having poorer educational outcomes; therefore, ensuring their wellbeing, safety and welfare, helping them to reach their potential which includes the looked after child who is moving on. The school will also ensure that care leavers are supported by 'Pathways' including liaison with the local authority where a personal advisor will be appointed;
- All staff, governors and volunteers recognise their roles and responsibilities under SEND that those children/vulnerable adults in the setting may not be able to recognise abuse, abusive situations or protect themselves from significant harm and exploitation;
- Recognising the needs of young carers in that they can be more vulnerable or placed at risk. Therefore, being able to identify young carers and ensure they are supported to help reach their potential with an understanding that staff and volunteers will need to refer into early help social care services for an assessment of their needs;
- All staff and governors are aware of the Private Fostering Policy and have an understanding of host families and recognising they have a duty to notify the local Children's Social Care department if it is thought or known that a child may be Privately Fostered or subject to a host family arrangement which is unclear or ambiguous;
- That staff, governors and volunteers are aware of Extremism, which include the signs of, alerts to concerning behaviours, and ideologies considered to be extreme; as well as having an understanding of the British Value Agenda. This will include attendance on training either Prevent/Wrap or training considered sufficient by the local authority.
- That staff, governors and volunteers know about Prevent duties and will report any concerns to the Safeguarding Designated Lead in the school who has responsibilities under Prevent to take action, offer advice and support which may include a referral into Channel using the case pathway process.
- All staff, governors and volunteers should recognise that children are capable of abusing other children or their peers, working to reduce and eliminate such behaviour in their setting.
- All staff / anyone who has contact with a child or young person including governors and volunteers should recognise what is child sexual exploitation and trafficking and know that they should seek advice and how to report any issues / incidents:
- All staff / anyone who has contact with a child or young person including governors and volunteers should recognise a child may be criminally exploited or involved in gang culture and should seek advice and report any issues /incidents;

- When using reasonable force this is in line with national guidelines and takes into account individual pupil needs and risk management /care plans and in particular with regard to SEND;
- All staff / anyone who has contact with a child or young person including governors and volunteers should recognise homelessness and the impact of the pupil facing homelessness, or who is homeless;
- This School recognises the importance of learning from national and local Serious Case Reviews and Thematic Learning Reviews. We are aware of the impact this has on how we carry out our Safeguarding and Child Protection responsibilities and roles.

4.2 All Staff / anyone who has contact with a child or young person including Governors and volunteers have responsibility for the following:

- To share and report a concern, know how to do this and who to and record where appropriate in the role:



(1) In cases which also involve a concern or an allegation of abuse against a staff member, see Part Four of this guidance.

(2) Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges at any point in a child's life. Where a child would benefit from co-ordinated early help, an early help inter-agency assessment should be arranged. Chapter one of [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) provides detailed guidance on the early help process.

(3) Referrals should follow the process set out in the local threshold document and local protocol for assessment. Chapter one of [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#).

(4) Under the Children Act 1989, local authorities are required to provide services for children in need for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting their welfare. Children in need may be assessed under section 17 of the Children Act 1989. Under section 47 of the Children Act 1989, where a local authority has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, it has a duty to make enquiries to decide whether to take action to safeguard or promote the child's welfare. Full details are in Chapter one of [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#).

(5) This could include applying for an Emergency Protection Order (EPO).

