



**Eastington Primary School
Safeguarding Policy**

(To be applied with related policies for Attendance, SEND Policy, SEN & Disability Information, Safer Recruitment, Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy, Behaviour Policy and Anti- Bullying and Harassment Policy and Safer Working Practices Policy).

This policy reflects the statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' from the DfE September 2021 and is reviewed annually in line with an audit of provision.

Reviewed – September 2021



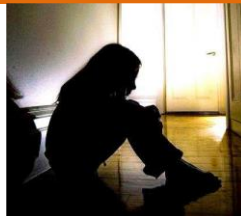
'Aiming high together'

Eastington Primary School details:

Governor Leads: **Mr Daniel Walton**
Designated School Safety Lead: **Mrs Catrin Parsons**
Deputy Designated Safety Leads: **Ms Zoe Avastu**
(Miss Sarah Pates and Mrs Jemma Redpath – we have additional deputy DSLs to ensure someone is always on site to support this crucial area.)

Status and Review Cycle: **Statutory/Annual**
School Phone Number **01453 822922**

Safeguarding Children (Child Protection) Policy



Statement of Intent

At Eastington Primary School we **all have a responsibility** to ensure that the children with whom we are in contact are protected from harm. The protection and physical and mental welfare of the child is the paramount consideration in all actions.

Introduction

This policy is based on the Department for Education's statutory guidance [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(2021\)](#), [Working Together to Safeguard Children \(2018\)](#), [Governance Handbook, 'Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment' \(2021\)](#) and DFE guidance [What to do if you are Worried a Child is Being Abused – Advice for Practitioners](#). We comply with this guidance and the arrangements agreed and published by our 3 local safeguarding partners. (NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Gloucestershire Constabulary and Gloucestershire County Council)

Our policy applies to **all staff, governors and volunteers** working in and connected to the school.

At Eastington we will ensure that:

- All staff promote children's welfare.
- We have a whole school approach to safeguarding whereby safeguarding and child protection underpin all relevant policies and processes.
- Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Deputy Safeguarding Leads receive multi-agency training (every 2 years).
- The DSL or DDSLs should **always** be available to discuss safeguarding concerns. On rare occasions when this is not possible, action should not be delayed.
- We practice safe recruitment in line with Government guidance. At present the Headteacher has passed training as an accredited recruiter. At least one will be on all interview panels and check the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children. The Headteacher is required by statute to report to the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), within one month of their leaving the school, any person (whether employed, contracted, a volunteer or student) whose services are no longer used because he or she is considered unsuitable to work with children. Any unsuitable behaviour is reported and managed using the Allegations Management procedures.
- A Single Central Register is held for all staff which includes identity, qualification, and health checks, right to work and reference checks. The Single Central Register is reviewed regularly by the Governing Body, which is attended by the Headteacher and the School Administrator. All staff are checked for their suitability to work with children through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS, formerly Criminal Records Bureau) at Enhanced level.
- All staff receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety) at induction, and online safety training is provided as part of regular updates.
- All staff are kept up to date with Child Protection issues and includes formal training every three years (latest training for all school staff/extended services staff January 2021).
- The safeguard leads undergo training in line with Government guidance and share information with the school team.
- We raise awareness of child protection issues and recognise that safeguarding incidents could happen anywhere.
- Children are equipped with the skills needed to keep them safe.
- We implement procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse by logging welfare concerns and referring to the Children's Helpdesk. All systems operate with the best interests of the child at heart.
- By supporting pupils who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed child protection plan.
- Eastington is a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.
- We ensure that the appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place to keep children safe when they are online.
- All staff, volunteers and governors who regularly work in school under the new DBS definition of regulated activity (Sept 2012) will be subject to an Enhanced level DBS check.
- Governors ensure outside organisations e.g. Mother Goose, that use/rent the school premises and facilities have all safeguarding arrangements in place and inspect these as needed. Safeguarding arrangements are included in any lease or hire agreement as a condition of use and occupation of the premises; and that failure to comply with this would lead to termination of the agreement.

We recognise that because of the day-to-day contact with children, school staff are well placed to observe the outward signs of abuse.

At Eastington we will therefore:

- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to.
- Ensure children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty.

- Include opportunities in the PSHCE curriculum and Relationships Education, for children to develop the skills they need to recognise and stay safe from abuse and know who to turn to for help.

We will follow the procedures set out by the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership and take account of guidance issued by the DfE to:

- The Headteacher and Governing body ensure that an appropriate member of staff from the Senior Leadership Team is appointed to the role of DSL.
- Ensure that the Designated Safeguarding Lead has received appropriate training and support for this role.
- Ensure we have a nominated governor responsible for child protection who has received appropriate training.
- Ensure every member of staff (including temporary and supply staff and volunteers) and governing body knows the name of the designated senior person responsible for child protection and their role.
- Ensure all staff and volunteers understand their responsibilities in being alert to the signs of abuse and responsibility for referring any concerns to the designated senior person responsible for child protection.
- Ensure that parents have an understanding of the responsibility placed on the school and staff for child protection by setting out its obligations in the school prospectus.
- Notify the relevant social worker if there is an unexplained absence of more than two days of a pupil who has a Child Protection Plan (previously known as being on the child protection register).
- Develop effective links with relevant agencies and co-operate as required with their enquiries regarding child protection matters including attendance at child protection conferences and core groups.
- Keep confidential written records of concerns about children, (on paper, and or using the secure online software CPOMS from September 2021. 2 factor authentication required), even where there is no need to refer the matter immediately.
- Ensure all records are kept securely, separate from the main pupil file with a separate file for each child, and in secure locations.
- Ensure we hold more than one Emergency contact for each child.
- Develop and then follow procedures where an allegation is made against a member of staff or volunteer including supply or agency workers, contractors or governors.
- Ensure safe recruitment practices are always followed in line with 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' statutory guidance.
- Ensure this policy is reviewed annually as a minimum.
- Ensure all staff have read part 1 of Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2021).
- Ensure all staff have read Part 5 and Annex B of Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2021) and refer to part 5 for guidance in relation to **child-on-child sexual violence and sexual harassment**.

We recognise that children who are abused or witness violence may find it difficult to develop a sense of self-worth. They may feel helplessness, humiliation, and some sense of blame. The school may be the only stable, secure, and predictable element in the lives of children at risk. When at school their behaviour may be challenging and defiant or they may be withdrawn.

The school will endeavour to support the pupil through:

- An ethos which promotes a positive, supportive, and secure environment where all pupils have a sense of being valued.
- The content of the curriculum including regular consultation through safety questionnaires, individual conferencing and asking children to report about whether they have had a happy/sad lunchtimes/playtime. Road safety, cycle training and working closely with secondary schools to prepare for transition.
- A Behaviour policy which is aimed at supporting vulnerable pupils in the school. The school strives to ensure that pupils know that some behaviour is unacceptable, but they are valued and not to be blamed for any abuse which has occurred.
- Liaison with other agencies that support the pupil such as Social Care, the Child and Adult Mental Health Service, Education Welfare and Educational Psychology Service.

- Ensuring that, where a pupil who has a child protection plan leaves, their information is transferred to the new school immediately and that the child's social worker is informed.

Types of Abuse and Neglect

Abuse: a form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm, or by failing to act to prevent harm. They may be abused by an adult or adults or another child or children.

Neglect: 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. Neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:

- provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment);
- protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger;
- ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers);
- ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment.
- neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

Physical abuse: a form of abuse which may involve:

- hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or 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.

- **Sexual abuse:** involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may involve:

- physical contact, including assault by penetration (for example rape or oral sex) or non-penetrative acts such as masturbation, kissing, rubbing and touching outside of clothing.
- 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.

- **Emotional abuse:** the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve:

- conveying to a child that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person.

- not giving the child opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say or how they communicate.

- age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children. These may include interactions that are beyond a child's developmental capability as well as overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning, or preventing the child participating in normal social interaction.

- seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another. It may involve serious bullying (including cyberbullying), 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, although it may occur alone.

Recognition of possible abuse

Whilst recognising it is difficult to determine if abuse has occurred, all staff members should look carefully at the behaviour of their children and be alert for significant changes. Staff members should maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here'. All staff members should be aware that children may exhibit any of the following without abuse having occurred:

Disclosure.

Non-accidental injury, bruising or marks.

Explanation inconsistent with injury.

Several different explanations for an injury.

Reluctance to give information about an injury

A sudden change in behaviour – aggression, extroversion, depression, withdrawn.

Attention seeking

Hyperactivity

Poor attention

Appear frightened of parents or family members

Abnormal attachment between parent and child

Indiscriminate attachment

Hyper alertness.

Reduced response.

Frozen watchfulness.

Nightmares.

Anxiety/irritability.

Abdominal pain/headaches.

Poor self-esteem.

Poor peer relationships

Act in an inappropriate way for age

Over sexualised play/talk or drawings.

Excessive or inappropriate masturbation

Self-harm/eating disorder

Frequent visits to the toilet (urinary infection).

Reluctance to change for P.E.

Failure to thrive

Poor hygiene

Recurrent/untreated infections of skin or head lice

Untreated health/dental issues

Frequent absence from school or repeated lateness

Delay in meeting normal developmental milestones

Procedures and responsibilities – Designated Safety Lead (Mrs Catrin Parsons)

- Following all the correct procedures where abuse is disclosed.
- Informing the relevant external agencies where necessary.
- Ensuring that procedures and policies are kept up to date and relevant (including the 'Cause for Concern Register') as new information is produced.
- Liaising with other members of staff and the school leadership (Headteacher) to keep staff informed about measures put in place to support and/or monitor individual cases.
- Liaising with parents, carers and guardians about how a child is being supported.
- Ensuring that support measures are being followed correctly by staff and support agencies.
- The DSL and deputy DSLs should liaise with the three safeguarding partners and work with other agencies in line with [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#). [NPCC- When to call the police](#) should help designated safeguarding leads understand when they should consider calling the police and what to expect when they do.

Procedures and responsibilities – All staff

- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's** responsibility. **Everyone** who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play and should consider, at all times, what is in the **best interests** of the child.
- **All staff** are aware of procedures to be followed when abuse is suspected, including those in cases where an accusation is made against a member of school's staff.
- **All staff are aware they should not assume another adult is taking action and sharing information that might safeguard a child.**
- The procedure route will depend upon the urgency of the situation and whether it is a suspicion of abuse or an actual disclosure.
- **If staff have any concerns about a child's welfare, they should act on them immediately.**
- **Any member of staff** with an issue or concern relating to child protection should discuss it with the DSL or Deputy DSLs as soon as possible.
- It will be made clear to the child that confidentiality cannot be guaranteed in respect of child protection issues. Allegations of child abuse must always be given the highest priority and referred immediately to the **Designated Safety Lead (Mrs Catrin Parsons) or in her absence the Deputy DSLs Ms Zoe Avastu, Miss Sarah Pates or Mrs Jemma Redpath.**

Actions in the event of a concern or disclosure

Suspicion of Abuse (if abuse is suspected but there has been no disclosure.)

