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# Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

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- Freeman Community Primary School
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# Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Framework

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's** responsibility. 'Children' includes everyone under the age of 18. **Everyone** who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the **best interest** of the child.

(Keeping Children Safe in Education)

## 1. Ethos statement

We recognise the moral and statutory responsibility placed on all staff to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. We aim to provide a safe and welcoming environment, in which children can learn, underpinned by a culture of openness where both children and adults feel secure, are able to raise concerns and believe they are being listened to, and that appropriate action will be taken to keep them safe.

## 2. Introduction

The Board of Children's Endeavour Trust and the Local Governing Bodies of the schools recognise the need to ensure compliance with our duties under legislation and that this policy has regard to statutory guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE), Working Together to Safeguard Children and locally agreed inter-agency procedures put in place by the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership.

This policy will be reviewed annually, as a minimum, alongside the Child-on-Child Abuse Policy, Low-Level Concerns Policy, Online Safety and Single Central Record Policy. It will be made available publicly via the Trust and school websites or on request.

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

This policy is for all staff, parents, trustees, governors, volunteers, supply staff and contractors and the wider school communities. It forms part of the child protection and safeguarding arrangements for our trust and schools and is one of a suite of policies and procedures which encompass the safeguarding responsibilities of the school. In particular, this policy should be read in conjunction with Part Five of KCSiE and the following School and Trust Policies:

School Policies	Trust Policies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour/Anti-Bullying Policies</li> <li>• Special Educational Needs and Disability</li> <li>• Supporting Pupils in School with Medical Conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Child-on-Child Abuse Policy</li> <li>• Low Level Concerns Polic</li> <li>• Online Safety</li> <li>• Single Central Record Policy</li> <li>• Safer Recruitment Policy</li> </ul>

*Copies of the above are available on the Trust Website and will be provided to all staff on induction.*

The aims of this policy are to:

- **Provide staff with a framework to promote and safeguard the wellbeing of children and young people and ensure that all staff understand and meet their statutory responsibilities.**
- **Ensure consistent good practice across the schools.**

The Trust Board expects that all staff will have read and understood this Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and their responsibility to implement it. Staff working in regulated activity **must**, as a minimum, have read and understand Part One of [Keeping children safe in education 2025](#). The Trust Board and Governors will ensure that trustees, governors and senior leaders have read and understand Parts One and Two of KCSiE 2025 as a minimum.

The Trust Board and Governors will ensure that those staff who do not work directly with children have read either Part One or Annex A of KCSiE 2025 together with Annex B. There may be some staff whom the Trust Board and Governors require they read additional sections, for example, colleagues involved in safer recruitment administration including the maintenance of the single central record and Designated Safeguarding Lead/Safeguarding Governor should also read Part Three of KCSiE.

The Trust Board will ensure that arrangements are in place for all staff members to receive appropriate Safeguarding and Child Protection Training which is regularly updated. Children's Endeavour Trust will ensure that all governors and trustees receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection training (including online) at induction which is regularly updated.

Compliance with the policy will be monitored by the CEO, Headteachers, Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and Named Safeguarding Trustee and Governors.

### **3. Statutory framework**

Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 (as amended) in the case of maintained schools and pupil referral units, Section 157 of the Education Act 2002 (as amended) and the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 for independent schools (including academies and free schools), the Non-Maintained Special Schools (England) Regulations 2015, and the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (as amended) for post 16 education providers, place a statutory duty on governing bodies and proprietors to have policies and procedures in place that safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people who are pupils of the school which must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State.

In accordance with statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 [Working together to safeguard children 2023: statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/106521/working-together-to-safeguard-children-2023-statutory-guidance.pdf), local safeguarding arrangements must be established for every Local Authority area by the three safeguarding partners (Local Authority, Police and Integrated Care Boards). All three partners have joint and equal duty for a range of roles and statutory functions including developing local safeguarding policy and procedures and scrutinising local arrangements. In Suffolk, all schools have been named by the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership (SSP) as relevant agencies, this means staff in schools must work in accordance with the multi-agency procedures developed by the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership (SSP) which can be found on their website at: <https://suffolksp.org.uk/>.

### **4. Key roles and responsibilities**

#### **The Trust Board**

The Trust Board has a strategic leadership responsibility for the Trust and schools' safeguarding arrangements and must ensure that they comply with their duties under legislation. The Trust Board has a legal responsibility to make sure that there are appropriate policies and procedures in place, which have regard to statutory guidance, in order for appropriate action to be taken in a timely manner to safeguard and promote children and young people's welfare. The Trust Board will also ensure that these policies are made available to parents and carers by publishing this on the Trust and school websites or in writing if requested.

The Trust Board will ensure they facilitate a Trust and whole school approach to safeguarding. This means involving everyone in the Trust and schools and ensuring safeguarding and child protection are at the forefront and underpin all relevant aspects of process and policy development, and that all systems, processes and policies are transparent, clear and easy to understand and operate with the best interests of the child at their heart.