4.3 **Governors and School Leadership are responsible for:**

- Taking leadership responsibility for the school's safeguarding and child protection arrangements.
- Ensure there are robust safer recruitment procedures and a framework of checks, tracking and monitoring;
- That they are up to date with emerging issues in safeguarding and know about strategies by the Local Authority in trying to keep children safe In Derbyshire.
- Ensuring that we have a nominated link Governor for Child Protection and Safeguarding who can also provide a link to the Local Authority on matters of Safeguarding in their School / College and are in liaison with other partners and agencies.
- Ensuring that we have a lead Safeguarding Designated Lead(s) for Child Protection, appointed from the Senior Management Team and one who oversees and line manages the activities and the activities of all other leads in the school/college. The number of DSL's needs to be sufficient in number depending upon the size and demands of the school. That the DSL's are fully equipped to undertake the Safeguarding role and that they have access to the appropriate training and that has updates at least annually and with certified training very two years.
- That a Designated lead is on the premises and available and there is a contact for school holiday activities on site. Where this is not available or in exceptional circumstances, there is cover in place. The leadership team will ensure and if not available there is cover in place. Therefore, ensuring there is cover at all times for staff to have a clear pathway for raising and reporting concerns in a timely way. This will include a DSL being a point of contact for trips, outings and residential visits; Our local designated Head Teacher is Emma Bond (Pilsley Primary School).
- Ensuring that appointed designated leads are fully equipped to do the job (have the knowledge and skills) and have access to appropriate regular training to help them keep up to date
- That we work towards/have a nominated link Governor for CIC (Children in Care/ Looked after Children) and SEN alongside nominated leads in the School/College on these issues.
- We have an appointed teacher who is responsible for looked after children who understands their Safeguarding responsibilities and is fully aware of the Local Safeguarding procedures and the school's procedures for reporting, responding and recording Child Protection concerns;
- That there are procedures in place in handling allegations against Staff or Volunteers and any concerns staff, including volunteers have including concerns about the setting are brought to the attention of the Local Authority Designated Lead (LADO) in every case.
- That the curriculum will implement sex, relationship and healthy relationship teaching and make the best use of PSHE to cover Safeguarding issues with children in line with the statutory obligations 2020;
- That are given a mandatory induction which includes knowledge regarding abuse, neglect, specific safeguarding issues and familiarisation with Child Protection responsibilities. The induction will also include procedures to be followed if anyone has any concerns about a Child's Safety or welfare, and knowledge about Longstone School policies and procedures.
- That have regular reviews of their own practice to ensure ongoing personal/professional development.
- That all staff, governors and volunteers receives the appropriate training which is regularly updated.
- That we have in place effective ways to identify emerging problems and potential unmet needs for individual children and families.
- That important policies such as those for behaviour and bullying, are kept up to date.
- To ensure that children are taught about Safeguarding, including on line, through teaching and learning opportunities, as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum.
- That the curriculum will implement sex and relationship teaching and makes best use of PSHE to cover Safeguarding issues with children.
- We have in place an Online Safety Policy equipped to deal with a widening range of issues associated with technology
- That we understand the need to identify trends and patterns regarding Children Missing from Education (CME) and to respond to / refer where required.

- That we understand the updated definition of child sexual exploitation and expectations around identifying, reporting and responding to any potential or actual cases of;
- That we notify the Children’s Social Care department if there is an unexplained absence of a pupil who is the subject of a Child Protection Plan.
- That we notify the Children’s Social Care department if it is thought or known that a child may be Privately Fostered.
- That we use the Local Authority case referral pathway on reporting concerns about extremism or views considered to be extreme which may include a referral to PREVENT/CHANNEL and/or social care.
- Acting on the ‘Learning from Serious Case Reviews’ – see appendix A;
- Ensures that all staff, governors and volunteers are made aware of the Confidential Reporting Code (Whistle Blowing 2015).
- That all Child Protection records are kept centrally, kept up to date, are secure and reviewed annually.
- Making sure that the Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy is available to parents and carers as appropriate including displaying on the schools website.

4.4 Creating a safe environment:

- We will ensure that our staff, governors and volunteers are competent to carry out their responsibilities for Safeguarding in promoting the welfare of children by creating an environment and an ethos whereby all staff including volunteers feel able to raise concerns, along with being supported in their safeguarding role.
- We will endeavour to create a culture of listening to children, taking account of their wishes, feelings and voices both in individual decisions and in the school’s development (use of a school council or similar).
- That the building including its surroundings, are safe and one where children can feel safe.
- That parents/carers know about our principles in Safeguarding, who along with the local community are made familiar with including making public on our website and are able to participate in any policy, procedure or initiatives which contributes to the safety of the children in that local community.
- That we have clear protocols on reception for visitors and contractors with procedures in place to ensure the appropriate questions are asked and checks made in line with KCSIE and Derbyshire County Council requirements regarding the Single Central Record. (See External Contributors Policy)

4.5 Recruitment & Staffing:

- We must prevent people who pose a risk of harm from working with children by adhering to statutory responsibilities to check Staff who work with children, taking proportionate decisions on whether to ask for any checks beyond what is required;
- We must where relevant check the identity of a person being considered for appointment and their right to stay in the UK;
- We must undertake overseas checks if a staff member being employed or has returned from a period of employment from abroad;
- We must ensure Staff and Volunteers undergo appropriate checks via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) relevant to their post and this includes any Prohibition checks necessary for the post;
- We must be aware of the Disqualification by Association rules; having a relevant procedure in place which can be applied if required.
- We must have procedures in place to make a referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) if a person in regulated activity has been dismissed, removed due to Safeguarding concerns, or would have been had they not resigned; aware that this is a legal duty.
- That we make use of the DBS Service where appropriate;
- That applications are scrutinised and further enquiries are made and evidenced around any clarification or need for further exploration