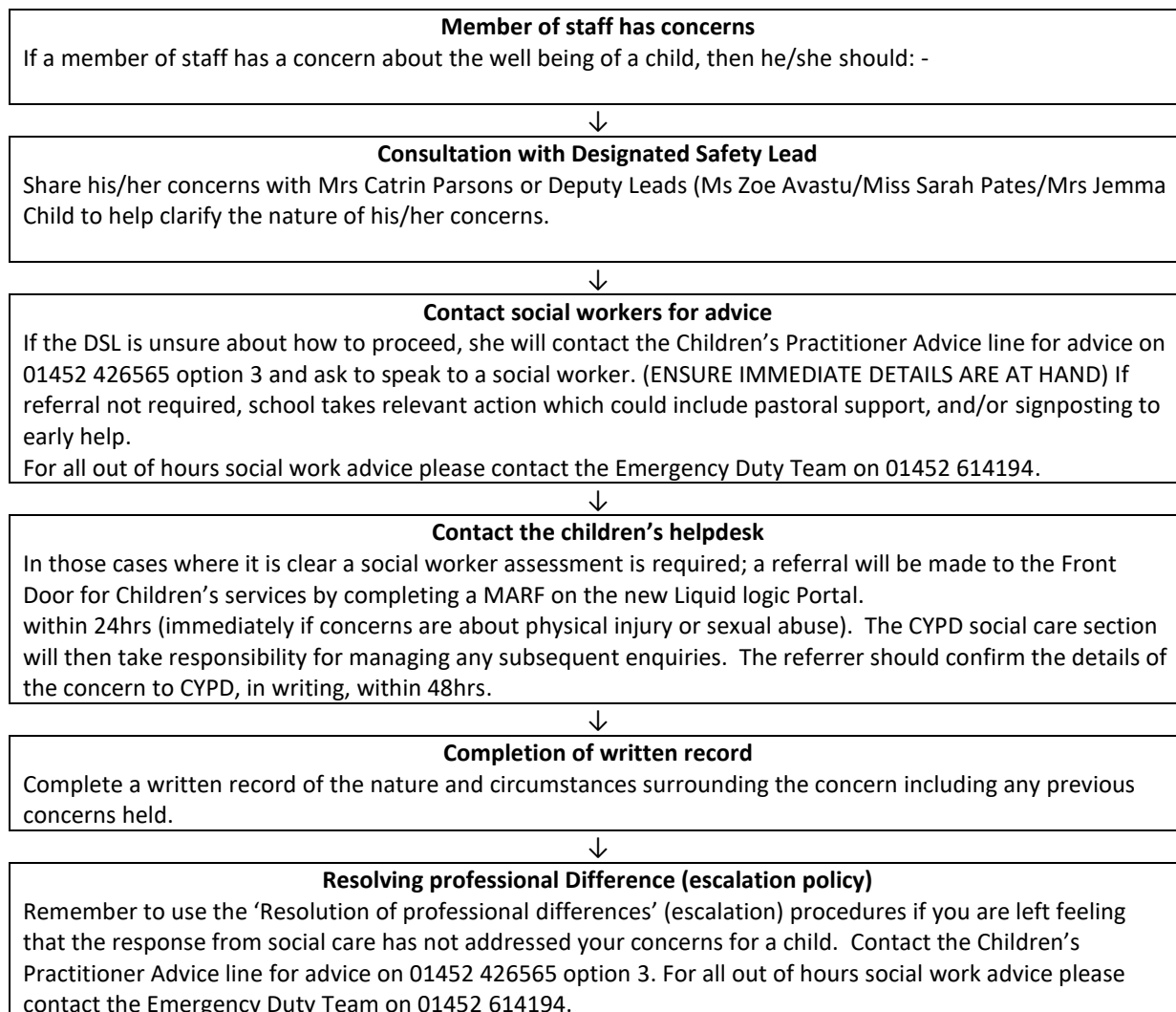
- Ask casual open questions about the nature of the concern e.g. bruises, marks, change in behaviour etc. "Can you tell me about..." Believe the child and reassure them that they were right to talk to you.
- Record the facts and conversation in writing immediately afterwards using the exact words spoken not implied. Sign and date the report (it may be required as evidence).
- Report the suspicion to the Designated Safety Lead or the Headteacher.
- **If, at any point, there is a risk of immediate serious harm to a child a referral should be made to children's social care immediately. Anybody can make a referral.**

Disclosure

1. Allow the child to talk – ask only open questions e.g. 'Can you tell me more about ...'
Do not press for detail, put forward your own ideas or use words that the child has not used themselves as this could lead to complications further down the line
2. Stay calm and reassuring.
3. **Do not** make promises that cannot be kept e.g. confidentiality – tell the child that you will have to tell someone else who will be able to help.
4. Believe the child but do not apportion any blame to the perpetrator, (it may be someone they love).
5. Reassure the child that they were not to blame, and they were right to talk to you, whilst information may need to be passed on, it will only be done to support and keep from harm the individual concerned.
6. Ask the child if they have told anyone else.
7. Keep an open mind.
8. Record the conversation and facts verbatim in writing immediately afterwards (writing notes during the interview may put undue pressure on the child). Sign and date the report (the note should record **the time, date, place, and people who were present as well as what was said.** This note may well be used in any subsequent court proceeding and may be required as evidence).
9. Establish details of full name, D.O.B. address and names of parents/guardians.
10. Report to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Headteacher who will contact Children's Social Care as necessary.

Please see step by step actions - 'Flow Chart for Response' that follows:

FLOW CHART FOR RESPONSE



REMEMBER - ALL STAFF MAY RAISE CONCERNS DIRECTLY WITH CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In an emergency establish the facts and details as above and contact the Front Door for Children's Services.

Phone Front Door (Glos. 01452 426565 option 1) between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Outside of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on 01452 614194.

Ask for Social Services – Children and Families,

Ask for the Duty Social Worker,

Check to see if the family are already known to Social Services,

Discuss the situation and ask for advice,

A social worker may come to school to talk to the child,

Establish who will be responsible for informing the parents,

Social services will contact the police (G.S.G.B - Glos. Safeguarding Children Board) as necessary. If action is taken, follow up the phone call with a referral to the Front Door for Children's services by completing a MARF on the new Liquid logic Portal.

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of the child or a serious criminal offence has been committed, contact the Police on 101.

Additional Guidance/information

- If a child confides in a member of staff and requests **confidentiality** it is important that the child is told sensitively that he/she has a responsibility to refer cases of alleged abuse to the appropriate agencies for the child's own sake. Within that context the child should, however, be assured that the matter will be disclosed only to people who need to know. "All staff should be able to reassure victims that they are being taken seriously and that they will be supported and kept safe. A victim should never be given the impression that they are creating a problem by reporting abuse, sexual violence or sexual harassment. Nor should a victim ever be made to feel ashamed for making a report." (KCSiE Sept 21 p.8)
- The procedures are laid out in the online Child Protection Procedures manual for the South West Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships.
<https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/gloucestershire/index.html>
Where abuse is suspected or a sustainable allegation made, teachers and other members of staff should report the information to the school's **Designated Safety Lead for child protection (Mrs Catrin Parsons) or in her absence the Deputy Designated Safety Leads (Ms Zoe Avastu, Miss Sarah Pates or Mrs Jemma Redpath)**. All received multi-agency training (every 2 years).
- **All staff** have a professional responsibility to share relevant information about the protection of children with other professionals, particularly investigating agencies. A member of staff who knows the child best should be prepared to contribute the school's knowledge of the child to a joint agency discussion.
- Staff who receive information about children and their families in the course of their work should share that information with the right people, between and within agencies. **Staff** "should be mindful that early information sharing is vital for the effective identification, assessment, and allocation of appropriate service provision, whether this is when problems first emerge, or where a child is already known to local authority children's social care." (KCSiE Sept 2021 para 60)
This also applies to **all adults** in the school should there be concerns. These should be reported to the DSL or DDSLs.
- The Designated teacher/Headteacher to inform Eastington School Governing body as laid down in the Child Protection Procedures manual.
- Children on a Child Protection Plan will be monitored in line with agreed Plan i.e. appropriate personnel who are in direct contact with said child to be informed and notify the Headteacher as part of monitoring process.
- Reports prepared for such discussions should focus on the child's educational progress and achievements, attendance, behaviour, participation, relations with other children and, where appropriate the child's appearance. If relevant, reports should include what is known about the child's relations with his or her family and the family structure. Reports should be objective and based on evidence. They should distinguish between fact, observation, allegation and opinion.
- **All staff** are aware that abuse, neglect and safeguarding issues are rarely standalone events and cannot be covered by one definition or one label alone. In most cases, multiple issues will overlap with one another, therefore staff should always be vigilant and always raise any concerns with their designated safeguarding lead (or deputy).
- **All staff** are aware that safeguarding incidents and/or behaviours can be associated with factors outside the school and/or can occur between children outside of these environments. All staff, but especially the designated safeguarding lead (and deputies) should consider whether children are at risk of abuse or exploitation in situations outside their families. Extra-familial harms take a variety of different forms and children can be vulnerable to multiple harms including (but not limited to) sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation, sexual abuse, serious youth violence and county lines.
- **All staff** are aware that **technology** is a significant component in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues. Children are at risk of abuse online as well as face to face. In many cases abuse will take place concurrently via online channels and in daily life. Children can also abuse their peers online, this can take the form of abusive, harassing, and misogynistic messages, the non-consensual sharing of indecent images, especially around chat groups, and the sharing of abusive images and pornography, to those who do not want to receive such content.
All staff recognise the additional vulnerabilities for 'Looked After Children' who may be placed at an increased risk due to their individual circumstances. Any safeguarding concerns should be reported to

the DSL in line with statutory guidance. Staff should be aware of LAC pupils in order to meet their needs as part of their overall development and safety.

- **All staff are aware that children with SEND and/or differences/perceived differences are more susceptible to being bullied/victims of child abuse.** They may be prone to isolation and should have additional pastoral care/support. Separate policies for SEND and Anti -Bullying provide further detail. The school maintains a record of bullying/racist incidents.
- **The Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR do not prevent, or limit, the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping children safe. Fears about sharing information must not be allowed to stand in the way of the need to promote the welfare and protect the safety of children.**



Specific Safeguarding Issues

Expert and professional organisations are best placed to provide up-to-date guidance and practical support on specific safeguarding issues. For example, NSPCC offers information for schools and colleges on the TES website also on its own website www.nspcc.org.uk. Annex B of Keeping Children safe in Education September 2021 contains additional information about specific forms of abuse and safeguarding issues. Schools can also access broad government guidance on the issues listed below via the GOV.UK website:

- child sexual exploitation (CSE) – see also below
- child missing from education (CME) – see also below
- child missing from home or care
- child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment
- child Criminal Exploitation – County Lines (gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK).
- children with family members in prison
- children and the court system
- anti-bullying including cyber-bullying
- domestic abuse
- drugs
- fabricated or induced illness
- faith abuse
- female genital mutilation (FGM) – see also below
- forced marriage
- gangs and youth violence
- gender-based violence/violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- gender identity and sexuality
- hate
- honour based abuse
- homelessness
- mental health
- peer on peer abuse
- private fostering
- preventing radicalisation – see also below
- relationship abuse
- sexting/sharing nudes or semi-nude images/video
- serious violent crime
- teenage relationship abuse
- trafficking
- upskirting

Further information on Children Missing from Education, Child Sexual Exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation, Preventing Radicalisation, Peer on Peer Abuse, Serious Violence and Contextual Safeguarding.

Children Missing from Education (CME)

All staff are aware that children going missing, particularly repeatedly, can act as a vital warning sign of a range of safeguarding possibilities. This may include abuse and neglect, which may include sexual abuse or exploitation and child criminal exploitation. It may indicate mental health problems, risk of substance abuse, risk of travelling to conflict zones, risk of female genital mutilation or risk of forced marriage. Early intervention is necessary to identify the existence of any underlying safeguarding risk and to help prevent the risks of a child going missing in future.

Staff are aware of the school's unauthorised absence and children missing from education procedures.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

CCE is where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child into any criminal activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial or other advantage of the perpetrator or facilitator and/or (c) through violence or the threat of violence. The victim may have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears consensual. CCE does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology. CCE can include children being forced to work in cannabis factories, being coerced into moving drugs or money across the country (county lines), forced to shoplift or pickpocket, or to threaten other young people.

Some of the following can be indicators of CCE:

- children who appear with unexplained gifts or new possessions.
- children who associate with other young people involved in exploitation.
- children who suffer from changes in emotional well-being.
- children who misuse drugs and alcohol.
- children who go missing for periods of time or regularly come home late; and
- children who regularly miss school or education or do not take part in education.

Child sexual exploitation (CSE)

CSE occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. CSE does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology. CSE can affect any child or young person (male or female) under the age of 18 years, including 16- and 17-year-olds who can legally consent to have sex. It can include both contact (penetrative and non-penetrative acts) and non-contact sexual activity and may occur without the child or young person's immediate knowledge (e.g. through others copying videos or images they have created and posted on social media).

County Lines

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs (primarily crack cocaine and heroin) into one or more importing areas [within the UK], using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of "deal line". Exploitation is an integral part of the county lines offending model with children and vulnerable adults exploited to move [and store] drugs and money. Offenders will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons to ensure compliance of victims. Children can be targeted and recruited into county lines in a number of locations including schools, further and higher educational institutions, pupil referral units, special educational needs schools, children's homes and care homes. Children are often recruited to move drugs and money between locations and are known to be exposed to techniques such as 'plugging', where drugs are concealed internally to avoid detection. Children can easily become trapped by this type of exploitation as county lines gangs create drug debts and can threaten serious violence and kidnap towards victims (and their families) if they attempt to leave the county lines network. One of the ways of identifying potential involvement in county lines are missing episodes (both from home and school), when the victim may have been trafficked for the purpose of transporting drugs and a referral to the National Referral Mechanism should be considered. If a child is suspected to be at risk of or involved in county lines, a safeguarding referral should be considered alongside consideration of availability of local services/third sector providers who offer support to victims of county lines

exploitation. Further information on the signs of a child's involvement in county lines is available in guidance published by the Home Office.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Professionals in all agencies, and individuals and groups in relevant communities, need to be alert to the possibility of a girl being at risk of FGM, or already having suffered FGM. There is a range of potential indicators that a child or young person may be at risk of FGM, which individually may not indicate risk but if there are two or more indicators present this could signal a risk to the child or young person. Victims of FGM are likely to come from a community that is known to practise FGM. Professionals should note that girls at risk of FGM may not yet be aware of the practice or that it may be conducted on them, so sensitivity should always be shown when approaching the subject. Warning signs that FGM may be about to take place, or may have already taken place, can be found on pages 16-17 of the Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines. Chapter 9 of the Guidelines (pp. 42-44) focuses on the role of schools. Staff should activate safeguarding procedures, using existing national and local protocols for multi-agency liaison with police and children's social care.

When **mandatory reporting commences in October 2015** these procedures will remain when dealing with concerns regarding the potential for FGM to take place. Where a teacher discovers that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl who is aged under 18, there will be a statutory duty upon that individual to report it to the police.

The Mandatory reporting duty will commence in **October 2015**. Once introduced, teachers must report to the police cases where they discover that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out. Unless the teacher has a good reason not to, they should still consider and discuss any such case with the school's designated safeguarding lead and involve children's social care as appropriate.

Mental Health

- **All staff** should also be aware that mental health problems can, in some cases, be an indicator that a child has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse, neglect or exploitation.
- Only appropriately trained professionals should attempt to make a diagnosis of a mental health problem. Staff, however, are well placed to observe children day-to-day and identify those whose behaviour suggests that they may be experiencing a mental health problem or be at risk of developing one.
- Where children have suffered abuse and neglect, or other potentially traumatic adverse childhood experiences, this can have a lasting impact throughout childhood, adolescence and into adulthood. It is key that staff are aware of how these children's experiences, can impact on their mental health, behaviour and education.
- If staff have a **mental health concern** about a child that is also a **safeguarding concern**, immediate action should be taken, following the child protection policy and speaking to the designated safeguarding lead or a deputy.
- The school/staff can access a range of advice to help them identify children in need of extra mental health support, this includes working with external agencies. More information can be found in the [Mental health and behaviour in schools](#), guidance.
- **The school has two Mental health leads – Mrs Karen Rome and Miss Sarah Pates**

Domestic Abuse

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 received Royal Assent on 29 April 2021. The Act introduces the first ever statutory definition of domestic abuse and recognises the impact of domestic abuse on children, as victims in their own right, if they see, hear or experience the effects of abuse. The statutory definition of domestic abuse, based on the previous cross-government definition, ensures that different types of relationships are captured, including ex-partners and family members. The definition captures a range of different abusive behaviours, including physical, emotional and economic abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour. Both the person who is carrying out the behaviour and the person to whom the behaviour is directed towards must be aged 16 or over and they must be "personally connected" (as defined in section 2 of the 2021 Act).

Types of domestic abuse include intimate partner violence, abuse by family members, teenage relationship abuse and child/adolescent to parent violence and abuse. Anyone can be a victim of domestic abuse,

regardless of sexual identity, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexuality or background and domestic abuse can take place inside or outside of the home. The government will issue statutory guidance to provide further information for those working with domestic abuse victims and perpetrators, including the impact on children.

All children can witness and be adversely affected by domestic abuse in the context of their home life where domestic abuse occurs between family members. Experiencing domestic abuse and/or violence can have a serious, long lasting emotional and psychological impact on children. In some cases, a child may blame themselves for the abuse or may have had to leave the family home as a result.

Young people can also experience domestic abuse within their own intimate relationships. This form of peer-on-peer abuse is sometimes referred to as 'teenage relationship abuse'. Depending on the age of the young people, this may not be recognised in law under the statutory definition of 'domestic abuse' (if one or both parties are under 16). However, as with any child under 18, where there are concerns about safety or welfare, child safeguarding procedures should be followed and both young victims and young perpetrators should be offered support. The Act's provisions, including the new definition, will be commenced over the coming months.

Honour Based Abuse (HBA)

Honour based abuse is a crime or incident, which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and /or community.

Preventing Radicalisation

Children are vulnerable to extremist ideology and radicalisation. Similar to protecting children from other forms of harms and abuse, protecting children from this risk should be a part of a schools' or colleges' safeguarding approach.

- **Extremism** is the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. This also includes calling for the death of members of the armed forces.
- **Radicalisation** refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.
- **Terrorism** is an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious damage to property; or seriously interferes or disrupts an electronic system. The use or threat must be designed to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is made for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause.

There is no single way of identifying whether a child is likely to be susceptible to an extremist ideology. Background factors combined with specific influences such as family and friends may contribute to a child's vulnerability. Similarly, radicalisation can occur through many different methods (such as social media or the internet) and settings (such as within the home). However, it is possible to protect vulnerable people from extremist ideology and intervene to prevent those at risk of radicalisation being radicalised. As with other safeguarding risks, staff should be alert to changes in children's behaviour, which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection. Staff should use their judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately which may include the designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) making a Prevent referral.

The Prevent Duty

From 1 July 2015 specified authorities, including all schools as defined in the summary of this guidance, are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counterterrorism and Security Act 2015 ("the CTSA 2015"), in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard" to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". **This duty is known as the Prevent duty.**

Paragraphs 57-76 of the Prevent guidance are concerned specifically with schools.

The statutory Prevent guidance summarises the requirements on schools in terms of four general themes: risk assessment, working in partnership, staff training and IT policies.

- Schools are expected to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology. This means being able to demonstrate both a general

understanding of the risks affecting children and young people in the area and a specific understanding of how to identify individual children who may be at risk of radicalisation and what to do to support them.

- The Prevent duty builds on existing local partnership arrangements.
- The Prevent guidance refers to the importance of Prevent awareness training to equip staff to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and to challenge extremist ideas. As a minimum, however, schools should ensure that the designated safeguarding lead undertakes **Prevent awareness training** and is able to provide advice and support to other members of staff on protecting children from the risk of radicalisation.
- Schools must ensure that children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in schools. Schools should ensure that suitable filtering is in place.

Channel

Channel is a voluntary, confidential support programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. Prevent referrals may be passed to a multi-agency Channel panel, which will discuss the individual referred to determine whether they are vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and consider the appropriate support required. A representative from the school or college may be asked to attend the Channel panel to help with this assessment. An individual's engagement with the programme is entirely voluntary at all stages. Guidance on Channel is available at: [Channel guidance](#).