- We must have at least one person on any appointment panel who has undertaken Safer Recruitment Training, including a Governor (School may choose their training ensuring at a minimum it covers the 'Keeping Children Safe Guidance', and equips them with the necessary knowledge and skills).
- We must pursue references with measures in place to ensure scrutiny and to verify all potential staff;
- Raise an alert with a senior member of the leadership team if there are gaps in references and / or any missing references;
- That our volunteers are adequately supervised, being aware of the differences between supervised and unsupervised interaction with the children.
- That all our governors have the enhanced DBS and other checks that may be required;
- That if a Governor is involved in what is defined as regulated activity then that person has the appropriate DBS / other checks required.
- That we understand the requirements if schools are hiring out their premises or use staff from their setting around asking the relevant questions, making sure checks are in place to ensure safeguarding the children / young people who attend clubs, holiday schemes and other activities on their premises.
- We will be mindful of who we are hiring our premises to and refuse the hiring of premises for any activity deemed not in the interests of the children/young people the school/college, the local community and or viewed to be inflammatory eg- banned political groups

The Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Sophie Bell**

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Gemma Harvey**

The Designated Lead for CIC (Looked after children) is: **Gemma Harvey**

The Designated Lead is for Anti- Bullying: **Sophie Bell**

The Appointed Teacher for Looked after children/virtual school: **Gemma Harvey**

The Appointed Teacher for SEND: **Gemma Harvey**

The Designated Link Governor for Safeguarding is: **Natalie Cardwell**

The Designated link Governor for Anti- Bullying is: **Natalie Cardwell**

The Designated link Governor for Looked after Children (Child in Care) is: **Natalie Cardwell**

5 Safeguarding Processes and Procedures

The School will deliver its responsibilities for identifying and acting on early help needs, Safeguarding and Child Protection in line with the policies and procedures identified in the Derbyshire local Safeguarding Partnership. and procedures guidance, available at:

<http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

A threshold Document is available and assists with meeting a child's needs in Derbyshire and can be found at: http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/chapters/docs_library.html#guidance

5.1 Early help

All staff and governors are made aware of what Early Help means, how to identify emerging needs and understanding their role within it. This means sharing information and having discussions with the Designated Safeguarding Lead, liaising with other professionals and supporting children identified in the school (i.e. potentially vulnerable and those who are vulnerable) who may therefore need Early Help intervention.

The provision of early help services should form part of a continuum of help and support to respond to the different levels of need of individual children and families – for more information School Staff and Volunteers can refer to Derbyshire’s ‘Early Help Offer’ and Starting Point.

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social_health/children_and_families/support_for_families/default.asp?VD=startingpoint

Starting Point is Derbyshire’s first point of contact and referral service for Children; including advice, support and next steps - Early Help and intervention (MAT) and for welfare and Child Protection concerns.

We will follow the referral process for all Early Help requests by using an electronic form made available on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint.

When calls are received they are screened, and advice is given around the next steps to take. All contacts will be passed to a Senior Practitioner.

In all cases the Senior Practitioner will decide which service within Children’s Social Care is best placed to meet that child’s needs and the information will be passed to either the Multi-Agency Team or Children’s Social Care for assessment.

Starting Point will ask at point of referral into Children’s Services what early help work has been undertaken and that the referral is supported by an Early Help Assessment.

5.2 Referring to Children’s Social Care

Longstone School will ensure that if any staff, anyone who has contact with a child including governors and volunteers have concerns about the welfare and safety of a child, discussions take place with the Designated Safeguarding Lead as soon as they are aware or know about a concern. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will act upon the information received; however, we also recognise anyone can make a referral into social care.

Where safeguarding concerns are identified e.g. a child having an injury or has made a disclosure of sexual abuse, this is a child protection concern and safeguarding procedures ~~should~~ must be followed. A telephone referral must be made to Starting Point Derbyshire’s first point of contact for children and younger adults for referral into Children’s Social Care.