Peer on peer abuse (child on child)

- Peer on peer abuse occurs when a young person is exploited, bullied and /or harmed by their peers who are the same or similar age; everyone directly involved in peer-on-peer abuse is under the age of 18. 'Peer-on-peer' abuse can relate to various forms of abuse (not just sexual abuse and exploitation), and crucially it does not capture the fact that the behaviour in question is harmful to the child perpetrator as well as the victim.
- Situations where young people are forced or coerced into sexual activity by peers or associates can be related with gang / serious youth violence activity but that is not always the case. Peer influence or peer pressure is a major factor in the decisions made by young people to join groups. Many young people see it as a "way out" from their day-to-day life and feel a strong bond with their peers, one which they may be lacking at home.
- Staff recognise that children are capable of abusing their peers (including online).
- Staff should be aware that safeguarding issues can manifest themselves via peer-on-peer abuse.
- Staff should be clear as to the school's procedures with regards to peer-on-peer abuse outlined below.

Preventative Strategies

Peer on peer abuse can and will occur on any site even with the most robust policies and support processes. It is important to develop appropriate strategies to proactively prevent peer on peer abuse.

This school has an open environment where young people feel safe to share information about anything that is upsetting or worrying them-we have class worry boxes to help with this too.

There is a strong and positive PSHE & RSE curriculum that tackles such issues as prejudiced behaviour and gives children an open forum to talk things through and develop their understanding.

Staff will not dismiss issues as 'banter' or 'growing up' or compare them to their own experiences of childhood.

Staff will consider each issue and each individual in their own right before taking action.

Young people are part of changing their circumstances and, through pupil voice being heard through school council, surveys, pupil conferencing for example, we encourage young people to support changes and develop codes of behaviour in class.

Expected staff action

Staff should consider the seriousness of the case and make a quick decision whether to inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead before taking any further in-school actions. If the staff member is unsure they can always discuss the matter with the DSL.

Recognising peer abuse

An assessment of an incident between peers should be completed and consider:

- Chronological and developmental ages of everyone involved
- Difference in their power or authority in relation to age, race, gender, physical, emotional or intellectual vulnerability
- All alleged physical and verbal aspects of the behaviour and incident
- Whether the behaviour involved inappropriate sexual knowledge or motivation
- What was the degree of physical aggression, intimidation, threatening behaviour or bribery
- The effect on the victim
- Any attempts to ensure the behaviour and incident is kept a secret
- The child or young person's motivation or reason for the behaviour, if they admit that it occurred.
- Whether this was a one-off incident, or longer in duration It is important to deal with a situation of peer abuse immediately and sensitively.

It is necessary to gather the information as soon as possible to get the true facts. We try to avoid language that may create a 'blame' culture and leave a child labelled. Staff will typically talk to the children in a calm and consistent manner. Staff will not be prejudiced, judgmental, dismissive or irresponsible in dealing with such sensitive matters.

Taking Action

- Always take complaints seriously
- Gain a statement of facts from the pupil(s)
- Assess needs of the child harmed (victim) and alleged child who has harmed (perpetrator)
- Consider referral to Police or Social Care
- Contribute to multi-agency assessments if necessary
- Convene a risk management meeting if necessary
- Record all incidents and all action taken

Recording sexualised behaviour

- Be clear, explicit and non-avoidant, and avoid vague statements or euphemisms
- Record as soon as possible, as you can quickly forget or confuse detail
- Use proper names for body parts but record exactly any language or vocabulary used by the child. Use the child's exact words in quotation marks.
- Note where and when the incident happened and whether anyone else was around.

Gather the Facts

Speak to all the young people involved separately, gain a statement of facts from them and use consistent language and open questions for each account. Ask the young people to tell you what happened. Use open questions, 'where, when, why, who'. (What happened? Who observed the incident? What was seen? What was heard? Did anyone intervene?). Do not interrogate or ask leading questions.

Consider the Intent

Has this been a deliberate or contrived situation for a young person to be able to harm another?

Decide on your next course of action

If you believe any young person to be at risk of significant harm you must report to the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately; they will follow the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. If MASH and the police intend to pursue this further, they may ask to interview the young people in school or they may ask for parents to come to school to be spoken to. It is important to be prepared for every situation and the potential time it may take.

Informing parents/carers

The best way to inform parents/carers is face to face. Although this may be time consuming, the nature of the incident and the type of harm/abuse a young person may be suffering can cause fear and anxiety to parents/carers whether their child is the child who was harmed or who harmed another.

In all circumstances where the risk of harm to the child is evident then the school should encourage the young person to share the information with their parent/carer (they may be scared to tell parents/carers that they are being harmed in any way).

Points to consider

What is the age of the children involved? How old are the young people involved in the incident and is there any age difference between those involved? In relation to sexual exploration, children under the age of 5, in particular 1–4-year-olds who are learning toileting skills may show a particular interest in exploration at around this stage. This, however, should not be overlooked.

Where did the incident or incidents take place?

Was the incident in an open, visible place to others? If so was it observed? If not, is more supervision required within this particular area?

What was the explanation by all children involved of what occurred?

Can each of the young people give the same explanation of the incident and what is the effect on the young people involved? Is the incident seen to be bullying for example, in which case regular and repetitive? Is the version of one young person different from another and why?

What is each of the children's own understanding of what occurred?

Do the young people know/understand what they are doing? E.g. do they have knowledge of body parts, of privacy and that it is inappropriate to touch? Is the young person's explanation in relation to something they may have heard or been learning about that has prompted the behaviour? Is the behaviour deliberate and contrived? Does the young person have understanding of the impact of their behaviour on the other person?

Repetition

Has the behaviour been repeated to an individual on more than one occasion? In the same way it must be considered has the behaviour persisted to an individual after the issue has already been discussed or dealt with and appropriately resolved?

Next Steps

Once the outcome of the incident(s) has been established it is necessary to ensure future incidents of abuse do not occur again and consider the support and intervention required for those involved.

For the young person who has been harmed

What support they require depends on the individual young person. It may be that we need to provide intervention to support. It may also be that they feel able to deal with the incident(s) on their own or with support of family and friends; in which case it is necessary that this young person continues to be monitored and offered support should they require it in the future. If the incidents are of a bullying nature, the young person may need support in improving peer groups/relationships with other young people, or some restorative justice work with all those involved may be required. Other interventions that could be considered may target a whole class or year group. If the young person feels particularly vulnerable it may be that they have someone named that they can talk to, discuss support strategies for managing future issues and signpost to services to offer additional support.

For the young person who has displayed harmful behaviour

It is important to find out why the young person has behaved in such a way. It may be that the young person is experiencing their own difficulties and may even have been harmed themselves in a similar way. In such cases support such as intervention may also be necessary. Particular support from identified services may be necessary through an early help referral and the young person may require additional support from family members. Once the support required to meet the individual needs of the young person has been met, it is important that the young person receives a consequence for their behaviour. This may be in the form of restorative justice e.g. making amends with the young person they have targeted if this has been some form of bullying.

In the cases it may be a requirement for the young person to engage in one-to-one work with a particular service or agency (if a crime has been committed this may be through the police or youth offending service). It may be that the behaviour that the young person has displayed may continue to pose a risk to others, in which case an individual risk assessment may be required. This should be completed via a multi-agency response to ensure that the needs of the young person and the risks towards others are measured by all of those agencies involved including the young person and their parents. This may mean additional supervision of the young person or protective strategies if the young person feels at risk of engaging in further inappropriate or harmful behaviour. The school may also choose a sanction as a consequence such as exclusion or internal exclusion/inclusion/seclusion for a period of time to allow the young person to reflect on their behaviour.

After care

It is important that following the incident the young people involved continue to feel supported and receive help even if they have stated that they are managing the incident. Sometimes the feelings of remorse, regret or unhappiness may occur at a much later stage than the incident. It is important to ensure that the young people do not engage in any further harmful behaviour either towards someone else or to themselves as a way of coping (e.g. self-harm). For this reason, regular reviews with the young people following the incident(s) are imperative.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Even if there are no reported cases of peer-on-peer abuse, such abuse may still be taking place and is simply not being reported. If staff have any concerns regarding peer on peer abuse / harmful sexual behaviour they should speak to the DSL.

Staff are clear that abuse/harmful sexual behaviour is unacceptable, and it should never be passed off as “banter”, “just having a laugh”, “part of growing up” or “boys being boys” as this can lead to a culture of unacceptable behaviours and an unsafe environment for children

Staff recognise the gendered nature of peer-on-peer abuse (i.e. that it is more likely that girls will be victims and boys perpetrators), but that all peer on peer abuse is unacceptable and will be taken seriously

Staff recognise the different forms peer on peer abuse can take, such as:

- ❖ bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying)
- ❖ abuse in intimate personal relationships between peers
- ❖ physical abuse which can include hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm
- ❖ sexual violence and sexual harassment
- ❖ Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nude images and/or videos (also known as sexting or youth produced sexual imagery)
- ❖ causing someone to engage in sexual activity without consent, such as forcing someone to strip, touch themselves sexually, or to engage in sexual activity with a third party
- ❖ upskirting (which is a criminal offence), which typically involves taking a picture under a person’s clothing without their permission, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks to obtain sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress, or alarm; and
- ❖ initiation/hazing type violence and rituals.



What we do at Eastington:

- have a strong PSHE/RSE curriculum in place which is age specific and progressive and supports developing positive, healthy relationships
- invite the NSPCC to lead 'Speak out, Stay Safe' assemblies
- have NSPCC helpline number available/visible to children in school
- use NSPCC resources as part of our approach such as the PANTS song
- Train staff and use the Hackett continuum/Brook traffic light tool to support staff in identifying harmful sexual behaviours - red/problematical - amber/typical - green behaviours
- use the NSPCC approach to talking about sexualised behaviour: support for those **impacted** and supporting a change in behaviour for the **instigator**
- try to use language with care when talking about sexualised behaviour: **eg child who displayed/instigated the behaviour and children impacted by the behaviour.**
- discuss concerns /incidents with DSL/Dept DSL
- log concerns/incidents
- work with external agencies when needed

A continuum of behaviours

It is vital for professionals to distinguish normal from abnormal sexual behaviours. Chaffin, Letourneau and Silovsky (2002, p208) suggest a child's sexual behaviour should be considered abnormal if it:

- occurs at a frequency greater than would be developmentally expected
- interferes with the child's development
- occurs with coercion, intimidation, or force
- is associated with emotional distress
- occurs between children of divergent ages or developmental abilities
- repeatedly recurs in secrecy after intervention by caregivers.