If the child has been the subject of an Early Help Assessment then a chronology, a copy, together with a copy of the Multi-Disciplinary Plan and any supporting document evidence to support a threshold, should be attached to the written confirmation. If the professional does not have a copy, reference to the completed Early Help Assessment should be made in the written confirmation. Details within the reference should include: who undertook the Assessment, and their contact details if known. For Starting Point to provide feedback an e mail contact must be provided and name of the person nominated in school to receive that feedback.

When a member of staff, volunteer, parent, practitioner, or another person has concerns for a child, and if the school are aware that the case is open to the Multi-Agency Team they should discuss with the Allocated Worker or their manager to request escalation to Children’s Social Care. If the child does not at that time have a lead professional or allocated Social Worker the school should contact Starting Point.

Schools should ensure they have spoken to the family about their concerns and proposed actions unless to do so would place the child at significant risk (imminent danger because of a disclosure made); the decision not to inform parents/carers must be justified and the details recorded. If a child makes a disclosure or presents with an injury it is imperative that advice is sought immediately **prior to the child returning home and as soon as the school become aware of this.**

Essential information for making a referral includes:

- Full names and dates of birth for the child and other members of the family.
- Address and daytime phone numbers for the parents, including mobile.
- The child's address and phone number.
- Whereabouts of the child (and siblings).
- Child and family's ethnic origin.
- Child and family's main language.
- Actions taken and people contacted.
- Special needs of the child, including need for an accredited interpreter, accredited sign language interpreter or other language support.
- A clear indication of the family's knowledge of the referral and whether they have consented to the sharing of confidential information;
- The details of the person making the referral.

Other information that may be essential:

- Addresses of wider family members;
- Previous addresses of the family;
- Schools and nurseries attended by the child and others in the household;
- Name, address & phone number of GP/Midwife/Health Visitor/School Nurse;
- Hospital ward/consultant/Named nurse and dates of admission/discharge;
- Details of other children who may be in contact with the alleged abuser;
- Details of other practitioners involved with the family;
- Child's legal status and anyone not already mentioned who has parental responsibility;
- History of previous concerns and any previous CAF or Initial Assessments completed;
- Any other information that is likely to impact on the undertaking of an assessment or Section 47 Enquiry.

Where there is a difference of professional opinion around the referral and / or any steps taken by Starting Point, we will escalate our concerns including into Starting Point, asking to speak to a Starting Point manager.

5.3 Records

All concerns about a child will be recorded and records kept. This record will be a separate child protection/welfare record held on a separate child protection file and each concern clearly recorded with all decisions, actions taken and with outcomes and feedback to the referrer. We will endeavour to keep centralised records, hold them as private and confidential records but allow access to key staff that is designated in a role to safeguard children at the school.

We will follow the Local Authorities' current guidance on the Child Protection Record Keeping Guidance for Schools (incl Transfer, Storage & Retention - July 2017) and await any instruction with regard to the National Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (historical Child Protection records on children and records on staff where there are allegations). We will therefore not destroy any child protection/welfare records including records which hold information on allegations against staff and any other person working in the school or connected to the school.

5.4 Recruitment of Staff, Governors and Volunteers

Longstone School will ensure that Safer Recruitment practices are always followed and that the requirements outlined in the 'Keeping Children safe in Education' and any supporting DBS documentation are followed in all cases.

All interview panels will have at least one member who has undergone Safer Recruitment Training with the necessary skills and knowledge. We will in all cases for example check on;

- the identity of candidates;
- a check of professional qualifications;
- the right to work in the UK;
- make overseas checks where relevant;
- ask for and follow up at least two references;
- scrutinise applications for gaps in employment.
- Include at least two questions regarding safeguarding.

We will ensure that Safeguarding considerations are at the centre of each stage of the recruitment process and if in any doubt will seek further HR and or legal advice.

Longstone School will hold a single central record which will cover all staff, including governors, volunteers frequent visitors, agency and supply, and others according to their role and responsibility where necessary who work in the school,-which is regularly reviewed and updated in line with changing requirements.

We will ensure that all staff and governors are aware of Government Guidance on Safer Recruitment and Safer Working Practices and that the recommendations are followed.

Longstone School will ensure there is a Staff Code of Conduct, ensuring all staff and volunteers are familiar with Safer Working Practices which includes all new staff and volunteers and all others working within the school. (See induction pack)

This also includes advice on conduct, safe use of mobile phones and guidance on personal / professional boundaries in emailing, messaging, participating in social networking environments.