Hackett's (2010) continuum model

Normal	Inappropriate	Problematic	Abusive	Violent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmentally expected • Socially acceptable • Consensual, mutual, reciprocal • Shared decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single instances of inappropriate sexual behaviour • Socially acceptable behaviour within peer group • Context for behaviour may be inappropriate • Generally consensual and reciprocal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problematic and concerning behaviours • Developmentally unusual and socially unexpected • No overt elements of victimisation • Consent issues may be unclear • May lack reciprocity or equal power • May include levels of compulsivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victimising intent or outcome • Includes misuse of power • Coercion and force to ensure victim compliance • Intrusive • Informed consent lacking, or not able to be freely given by victim • May include elements of expressive violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physically violent sexual abuse • Highly intrusive • Instrumental violence which is physiologically and/or sexually arousing to the perpetrator • Sadism

Identification of behaviours, recognition, referral and response

It is hard to consistently identify and recognise harmful sexual behaviour in children and young people due to issues including differing professional training and knowledge, experience, cultural backgrounds and values. Open discussion of sexual issues is still something of a taboo subject in our society and professionals and families alike may be reluctant to discuss sexual behaviour in children. This can lead to the behaviours being 'hidden' or unspoken in some cases.

The rise in internet-related harmful or inappropriate sexual behaviour by children and young people also presents a challenge to parents, carers and agencies working with children and young people.

As highlighted in in Domain one of the framework, it should be standard professional practice to view the sexual behaviours of children and young people along a continuum, ranging from normal to abusive (Hackett, 2010). It is vital that professionals consider the continuum in line with children and young people's development. Some behaviours that are considered normative in earlier childhood, may be highly abnormal and inappropriate in adolescence. Similarly, some behaviours that are part of normal adolescent sexual development are highly problematic if expressed by younger children.

Alongside the notion of the continuum of harmful sexual behaviour, the Brook traffic light tool (Brook, 2012) can help professionals to identify levels of concern and provide a prompt for responding proportionately. In broad terms the categories in Hackett's continuum of sexual behaviour and the Brook traffic light relate to each other in the following way:

- Green behaviours (Brook) are those that constitute normal behaviours on the continuum model
- Amber behaviours (Brook) are those that are likely to be inappropriate or problematic behaviours on the continuum model
- Red behaviours (Brook) are likely to be those classified as abusive or violent behaviours on Hackett's continuum.

Once identified harmful sexual behaviour (i.e. those behaviours that are not part of a child's normal sexual development) should be viewed within a child protection context, and Children's Services should be contacted to provide assessment and recommendations if more specialist help is needed. In some cases, children's HSB may be a marker of their own histories of abuse that need to be addressed.

Brook traffic light tool (example below for children aged 9-13)

9 to 13

Green behaviours

- solitary masturbation
- use of sexual language including swear and slang words
- having girl/boyfriends who are of the same, opposite or any gender
- interest in popular culture, eg fashion, music, media, online games, chatting online
- need for privacy
- consensual kissing, hugging, holding hands with peers

What is a green behaviour?

What can you do?

Amber behaviours

- uncharacteristic and risk-related behaviour, eg sudden and/or provocative changes in dress, withdrawal from friends, mixing with new or older people, having more or less money than usual, going missing
- verbal, physical or cyber/virtual sexual bullying involving sexual aggression
- LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) targeted bullying
- exhibitionism, eg flashing or mooning
- giving out contact details online
- viewing pornographic material
- worrying about being pregnant or having STIs

What is an amber behaviour?

What can you do?

Red behaviours

- exposing genitals or masturbating in public
- distributing naked or sexually provocative images of self or others
- sexually explicit talk younger children
- sexual harassment
- arranging to meeting with an online acquaintance in secret
- genital injury to self to others
- forcing other children of same age, younger or less able to take part in sexual activities
- sexual activity eg oral sex or intercourse
- presence of sexually transmitted infection (STI)
- evidence of pregnancy

What is a red behaviour?

What can you do?

Upskirting

The Voyeurism (Offences) Act, which is commonly known as the Upskirting Act, came into force on 12 April 2019. 'Upskirting' is where someone takes a picture under a person's clothing (not necessarily a skirt) without their permission and/or knowledge, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks (with or without underwear) to obtain sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress or alarm. It is a criminal offence. Anyone of any gender, can be a victim.

Serious Violence

All staff should be aware of indicators, which may signal that children are at risk from, or are involved with serious violent crime. These may include

- increased absence from school,
- a change in friendships or relationships with older individuals or groups,
- a significant decline in performance, signs of self-harm or a significant change in wellbeing, or signs of assault or unexplained injuries.
- Unexplained gifts or new possessions could also indicate that children have been approached by, or are involved with, individuals associated with criminal networks or gangs and may be at risk of criminal exploitation.

All staff should be aware of the range of risk factors which increase the likelihood of involvement in serious violence, such as

- being male,
- having been frequently absent or permanently excluded from school,
- having experienced child maltreatment and having been involved in offending, such as theft or robbery.

Advice for schools and colleges is provided in the Home Office's [Preventing youth violence and gang involvement](#) and its [Criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: county lines](#) guidance.

Contextual Safeguarding

- *"As well as threats to the welfare of children from within their families, children may be vulnerable to abuse, or exploitation from outside their families."* Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018).
- Contextual safeguarding is a conceptual framework for understanding, assessing, and reducing the risk of harm from outside the family home.
- Contextual Safeguarding seeks to understand child protection risks from beyond the family.
- **All staff** should be aware that safeguarding incidents and/or behaviours can be associated with factors outside the school and/or can occur between children outside of these environments. **All staff**, but especially the DSLs should consider whether children are at risk of abuse or exploitation in situations outside their families.

GLoucestershire Encompass Commitment

As part of Eastington School's commitment to keeping children safe we have signed up to implement the principles and aims of the **Gloucestershire Encompass Model**.

In signing up to Gloucestershire Encompass the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team:

- Endorse the Gloucestershire Encompass Model and support the Key Adults in our school to fulfil the requirements of the Gloucestershire Encompass Protocol.
- Promote and implement Gloucestershire Encompass processes and use these in accordance with internal safeguarding children processes.
- Recognise the sensitive nature of the information provided and ensure that this is retained in accordance with the principles of data protection.

Online safety (See *Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy* for full details)

Staff are aware that technology is a significant component in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues. Children are at risk of abuse online as well as face to face. In many cases abuse will take place concurrently via online channels and in daily life. Children can also abuse their peers online, this can take the form of abusive, harassing, and misogynistic messages, the non-consensual sharing of indecent images, especially around chat groups, and the sharing of abusive images and pornography, to those who do not want to receive such content.

It is essential that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into four areas of risk:

- **content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, for example: pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation and extremism.
 - **contact:** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example: peer to peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes.
 - **conduct:** personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending, and receiving explicit images (e.g consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography, sharing other explicit images and online bullying); and
 - **commerce** - risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams.
- At Eastington we teach online safety through the computing curriculum. In addition, many opportunities are given for children to understand online safety, eg Y4 Into the Net play, Y6 Beat Officer sessions on Online Safety & issues etc. The school has shared information with parents and signposted them to organisations which will support them in keeping their children safe online too.

EARLY HELP...WHAT WE ALL NEED TO DO.

The school is committed to offering early help and will provide support and guidance to ensure children and young people remain safe

We recognise that any child may benefit from early help and may need safeguarding. All school staff are particularly alert to the potential need for early help for a child who:

- is disabled or has certain health conditions and has specific additional needs
- has special educational needs (whether or not they have a statutory Education, Health and Care Plan);
- has a mental health need
- is a young carer
- is showing signs of being drawn in to anti-social or criminal behaviour, including gang involvement and association with organised crime groups or county lines
- is frequently missing/goes missing from care or from home
- is at risk of modern slavery, trafficking, sexual or criminal exploitation
- is at risk of being radicalised or exploited
- has a family member in prison, or is affected by parental offending
- is in a family circumstance presenting challenges for the child, such as drug and alcohol misuse, adult mental health issues and domestic abuse
- is misusing drugs or alcohol themselves
- has returned home to their family from care
- is at risk of 'honour'-based abuse such as Female Genital Mutilation or Forced Marriage
- is a privately fostered child; and
- is persistently absent from education, including persistent absences for part of the school day.



Staff are aware of the potential for multiple issues overlapping, are vigilant and report this.

We listen to the voice of the child to identify concerns and all forms of abuse including radicalization, FGM etc.

We practice multi-agency working and understand the referral processes etc. is critical to ensure that early help and support is offered. **(See Appendix 1 – Offer of Early Help)**

Whilst the staff meet on a regular basis to discuss concerns, **all adults working within the school are responsible for identifying and raising concerns if they consider that early help is required.** A key factor is:

Listening and Talking to Children (staff guidance)

- ❖ Take what the child says seriously.
- ❖ React calmly because over reacting can frighten the child and compound feelings of guilt.
- ❖ Tell the child they are not to blame. Children often feel guilty.
- ❖ Explain to the child what will happen next and that you will have to tell someone else that can help.
- ❖ Check out your understanding with the child of what has happened if you are not clear what the child is telling you.
- ❖ Keep questions to a minimum and never lead the child, as leading questions may invalidate the child's testimony in court.
- ❖ Use the words the child uses (e.g. for different parts of the body). If the child is aware that you are reluctant to use particular words, they may feel reluctant to use the words themselves or may not speak at all.

When talking to children who may have been abused, you need to strike a balance between gathering enough information to establish whether or not there is cause for concern and undertaking an investigation interview which is the responsibility of the investigating agency. Having established that there is cause for concern, it should be possible to postpone a fuller interview until the social worker arrives. Training needs are considered, and all staff are involved in the process. Children need to know that early help is available (e.g. the school operates 'worry boxes' which are checked and followed up by staff). Staff are aware who the DSL is and the procedures for reporting concerns.

Allegations against Staff

1. If the complaint has been made against a member of staff or volunteer including supply or agency workers, contractors or governors, the Government's Allegations Management Procedures are implemented.

If staff are concerned an adult, (including supply staff and volunteers) within the school has harmed or may have harmed a child, possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child or behaved towards a child in a way that indicated they **may** pose a risk of harm to children or behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children, they must immediately contact the Head Teacher, who in turn contacts the Local Authority Designated Officer for Allegations (LADO) Nigel Hatton on 01452 426994 for an Initial Discussion and reported to OFSTED as appropriate.

2. We ensure the child is safe.

3. In the case of the Head Teacher being accused, the Chair of Governors should be informed. The chair will contact the LADDO and follow advice/Gloucestershire Country Guidance – this may include reporting to OFSTED.