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS);

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) helps employers make safer recruitment decisions which helps preventing unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups, including children.

The DBS are responsible for:

- Processing requests for criminal records checks;
- Deciding whether it is appropriate for a person to be placed on or removed from a barred list;
- Placing or removing people from the DBS Children's Barred list and Adults' Barred list for England, Wales and Northern Ireland;
- Providing an online DBS service.

The DBS search police records and in relevant cases, the barred list information, before issuing a DBS certificate to the applicant.

A DBS check will be requested as part of the pre-recruitment checks following an offer of employment, including unsupervised volunteering roles, and staff engaging in regulated activity, where the definition of regulated activity is met. We will have a clear understanding of what regulated activity is and implications for volunteers in the school. This may mean undertaking risk assessments on any activity.

Longstone School fully understand the statutory guidance on regulated activity, the role of a supervised volunteer and the unsupervised volunteer as outlined in the KCSIE May 2016, Annex F.

We will follow advice on DBS checks as detailed by this guidance and this will include;

- Where relevant a separate Barred Check List has been completed;
- That individuals are not disqualified from working with children under the Child Care (Disqualification) Regulations 2009 and will adhere to any changes made to this;
- A check to include a Secretary of State Prohibition Order (Teacher Prohibition Order);
- A Section 28 Direction Check where relevant, which prohibits or restricts a person from taking part in any management of an Independent school, including Academy or Free school.

5.5 Dealing with allegations against staff and volunteers who work with children

Longstone School will adhere to the procedures set out under ‘Allegations Made Against Professionals’ (allegations of abuse by teachers and other staff) and this can be found via the following link: http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_alleg_staff_carer_volunteer.html

If a member of staff has concerns about another member of staff, then this will be referred to the Head Teacher. Where there are concerns about the Head Teacher this will be referred to the Chair of Governors. We will ensure that all allegations are discussed with the Local Authority Designated Lead (LADO) in every case and by an appropriate member of the Senior Management Team.

We inform all our staff that any- one can report direct to LADO any concerns about a member of staff.

Longstone School will ensure we have followed all the necessary duties and processes under this process and under Whistle Blowing and this will be done in accordance with guidance:

Where there are allegations that are substantiated, the School will fully ensure any specific actions are undertaken on management and exit arrangements as outlined in the “Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016” Guidance pg. 49/50.

5.6 Important contact details

Starting Point:

Tel: 01629 535 353

24/7, 365 days per week Derbyshire contact and referral service for concerns that a child is suffering or at significant risk.

All other requests for support for children and their families use an on line referral form www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint

Call Derbyshire (Derbyshire adults 18+): Tel: 01629 533 190

LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer)

Miles Dent

Professional.Allegations@derbyshire.gov.uk

Police Non Emergencies:

101

DFE- one single access web link to access all local authority’s reporting webpage or phone number for any concerns/worries about a child, young person and vulnerable adults <https://www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse>

CEOP:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/>

NSPCC - National Helpline

0808 800 5000

Childline - 0800 11 11

Prevent - Seamus Carroll is the lead officer for Prevent at Derbyshire County Council
seamus.carroll@derbyshire.gov.uk Telephone 01629 538494 or 07771 980107
Child Protection Manager Schools/Educational Settings Derbyshire- Debbie Peacock
01629 531079
Debbie.peacock@derbyshire.gov.uk

DCC Child Protection/ Safeguarding Team – 01629 532178

6 Management of the Policy

The Governing Body will;

- Ensure all governors are effective in the management of safeguarding;
- Ensure all Staff including all other governors and volunteers read and have access to the policy
- That it is displayed on the school’s website
- That is overseen to ensure its implementation
- Review its content on an annual basis.

In accordance with the above procedures, the School carries out an annual audit of its Safeguarding provision (S175 Safeguarding Audit, which is a requirement of the Education Act 2002 & 2006) a copy of which is sent to the Local Authority Safeguarding Team.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead will complete the S175 Safeguarding Audit and with an Action Plan which will be used to report on Safeguarding activity and progress. A copy of which will be submitted to the CPM for Schools / Education settings at Derbyshire County Council. This will be held on file & reported to the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children’s Board.

The Head Teacher should report any significant issues to the Chair of the Governing Body that may have an impact on Safeguarding in the School/Educational setting and use the processes with the local authority to report these.

Signed by:

Head Teacher Date:

Chair of Committee Date:

Chair of Governing Board Date:

Appendix A:

Learning from Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) and Serious Incident Learning Reviews (SILRs)

Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board recognises the importance of learning and improving from our experiences in this area. A range of learning and themes from SCRs and SILRs have been identified from our most recent reviews, and from the preceding three years.

In 2012 We have learnt that:

Babies are particularly at risk from abuse and neglect including:

- Shaking
- Co-sleeping
- Domestic abuse
- Methadone used as a soother
- Lack of ante-natal assessment

Teenagers - a quarter of all SCRs/SILRs have been about the serious injury or death of a teenager.

Issues include:

- Suicide/self-harm
- Child sexual exploitation (CSE)
- Offending behaviour
- Missing from school, home or care
- Difficult to engage

Parents- the death or serious injury of children and young people often has contributory factors including:

- Substance misuse
- Mental health
- Domestic abuse
- Hostility/non-engagement
- Disguised compliance
- Violent men

It is vital that themes and learning is shared across all agencies to improve practice and increase safeguards to children and young people. The SCR subcommittee has identified a number of practice developments for professionals including:

- Information gathering, sharing and recording.
- Assessing the complete circumstances of the child and family, including their history.
- Critically analysing all information.
- Ensuring the needs of the child are paramount above those of the parents.
- Seeing a child at home and where they sleep.

In 2013/2014 in summary form, we learnt that:

Common Themes:

- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse
- Vulnerabilities of older teenage children
- Suicide/self-harm
- Shaken babies/youngsters
- Disguised compliance from parents/carers
- Agencies should be consulted before closing cases

- Risk to children should be assessed when in contact with perpetrators of domestic abuse
- Not to have overoptimistic or unrealistic expectations of improvements seen or made as it is not likely reflective of past or current risk

In 2016/17 in summary form we learnt that:

- The importance of authoritative practice;
- To be alert to disguised compliance;
- The importance of professional curiosity;
- To be alert to the possibility of abuse;
- That all professionals to consider the need for an Early Help Assessment;
- Hear the voice of the child;
- Understand and record the child's lived experience.

Learning for Schools from SCR's and Serious Incident Learning Reviews (SIR's)

- Appropriate representation is needed at key meetings- Child Protection Case Conferences
- Effective multi-agency working
- Working more SMART (ly) with children and Young people
- Effective information sharing to inform assessments
- Staff to be curious, inquisitive and ask more questions
- Reflection and constructive challenge for staff when working with vulnerable children and young people
- Staff to observe safer working practices
- Staff to be reminded of a code of conduct and staff to operate by one

From SCR's (East Midlands & wider) in 2015 in summary form we need:

- A requirement for holistic & family based approach to ante-natal care and the importance of recording a full history of parents
- A need for professional curiosity into parental capacity & the mental health of parents
- To find out about the role of fathers/male partners/boyfriends in families
- To understand how mental health issues impact on the welfare & development of young children
- To act upon disrupted education, going missing, school refusal
- To know about the need to distinguish between sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and or/underage sexual activity
- To identify neglect in disabled children
- A requirement to know about and use escalation & challenge processes provided by a safeguarding board where there are professional disagreements
- To know that when safeguarding teenagers understanding a tension between respecting their autonomy and keeping them safe
- To understand the impact of bereavement, loss and transition for children and especially young people
- Realise and respond to parents who dominate and manipulate TAF meetings (early help/CIN) by disputing points, creating diversions & feigned compliances with recommendations.

Relevant SCRs:

Serious Case Reviews, Serious Incident Learning and Thematic Case Reviews and leaning relevant for schools /colleges can be found at: [#](http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk)

APPENDIX B

Schools who have EYFS children in nursery or reception classes

Please note that the requirements below **only** relate to the welfare and safeguarding requirements of the EYFS (0-5 years). The learning and development requirements must also be met in full. *(Include this appendix therefore only if this applies to your setting)*

- **Schools are not required to have separate policies to cover EYFS requirements provided the requirements are already met through an existing policy.**
- These policies and procedures should be recorded in writing.