4. Employers and senior staff have a responsibility to ensure that professional behaviour applies to relationships between staff and pupils. Physical contact is a particular issue where thought is required. With younger children touching is inevitable and provides reassurance. With older children, perfectly innocent actions can be misconstrued. In emergencies, physical restraint to prevent harm to the pupil or to others can be required.

5. Any member of staff using the Code of Conduct & confidential reporting procedure (Whistleblowing) will receive full support.

(Please also refer to Safer Working Practice Policy and Whistleblowing Policy)

The following definitions should be used when determining the outcome of allegation investigations:

- **Substantiated:** there is sufficient evidence to prove the allegation.
- **Malicious:** there is sufficient evidence to disprove the allegation and there has been a deliberate act to deceive.
- **False:** there is sufficient evidence to disprove the allegation.
- **Unsubstantiated:** there is insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation. The term, therefore, does not imply guilt or innocence.
- **Unfounded:** to reflect cases where there is no evidence or proper basis which supports the allegation being made.

Reporting concerns to Parents

As a general principle, it is important to be open and honest when dealing with parents. Parents have primary responsibility for the care of their children and in most circumstances, parents should be informed as soon as possible about concerns regarding their children. However, in some cases of alleged or suspected child abuse it may not be appropriate for parents to be informed immediately, because it may prejudice the investigation. In such cases concerns should be reported to the Headteacher who will in turn contact the local Social Services Department.

Guidance when listening and talking to parents

Parents react in many different ways when they hear their child is suspected of being abused. They can feel angry, threatened, indignant, depressed, ashamed, or guilty, and it is understandable that people have strong feelings in such circumstances.

When talking to parents who may be highly emotional, it is helpful to:

- ❖ Meet parents with the Headteacher
- ❖ Be open and honest with parents and tell them the reasons for your concern
- ❖ Be very specific regarding the information you may wish to share
- ❖ Explain to parents that it is your duty as a teacher to report cases of suspected abuse. It may be helpful to outline to them the procedures, so professional guidelines are adhered to at all times.
- ❖ Make a written record of the meeting, what was said and who was present (date/time etc).

Staff Agreed Code of Conduct - see Safer Working Practices Policy

Gifts received

These are not usual in a school setting and can be seen as unfair or perceived as a bribe. However, a small thank you token at the end of year or Christmas is acceptable (e.g. Christmas cards etc.). Any concerns/issues as to the appropriateness of receiving/offering a token should be addressed to the Headteacher for guidance.

Arrangements for PE changing – boys/girls

The staff need to be sensitive to the requirements of all the children when changing for PE. In certain cases alternative arrangements should be sought. For example, separate facilities for older children with clear procedures for supervision.

Access to toilet facilities

In the event of an emergency, it may be necessary for access to be gained by an adult without prior notice. Routine supervision will involve notifying the occupants of access.

Individual teachers / individual pupils in classroom situation

Professional behaviour appropriate to the supervision of individual children is understood by all staff. (See Safer Working Practice Policy)

Implicit in this would be the avoidance of placing either the member of staff or the child in a compromising situation. If there are any concerns, they will be shared with the Headteacher as soon as practicable.

Physical contact with pupils *(For further guidance please refer to the Safer Working Practice Policy and Intimate Care Policy)*

It is acknowledged that physical contact between adults and children can provide reassurance for children at times. Our Safe Working Practice Policy outlines how care should be taken to ensure 1:1 situations are avoided etc.. All adults working with children need to be mindful that actions can at times be misconstrued. If an adult has a concerns, they should report it to the Headteacher immediately.

Relationships are valued

We value the relationships between child/adult and the protection and welfare of the child is the paramount consideration in all our actions.

First Aid

We have 3 staff who are paediatric first aid trained.

Smoking and alcohol on premises

As part of our PHSE Policy we encourage the children to understand the health risks involved in smoking both directly and passively. We support and enforce the Glos County Council Policy on premises being no smoking zones.

The dangers of excess alcohol consumption also forms part of the policy. The messages we give as adults are important and a professional stance is adopted. Guidance as to the misuse of harmful substances are found in our Drug Awareness policy.

Children's attendance – See attendance policy

Procedures for the registration of children should be followed to enable attendance to be monitored by the Headteacher and appropriate external agencies. In order to fulfil the requirements of our Child Protection policy staff are to report any concerns/issues regarding attendance to the Headteacher. Any two-week unauthorised absence will be notified to the LA to support the risk management of pupils.

Supervision of Children off site

Procedures for Child protection are applied in the event of off-site activities. LA guidance regarding pupil/adult ratio is adhered to. If needed staff may challenge an individual in the interests of child protection without placing themselves at risk.

The Staff Agreed Code of Conduct is discussed with all staff and forms part of the induction training for all new staff and volunteers. (Please also refer to Safer Working Practice Policy)

Our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures will be monitored and evaluated by:

- Headteacher and DSL discussions with children/staff.
- Pupil surveys/questionnaires and individual conferencing.
- Parent questionnaires – summary of findings shared with Governors.
- Scrutiny of Attendance data – summary of findings shared with Governors.
- Scrutiny of range of risk assessments – Governor premises group.
- Governing Body discussions – see minutes of meetings.
- Governing Body visits to the school to discuss matters with DSL/HT.
- Logs of bullying/racist/behaviour incidents for Headteacher-Governor Lead to monitor.

COVID-19 changes to our Child Protection Policy

5.1.2021

Response to COVID-19

There have been significant changes within our setting in response to the outbreak. Many young people are now at home and staffing is likely to be significantly affected through illness and self-isolation.

Despite the changes, the school's Child Protection Policy is fundamentally the same: **children and young people always come first, staff respond to safeguarding concerns and contact the DSL in line with our established safeguarding procedure.**

This annex sets out some of the adjustments we are making in line with the changed arrangements in the school and following [advice from government](#) and local agencies.

Reporting arrangements

The school arrangements continue in line with our child protection policy.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

Mrs C Parsons

The Deputy DSL/s are:

Ms Z Avastu

Miss S Pates

Mrs J Redpath

01453 822922

admin@eastington.gloucs.sch.uk

The school's approach ensures the DSL or a deputy is always contactable while the school is open. All staff should report any concerns using the My Concern forms and by informing the DSL/Dept DSL.

Staff will continue to follow the Child Protection procedure and advise the safeguarding leads immediately about concerns they have about any child, whether in school or not. COVID-19 means a need for increased vigilance due to the pressures on services, families and young people, rather than a reduction in our standards.

Children's services may be affected by the impact of the virus on staff and an increased demand for services. Where a child is at risk of significant harm there may be a need to be persistent approach in referring concerns to the local authority. The arrangements for contacting the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) are: **01452 426565** or by email childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Further details can be found at [Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Executive](#)

Identifying vulnerability

Schools relationships with the community mean we have identified children who may be classed as 'vulnerable'.

We have put in place specific arrangements in respect of the following groups:

- **Children in Care** – agreements with carers involving weekly contact from someone in the school DSL team (including holidays).
- **Children who have previously been Children in Care** – agreements with parent/carers involving weekly contact from someone in the school DSL team (including holidays).
- **Children subject to a child protection plan/ Child in Need plan** – agreements with parent/s involving weekly contact from someone in the school DSL team (including holidays).
- **Children on the edge of social care involvement or pending allocation of a social worker** – agreements with parents involving weekly contact from someone in the school DSL team (including holidays).
- **Children with an EHCP** – Individual Risk Assessments undertaken if pupils are not in school and weekly contact with the SENCO.

More children may be added to this group in response to concerns raised with the DSL. Contact arrangements will be agreed with parents/carers and member of the DSL team.

Where appropriate school will liaise with other agencies involved in their care, including where appropriate their social worker and the Virtual School Head for Children in Care and those who have previously been Children in Care. We have been informed that Social workers will visit if needed.

In addition, the following groups have specific arrangements around contact and support from the school.

- Children of critical workers may attend school if no safe alternative arrangements can be made. They receive the same work via Google Classroom and Zoom lessons as the children at home. (See below)

For other children in the school:

- Children at home – children are receiving at least 1 Zoom lesson per day from their class teacher and have a full daily timetable of learning uploaded to Google Classroom each evening at 6.00pm ready for the next day.
- Children access the resources required to support their learning via Google Classroom as teachers upload activities/worksheets to the relevant subject folders.
- Parents/children upload/send work back via Google Classroom for class teachers to mark and return.
- Details of Social Care, Early Help Offer and local charities will be published in this Policy within the early help section to support parents accessing help if needed.

For children who are vulnerable/parents are critical workers in our school:

- Children identified as vulnerable for the reasons outlined above will be encouraged to work on site
- Children of critical workers can attend school (see RA) if no safe alternative arrangements can be made.
- Children on site receive the same work via Google Classroom, live lessons etc as the children at home.

Holiday arrangements

We have not been informed of whether the school needs to open for vulnerably/critical workers during February half term. If we do we will ensure a DSL and first aider is onsite/available at all times.

Attendance

The school is following the [attendance guidance issued by government](#). Where a child is expected and does not arrive, the school will follow our attendance procedure and make contact with the family. If contact is not possible by 9:30am by the administrator officer, the DSL/Dept DSL will be informed. The DSL/Dept DSL will attempt a range of methods to contact the parent and if necessary, inform another appropriate agency/try to arrange a home visit by another appropriate agency.

For children working at home the school will keep a register of engagement. All children have at least one live lesson and we will encourage all children to attend to support their well-being as well as learning. Any children not engaged will be logged by teachers and they will contact parents by email/phone to support the engagement of the child. The school can offer help with technology difficulties, hardware etc too and adapting/prioritising the curriculum if needed. If parents do not engage with teachers the HT will contact parents to support engagement.

Staff will be aware of increased risk

The pressures on children and their families at this time are significant. There will be heightened family pressures through being contained in a small area, poverty, and financial or health anxiety. These areas have been considered in our setting of work for children to undertake at home (including recognising the impact of online learning – see below). Staff will encourage a flexible approach to school work when talking with families to best support their child. Staff are aware of the mental health of both children and their parents/carers, and can signpost families to organisations that could support. Teachers will inform the DSL/SENDCo about any concerns.

Incidences of Domestic Abuse are expected to significantly increase during the period of isolation as perpetrators will use this time as a “tool of coercive and controlling behaviour”, and victims and their children are consistently more vulnerable during periods of societal stress [see government guidance](#). Operation Encompass will continue as normal with notifications being sent to the school’s email address. (For further information school can contact Halah Shams El-Din on 01452 328953 or by email halah.shamsel-din@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Risk online

Young people will be using the internet more during this period. The school will use online approaches to deliver learning/training in and outside school. Staff are aware of the signs and signals of cyberbullying and [other risks online](#).

- The school continues to ensure appropriate filters and monitors are in place for children/staff working in school.

- Children in all years have been taught internet safety and this curriculum is enriched by additional opportunities such as PC Weedon working with Y6 children to explore online safety and Y4 Into The Net play. Parents with children at home have been offered the following links to support safe working using the internet too:
 - [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
 - [South West Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
 - [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
 - [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
 - [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
 - [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers
 - Free additional support for staff in responding to online safety issues can be accessed from the [Professionals Online Safety Helpline at the UK Safer Internet Centre](#).
- Staff have considered the risk that professional boundaries could slip during this exceptional period and been reminded of the school's code of conduct and importance of using school systems to communicate with children and their families.
- We have set out the school's approach for teacher-parent contact via email/calls: teachers to call from a place that ensures confidentiality, for teachers working at home to use 141 to protect their phone numbers; to log actions to ensure completed; to share concerns with DSL/SENDCo/HT as appropriate; to share sensitive information using Switch Egress; for staff to respond to all e-mails from children/parents by calling or emailing within 48hrs wherever possible; for staff to respond to parent emails between 8am and 6pm; for all class e-mail accounts to have the same password so SLT can access if concerns are raised.

Allegations or concerns about staff

With such different arrangements around schooling, children could be at greater risk of abuse from staff or volunteers. We remind all staff to maintain the view 'it could happen here' and to immediately report any concern, no matter how small, to the safeguarding team.

Any staff or volunteers from outside our setting will complete an induction to ensure they are aware of the risks and know how to take action if they are concerned.

We have confirmed the arrangements to contact the LADO at the local authority remain unchanged and can be found at

[The role of the LADO and the allegations management process - Safeguarding Children in Gloucestershire](#)

If necessary, the school will continue to follow the duty to refer to DBS any adult who has harmed or poses a risk of harm to a child or vulnerable adult, and to the Teacher Regulation Agency in line with paragraph 166 of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 using the address

Misconduct.Teacher@education.gov.uk .

New staff or volunteers

New staff/vounteers must have an induction before starting or on their first morning with the DSL. They must read:

the school child protection policy

the behaviour policy

the code of conduct

the Safer Working Practice Policy

Working Together to Safeguard Children document – DFE

Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2021 document – DFE - Part 1 and Part 5

The DSL will ensure new recruits know who to contact if worried about a child and ensure they are familiar with the child protection procedure.

If staff or volunteers are transferring in from other registered education or childcare settings for a temporary period to support the care of children, we will seek evidence from their setting that:

- the member of staff has completed relevant safeguarding training in line with other similar staff or volunteers,
- they have read Part I and Annex A of Keeping Children Safe in Education, and
- where the role involves regulated activity that the appropriate DBS check has been undertaken by that setting. We may undertake a new DBS if needed/wanted. It may be in these exceptional times we can rely on the DBS undertaken by their setting.

Our child protection procedures hold strong:

- People supervising volunteers must have undertaken the above checks
- Volunteers may not be left unsupervised with children until suitable checks have been undertaken.
- The school will decide whether to obtain an enhanced DBS check (with barred list information) for all staff and volunteers new to working in regulated activity in line with [DBS guidance](#).
- When undertaking ID checks on documents for the DBS it is reasonable to [initially check these documents online](#) through a live video link and to accept scanned images of documents for the purpose of applying for the check. The actual documents will then be checked against the scanned images when the employee or volunteer arrives for their first day.
- The school will update the Single Central Record of all staff and volunteers working in the school, including those from other settings.
- A record will be kept of who is working in the school each day in the signing in book.



**Appendix 1
Offer of Early Help**

<p>Eastington School universal support for all pupils and families.</p>	<p>All staff are available in a pastoral capacity should parents have a concern about anything at all. Staff may not have the answer but will try to find out the answer or sign-post parents/other professionals in the right direction. Parents can either talk directly with the staff or telephone the Head. General office number: 01453 822922 (to contact all staff).</p>
<p>Eastington School offer of further support</p>	<p>The school is able to refer children to Family First and sign point CYPS (children and young people services) for families to contact direct.</p>
<p>Eastington PSHCE / SMSC curriculum</p>	<p><i>The PSHCE/SMSC curriculum covers many aspects of keeping young people safe, healthy, resilient and aware of the world around them so that they can make informed decisions. Other specific topics helping pupils stay safe covered within the PSHCE curriculum include age appropriate content:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Emotional well-being: Where to go for help if you, your friend or family member is struggling with emotional well-being/mental health problems? What are the signs someone is struggling? What makes you feel good; How to look after you own emotional well-being; Personal strength and self esteem;. Being happy! *Relationships: How to make and maintain friendship; family relationships; different types of families. *Healthy Living: Taking responsibility for managing your own health; Importance of sleep; The main components of healthy living (diet, exercise and wellbeing); Focus on breakfast etc *Managing health and wellbeing when you are unwell (making sure you take your medicine when you should, have the right perspective, doing what you can do within the limitations of your health condition. * Support and promote the understanding and development of Resilience through 'Counting Sleep' and 'Make me a Superhero' *Drugs: Alcohol, medicines, smoking and illegal drugs. *Keeping Safe: E-safety (facebook and internet); personal safety (out and about); How to respond to an emergency. *Gender, identity and tolerance: Gender identity - there isn't such a thing as a typical girl or a typical boy. Understanding and acceptance of others different than us, including those with different religions; preventing bullying of pupils from different types of families, avoiding anti-gay derogatory language etc *Sex education: Children in Y6 have formal Sex education – discussing puberty, changes, personal hygiene. (Gloucestershire Health Living and Learning team (GHLL) resource). <p>*Learning through Sport program (developing key skills such as decision making, trust, communication etc)</p> <p>*E-safety learning – In the Net - Drama production for Year 4.</p> <p>Highlights: Safe internet/Social media use What makes a Healthy Relationship Keeping Personal information safe</p>

	<p>The affects of Cyber-Bullying on others What to do if you are being Cyber-Bullied</p> <p>*Exploring medicine/drugs, emotional/physical health with the visiting Life Education Bus</p> <p>*Exploring healthy relationship with the NSPCC through assemblies for Upper KS2 pupils.</p> <p>* Learning how to recognise dangerous situations in a range of scenarios: Visit to SkillZone – a safety education centre in Gloucester. Skillzone.glosfire.gov.uk</p> <p>*Undertake the GHLL on line Pupil Survey with upper KS 2 pupils – developed by Foster and Brown Research Partnership - to find out what children and young people really think about a range of health issues.</p> <p>*Undertake and respond to in school pupil conferencing, surveys.</p> <p>*Exploration of key values (resilience, cooperation, friendship etc) in assemblies.</p>
Universal source of help for all families in Gloucestershire: Gloucestershire Family Information Service (FIS)	<p>Gloucestershire Family Information Service (FIS) advisors give impartial information on childcare, finances, parenting and education. FIS are a useful source of information for parents and professionals. They support families, children and young people aged 0-19 years of age (25 for young people with additional needs) and professionals working with these families.</p> <p>They can help link parents up with other organisations that might be able to help or provide the information themselves eg: parents could ask them about holiday clubs for your children across Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Contact the FIS by emailing:familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk or telephone: (0800) 542 0202 or (01452) 427362. FIS also have a website which has a wealth of information to support many issues such as childcare and support for children with disabilities. www.glosfamilies.org</p>
GSCE (Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children’s Executive) website.	<p>http://www.gscb.org.uk</p> <p>Important information for parents and professionals across Gloucestershire in relation to keeping children safe and avenues of support including early help options.</p>
Bereavement	<p>Support for bereaved children and young people and their families.</p> <p>Winston’s Wish – www.winstonswish.org.uk</p>
Home-school support	<p>All of our Early Help is offered in partnership with parents /carers.</p>
E-safety	<p>-E-safety is a key part of the ongoing (PSHCE/SMSC) curriculum.</p> <p>-PACE (parents against child exploitation) UK is a useful website to engage parents with e-safety issues. www.paceuk.info/</p>
Bullying (including Cyber bullying)/child death/suicide prevention	<p>All Gloucestershire schools including Eastington are committed to tackling bullying. We want to know immediately if there any issues with bullying at school so that it can be addressed.</p> <p>We have a series of teaching resources produced by the Gloucestershire healthy living and Learning Team (www.ghll.org.uk) to support this. In serious cases of bullying parents should contact the police; particularly if there are threats involved. In an emergency call 999. Other sources of help and advice are: www.gscb.org (Gloucestershire Safeguarding children’s board) http://www.bullying.co.uk . Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning team provide alerts and resources in relation to supporting young people being bullied. Education about bullying is an integral part of the GHES Wellbeing</p>

	programme www.ghll.org.uk .
Children or young people with multiple needs (vulnerable) or multiple needs (complex) requiring multi-agency input or assessment.	<p>Within Gloucestershire Targeted Support Teams provide multiagency support for children and families. A phone call to discuss a possible referral is helpful before making written referral. School actively refer to when appropriate:</p> <p>Targeted support Teams (TST): Gloucester (tel:01452 328076), Stroud (tel: 01452 328130); Tewkesbury (tel: 01452 328 250), Cotswold (tel: 01452 328101), Forest of Dean (tel: 01452 328048) and Cheltenham (tel: 01452 328160). These teams are made up of the following professionals: CAF Coordinators; Community Lead Professional - disabled children and young people; Inclusion Co-ordinator; Community Social Worker; Family Support Workers. They all work together from one base so they can recognise and respond to local needs and act as a focal point for co-ordinating support for vulnerable children, young people and their families.</p> <p>Support provided includes: Support for school and community based lead professionals working with children and families through the CAF process; Collaboration with social care referrals that do not meet their thresholds, to co-ordinate support within the community; Work in partnership to support children with special educational needs in school; Advice and guidance from a social work perspective on a 'discussion in principle basis' ; Support children with disabilities and their families to access activities and meet specific needs; Advice and guidance to lead professionals and the provision of high quality parenting and family support services to families.</p> <p>Youth Support Team (YST): The Youth Support Team provide a range of services for vulnerable young people aged between 11 - 19 (and up to 25 for young people with special needs), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth offending - Looked after children - Care leaver's support services (for those aged 16+) - Early intervention and prevention service for 11 - 19 year olds - Support for young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities - Positive activities for young people with disabilities - Support with housing and homelessness - Help and support to tackle substance misuse problems and other health issues - Support into education, training and employment - Support for teenage parents <p>For General Enquiries: T: 01452 426900 E: info.glos@prospects.co.uk To make a referral: T: 01452 427923 E: fasttrackteam@prospects.co.uk</p> <p>TIC+ (Teens in Crisis) provides face-to-face and online counselling services across Gloucestershire for young people aged 9-21 and their families. www.ticplus.org.uk Text: 07520 634063 Tel: 01594 372777</p>
Drug concerns	<p>www.infobuzz.co.uk/: InfoBuzz provides individual targeted support around drugs & emotional health issues, development of personal & social skills, and information & support around substance misuse. Drugs education is covered in the school curriculum.</p> <p>The Life Education Bus visits as part of this provision (PSHCE/SMSC) curriculum</p>