EYFS welfare and safeguarding requirements - policies and procedures:

Source: **Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework** (revised 2017) and Ofsted's Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings (2016)

<p>Child Protection</p>	<p>3.4 – 3-8 (see above)</p>	<p>The safeguarding policy and procedures must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an allegation being made against a member of staff (This is included in this schools overarching model child protection & safeguarding policy) • the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting (<i>refer here to the guidance where this is clear and explained in your school and additional guidelines expected in nurseries around use of cameras on premises</i>)
<p>Suitable person</p>	<p>3.9 - 3.13</p>	<p>Providers must tell staff that they are expected to disclose any convictions, cautions, court orders, reprimands and warnings that may affect their suitability to work with children (whether received before or during their employment at the setting). This is explained in more detail in our overarching model child protection & safeguarding policy.</p> <p>Providers must also meet their responsibilities under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, which includes a duty to make a referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service where a member of staff is dismissed (or would have been, had the person not left the setting first) because they have harmed a child or put a child at risk of harm. This is explained in more detail in our overarching model child protection & safeguarding policy.</p>
<p>Disqualification</p>	<p>3.14 - 3.18</p>	<p>A provider or a childcare worker may be disqualified from registration. Where a person is disqualified, the provider must not employ that person in connection with early years provision. Where an employer becomes aware of relevant information that may lead to disqualification of an employee, the provider must take appropriate action to ensure the safety of children.</p> <p>A provider or a childcare worker may also be disqualified because they live in the same household as another person who is disqualified, or because they live in the same household where a disqualified person is employed.</p> <p>The information must be provided to Ofsted as soon as reasonably practicable, but at the latest within 14 days of the date the provider became aware of the information or ought reasonably to have become aware of it if they had made reasonable enquiries.</p>

Staff taking medication/other substances	3.19	<p>If practitioners are taking medication which may affect their ability to care for children, those practitioners should seek medical advice.</p> <p>Providers must ensure that those practitioners only work directly with children if medical advice confirms that the medication is unlikely to impair that staff member's ability to look after children properly. Staff medication on the premises must be securely stored, and out of reach of children, at all times.</p>
Staff qualifications, training, support and skills	3.20 – 3.26	<p>Induction training must include information about emergency evacuation <u>procedures</u>, safeguarding, child protection, and health and safety.</p>
Key person	3.27 –	<p>Each child must be assigned a key person. Their role is to help ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs to help the child become familiar with the setting, offer a settled relationship for the child and build a relationship with their parents. In schools this will often be the teacher.</p>
Staff: child ratios –	3.28 – 3.43	<p>Providers must inform parents and/or carers about staff deployment, and, when relevant and practical, aim to involve them in these decisions. Children must usually be within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing.</p> <p>Only those aged 17 or over may be included in ratios (and staff under 17 should be supervised at all times). Students on long term placements and volunteers (aged 17 or over) and staff working as apprentices in early education (aged 16 or over) may be included in the ratios if the provider is satisfied that they are competent and responsible.</p> <p>The ratio and qualification requirements below apply to the total number of staff available to work directly with children.</p> <p>For children aged two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there must be at least one member of staff for every four children • at least one member of staff must hold a full and relevant level 3 qualification • at least half of all other staff must hold a full and relevant level 2 qualification <p>For children aged three and over in maintained nursery schools and nursery classes in maintained schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there must be at least one member of staff for every 13 children • at least one member of staff must be a school teacher as defined by section 122 of the Education Act 2002 • at least one other member of staff must hold a full and relevant level 3 qualification <p>Reception classes in maintained schools and academies are subject to infant class size legislation. The School Admissions (Infant Class Size) Regulations 2012 limit the size of infant classes to 30 pupils per school teacher (subject to permitted exceptions) while an ordinary teaching session is conducted. 'School teachers' do not include teaching assistants, higher level teaching assistants or other support staff.</p> <p>Where schools have provision run by the governing body (under section 27 of the Education Act 2002) for three- and four-year-olds who are not pupils of the school, they can apply: a 1:13 ratio where a person with a suitable level 6 qualification is working directly with the children; or a 1:8 ratio where a person with a suitable level 6 qualification</p>