	as a preventative measure.
<p>Mental health Concerns</p> <p>* Please note that in Gloucestershire CYPS (children and young people's services) replaced CAMHS (child and adolescent mental health services)</p>	<p>PSHCE/ SMSC curriculum – emotional wellbeing, stress management is taught. Referral to school nurses may be appropriate.</p> <p>Referral to CYPS (Gloucestershire's mental health services) via your own GP.</p> <p>For children/young people/adults with existing mental health difficulties concerns should be discussed with the existing medical professionals (consultant psychiatrists).</p> <p>In an emergency call 999 or 111.</p> <p>CYPS* Practitioner advice line (for professionals to call) tel: 01452 894272.</p>
<p>Child Sexual exploitation (CSE)</p>	<p>CSE screening tool (can be located on the GSCB website: www.gscb.org.uk/article/113294/Gloucestershire-procedures-and-protocols) This should be completed if CSE suspected.</p> <p>Clear information about Warning signs, the screening tool and Gloucestershire's multi-agency protocol for safeguarding children at risk of CSE are at www.gscb.org. Referrals should be made to Gloucestershire social care and the Gloucestershire Police.</p> <p>Gloucestershire Police CSE Team: The CSE team sits within the Public Protection Bureau Single agency team (Police) DS Nigel Hatten, DC Tess Nawaz, DC Kim Toogood, PC Dawn Collings, PC Nicki Dannatt, PC Jenny Kadodia, PC Christina Pfister (Missing persons Coordinator) 01242 276846 All referrals to go to the Central Referral Unit 01242 247999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information: National Working Group (Network tackling Child Sexual Exploitation) www.nationalworkinggroup.org and PACE UK (Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation) www.paceuk.info
<p>Domestic violence</p>	<p>The GSCB (Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's board) have published a Domestic Abuse pathway for educational settings which is on the GSCB website. If a child or young person is suspected of living at home with a domestically abusive parent or if a young person has domestic abuse in their own relationship then the usual procedures should be followed and a referral made to the children's helpdesk (tel: 01452 426565). The response will vary according to the age of the young person so that the appropriate agencies are involved. Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS) www.gdass.org.uk</p> <p>MARAC Gloucestershire Constabulary: Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) prioritise the safety of victims who have been risk assessed at high or very high risk of harm. The MARAC is an integral part of the Specialist Domestic Violence Court Programme, and information will be shared between the MARAC and the Courts, in high and very high risk cases, as part of the process of risk management.</p>
<p>Teenage relationship Abuse (for information)</p>	<p>Please see comment about the Domestic abuse pathway for educational settings above (in domestic violence section). www.gov.uk – home office 'teachers guide to violence and abuse in teenage relationships.' All violence or suspected violence should be reported the police and/or social care as appropriate. GDASS (Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service) can be referred to for support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young person's GDASS leaflet. • Lead GHLL Teacher for advice and support with curriculum resources (tel: 01452 427208) • Gloucestershire Take a Stand – www.glostakeastand.com

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Gazzard Trust (local charity) – support worker. <p>Prevention: Resources used in the Wellbeing curriculum with pupils (available to all GHES staff) are the ‘Teenage Relationship Abuse’ and ‘Give and Get’ (about consent)</p> <p>Curriculum resources – www.ghll.org.</p> <p>Visit from Holly Gazzard Trust to classroom.</p>
Female genital mutilation (FGM)	<p>http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/female-genital-mutilation for NHS information and signs of FGM. Any suspicion of FGM should be referred to the Police and social care.</p> <p>- E-learning package- http://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/ for interested staff or professionals (free home office e-learning)</p> <p>Posters/leaflets on FGM shared with staff and pupils.</p>
Faith abuse	<p>www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-action-plan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief for copy of DfE document ‘national action plan to tackle child abuse linked to faith or belief.’</p> <p>Judith Knight; Diocese of Gloucester Head of Safeguarding/faith abuse contact: jknight@glosdioc.org.uk. For other faith groups contact Jane Bee (GCC LADO).</p>
Fabricated and induced illness (FII)	<p>http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Fabricated-or-induced-illness for information on behaviours and motivation behind FII. Any professionals suspecting FII must involve the Police, Social Services and follow the child protection procedures outlined in this policy.</p>
Forced marriage (for information)	<p>SPOC (Single Point of Contact) for Forced Marriage in Gloucestershire is Acting DI Jo Mercurio (Gloucestershire Constabulary, Public Protection Bureau).</p> <p>UK Forced Marriage Unit fm_u@fco.gov.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 020 7008 0151 Call 999 (police) in an emergency.</p> <p>www.gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage for information on Forced Marriage. <i>Visit Home Office website to undertake Forced Marriage e-learning package</i></p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/forcedmarriage.</p> <p>GSCB one day Awareness training delivered by Infobuzz www.gscb.org.uk</p> <p>Please see ‘Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines- Handling cases of Forced Marriage’ for more information and detail</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/forcedmarriage.</p> <p><i>All practitioners must be aware of this, that is they may only have one chance to speak to a potential victim and thus they may only have one chance to save a life. This means that all practitioners working within statutory agencies need to be aware of their responsibilities and obligations when they come across forced marriage cases. If the victim is allowed to walk out of the door without support being offered, that one chance might be wasted.</i></p> <p>Prevention Freedom Charity- Aneeta Prem ‘But it’s not fair’ book. A book for teenagers looking at forced marriage from the point of view of school friends of the girl who went to India and didn’t come back. This book promotes discussion.</p>
Gangs and youth violence	<p>Contact the Avenger Task Force/Inspector Neil Smith (Gloucestershire Police tel: 101). A task force set up to identify potential gang members as vulnerable individuals and potential victims and aims to help them.</p> <p>Prevention: wellbeing curriculum – self-esteem & identity, law & order and considering impact of violence on communities.</p>
Gender-based violence/violence against women and girls (WAWG)	<p>www.gov.uk – home office policy document, ‘Ending violence 21 violence/violence against women and girls (WAWG) against women and girls in the UK’ (June 2014).</p> <p>FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) is violence against women and girls.</p> <p>Hope House SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre): 01452 754390</p>

	Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre: 01452 526770
Honour based abuse (HBA)	The police have made it a high priority to help communities fight back to tackle both honour based abuse and hate crime. The 'Honour Network Help line': 0800 5 999 247
Mental health	CYPS (Gloucestershire's mental health services) CYPS (Gloucestershire children's mental health services). Consultant psychiatrists. PSHCE / SMSC curriculum – emotional wellbeing, stress management
Private fostering	http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/privatefostering Gloucestershire County council website information on private fostering. Refer to Gloucestershire Children & Families Helpdesk on 01452 426565 or Gloucestershire Private Fostering Social Worker 01452 427874. A private fostering arrangement is essentially one that is made without the involvement of a local authority. Private fostering is defined in the Children Act 1989 and occurs when a child or young person under the age of 16 (under 18 if disabled) is cared for and provided with accommodation, for 28 days or more, by someone who is not their parent, guardian or a close relative. (Close relatives are defined as; step-parents, siblings, brothers or sisters of parents or grandparents).
Radicalisation	Gloucestershire Constabulary: 101 and (LADO) Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321 Prevention: GHES teach traditional British values through the curriculum: democracy, rule of law, respect for others, liberty, tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and promotion of 'Britishness'. GHES has an annual British values focus week.
Sexting	http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-childrensafe/sexting (NSPCC website). Gloucestershire Police have a small sexual exploitation team. Prevention: 'So you got naked online' (sexting information leaflet produced for pupils by south west grid for learning) -Included in the Wellbeing PINK Curriculum (PSHCE/SMSC). <i>Sexting is illegal but the police have stated that young people should be treated as victims in the first place and not usually face prosecution. The police's priority is those who profit from sexual images of young people....not the victims.</i>
Trafficking	Serious crime which must be reported to Jane Bee (Gloucestershire LADO) and the Gloucestershire Police. Trafficking can include a young person being moved across the same street to a different address for the purpose of exploitation. It doesn't have to include people, children or young people being moved great distances.
Children who run away (missing persons/missing children)	PC Christina Pfister (Gloucestershire Police: Missing persons Coordinator) Tel: 101 <i>GSCB Missing Children Protocol http://www.gscb.org.uk: Gloucestershire's protocol on partnership working when children and young people run away and go missing from home or care.</i> ASTRA (Gloucestershire): The ASTRA (Alternative Solutions To Running Away) has the primary aim of reducing the incidence of persistent running away across Gloucestershire. The project provides support, advice and information to young people up to eighteen years old who have run away. This might be from a family home, foster home or from a residential unit. ASTRA provides support after the event to enable a young person to address the causes of running away. The ASTRA project offers young people help and the support required in order to find Alternative Solutions To Running Away. Freephone Telephone number: 0800-389-4992 EXCLUSIVELY for young people who have run away and have no

	<p>money. All other callers are asked to use the 'ordinary' number (tel: 01452 541599).</p>
<p>CME (Children missing education)</p>	<p>Anyone concerned that a child is missing education (CME) can make a referral to the Education Entitlement and Inclusion team (EEI) at Gloucestershire County Council. Tel: 01452 426960/427360.</p> <p>Children Missing Education (CME) refers to 'any child of compulsory school age who is not registered at any formally approved education activity e.g. school, alternative provision, elective home education, and has been out of education provision for at least 4 weeks'. CME also includes those children who are missing (family whereabouts unknown), and are usually children who are registered on a school roll / alternative provision. This might be a child who is not at their last known address and either: has not taken up an allocated school place as expected, or has 10 or more days of continuous absence from school without explanation, or left school suddenly and the destination is unknown. It is the responsibility of the Education Entitlement and Inclusion team, on behalf of the Local Authority (LA), to: Collate information on all reported cases of CME of statutory school aged children in Gloucestershire maintained schools, academies, free schools, alternative provision academies and Alternative Provision Schools (APS). The EEI Team will also liaise with partner agencies and other LAs and schools across Britain to track pupils who may be missing education and ensure each child missing education is offered full time education within 2 weeks of the date the LA was informed.</p>