		<p>is not working directly with children but at least one member of staff present holds a level 3 qualification.</p> <p>Where children in nursery classes attend school for longer than the school day or in the school holidays, in provision run directly by the governing body or the proprietor, with no teacher present, a ratio of one member of staff to every eight children can be applied if at least one member of staff holds a full and relevant level 3 qualification, and at least half of all other staff hold a full and relevant level 2 qualification.</p> <p>Some schools may choose to mix their reception classes with groups of younger children (nursery pupils, none pupils or younger children from a registered provider), in which case they must determine ratios within mixed groups, guided by all relevant ratio requirements and by the needs of individual children within the group. In exercising this discretion, the school must comply with the statutory requirements relating to the education of children of compulsory school age and infant class sizes. Schools' partner providers must meet the relevant ratio requirements for their provision.</p> <p>Where the provision is solely before/after school care or holiday provision for children who normally attend Reception class (or older) during the school day, there must be sufficient staff as for a class of 30 children. It is for providers to determine how many staff are needed to ensure the safety and welfare of children, bearing in mind the type(s) of activity and the age and needs of the children. It is also for providers to determine what qualifications, if any, the manager and/or staff should have.</p>
Health	3.44 – 3.46	Schools must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill. Providers must have and implement a policy and procedures, for administering medicines.
Food and drink	3.37 - 3.49	Where children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks, they must be healthy, balanced and nutritious. Before a child is admitted to the setting the provider must also obtain information about any special dietary requirements, preferences and food allergies that the child has, and any special health requirements. Fresh drinking water must be available and accessible at all times. Providers must record and act on information from parents and carers about a child's dietary needs. There must be an area which is adequately equipped to provide healthy meals, snacks and drinks for children as necessary. There must be suitable facilities for the hygienic preparation of food for children. Providers must be confident that those responsible for preparing and handling food are competent to do so. In group provision, all staff involved in preparing and handling food must receive training in food hygiene. Registered providers must notify Ofsted of any food poisoning affecting two or more children cared for on the premises.
Accident or injury	3.50 – 3.51	Registered providers must notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, any child while in their care, and of the action taken. Notification must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any event within 14 days of the incident occurring. A registered

		provider, who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence. Providers must notify local child protection agencies of any serious accident or injury to, or the death of, any child while in their care, and must act on any advice from those agencies.
Smoking	3.56	Wider legislation must be met (i.e. signage and no smoking in cars with children)
Premises		
Risk assessment	3.64	Risk assessments should identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom those aspects will be checked, and how the risk will be removed or minimised.
Outings	3.65 – 3.66	A trained paediatric first aider must be available on all trips.
Special educational need	3.67 - 3.68	No policy requirement stated – however in ‘Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings’ document this must be in the child protection policy – see bottom of page.
Information and records	3.68 – 3.71	Providers must enable a regular two-way flow of information with parents and/or carers, and between providers, if a child is attending more than one setting. If requested, providers should incorporate parents’ and/or carers’ comments into children’s records.
Information about the child	3.72	No policy requirement stated
Information for parents and carers	3.73	<u>Details of the provider's policies and procedures</u> should be published and they must make <u>copies available on request</u> , including the procedure to be followed in the event of a parent and/or carer <u>failing to collect a child</u> at the appointed time, or in the event of a <u>child going missing</u> at, or away from, the setting.
Complaints	3.74 – 3.75	Providers must put in place a <u>written procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints</u> from parents and/or carers, and must keep a written record of any complaints, and their outcome.
Changes that must be notified to Ofsted	3.77 – 3.78	All registered early years providers must notify Ofsted of any change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the address of the premises (and seek approval to operate from those premises where appropriate); to the premises which may affect the space available to children and the quality of childcare available to them • any proposal to change the hours during which childcare is provided; • any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children • where the early years provision is provided by a company, any change in the name or registered number of the company • where the childcare is provided by a partnership, body corporate or unincorporated association, any change to the 'nominated individual' • where the childcare is provided by a partnership, body corporate or unincorporated association whose sole or main purpose is the provision of childcare, any change to the individuals who are partners in, or a director, secretary or other officer or members of its governing body

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Page 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the child protection <u>policy</u> reflects the additional barriers that exist when recognising the signs of abuse and neglect of children who have <u>special educational needs and/or disabilities</u>
Page 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All staff and carers have a copy of and understand the <u>written procedures</u> for managing allegations of harm to a child or learner. They know how to make a complaint and understand policies on whistleblowing and how to manage other concerns about the practice of adults in respect of the safety and protection of children and learners. This is explained in more detail in our school overarching child protection & safeguarding policy.

Source:-

[DfE Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2017](#)

[DfE Inspecting Safeguarding in Early Years Education & Skills - Sept 2015](#)