The Trust Board will ensure that where there is a safeguarding concern school leaders will make sure the child's wishes and feelings are taken into account when determining what action to take and what services to provide. Systems will be in place that are well promoted, easily understood and easily accessible for children to confidently report any form of abuse, knowing their concerns will be treated seriously, and knowing they can safely express their views and give feedback.

The Trust Board will ensure that the schools contribute to multi-agency working in line with statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children and that the school's safeguarding arrangements take into account the procedures and practice of the locally agreed multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in place.

The Trust Board will ensure that, as a minimum, the following policies are in place to enable appropriate action to be taken to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people as appropriate:

- Child-on-Child Abuse
- Online Safety
- Behaviour, including measures to prevent bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying)
- Low Level Concerns
- Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Supporting Pupils in School with Medical Conditions
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Safer Recruitment
- Single Central Record
- Whistleblowing

It is the responsibility of the Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies to ensure that staff and volunteers are properly vetted to make sure they are safe to work with the pupils who attend our schools and that the schools have procedures for appropriately managing safeguarding allegations made against, or low level concerns involving, members of staff (including the CEO, Central Team Staff, headteachers, supply teachers, contractors, and volunteers).

The Trust Board will ensure that there is a named Trustee for safeguarding, and that Local Governing Bodies have named governors for safeguarding (see appendix A). The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies will ensure there are Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for:

- The Trust Central Team
- Each school

These DSLs will be senior members of the leadership teams and have lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. In the schools, the DSLs will also be responsible for Designated Teachers to promote the educational achievement of children who are looked after or previously looked after and will ensure that these people have the appropriate training.

The Trust Board will have regard to their obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010 (including the Public Sector Equality Duty), set out in paragraphs 81-91 of KCSiE.

The schools will inform Suffolk County Council annually about the discharge of their safeguarding duties by completing the safeguarding self-assessment audit.

### **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

The DSLs will take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety including and understanding the filtering and monitoring systems in place). This will be made explicit in the role-holder's job description. (The broad areas of responsibility and activities related to the role of the DSLs are set out in Annex C of KCSiE 2025).

The DSL will have the appropriate status, authority, time, funding, training, resources and support they need to carry out the duties of the post effectively.

The schools also have alternate DSLs who are trained to the same standard as the DSL. The DSL and any alternate DSLs will provide advice and support to staff in school and will liaise with the Local Authority and work with other agencies in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.

During term time, the DSL and/or an alternate should always be available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. The DSL will make arrangements for adequate and appropriate cover arrangements for any out of hours/out of term time activities.

The DSL will undergo training to provide them with the knowledge and skills to carry out the role. This training will be updated every two years.

The DSL will liaise with the headteacher to inform them of issues and in particular ongoing enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and police investigations. This will be done in accordance with the Local Authority's explanatory note on the requirements around children having an appropriate adult [Schools-StopSearch-v2.3.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)

### **Headteachers**

Headteachers will ensure that the policies and procedures adopted by the Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies are fully implemented and that sufficient resources, time and training are provided to enable staff members to discharge their safeguarding responsibilities and contribute effectively to a whole school approach to safeguarding.

Headteachers will be responsible for ensuring a culture of safety and ongoing vigilance that fosters the belief that '*it could happen here*'.

### **All staff**

All staff have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn.

All staff working in regulated activity with children must read and ensure they understand at least Part One of KCSiE 2025. Those staff that do not work directly with children must read and ensure

they understand either at least the condensed version of Part One of KCSiE (Annex A), together with Annex B.

All staff must ensure they are familiar with the systems within school which support safeguarding, including The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, The Code of Conduct, The Behaviour Policy, the safeguarding response to children who go missing from education, and the role of the DSL (including the identity of the DSL and any deputies). These will be explained to all staff on induction.

All staff should be aware of indicators of abuse and neglect so that they are able to identify cases of children who may be in need of help or protection. All staff should maintain a belief that '*it could happen here*' where safeguarding is concerned and if staff have any concerns about a child's welfare they must act on them immediately.

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.

All staff should know what to do if a child tells them he/she is being abused, neglected or exploited, and/or is otherwise at risk of involvement in criminal activity, such as knife crime, or involved in county lines drug dealing.

All staff should be aware of the process for making referrals to children's social care and for statutory assessments under the Children Act 1989 that may follow a referral, especially section 17 (children in need) and section 47 (a child suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm) along with the role they might be expected to play in such assessments.

All staff should be aware of, and understand their role within the [Family Support — Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership](#) and [Early Help Assessment \(EHA\) - Suffolk County Council](#) for all services, at both a Local Authority and school level. This includes providing support as soon as a problem emerges, liaising with the DSL, and sharing information with other professionals in order to support early identification and assessment, focusing on providing interventions to avoid escalation of worries and needs (also see Section 12: Information Sharing). In some cases, staff may be asked to act as the lead professional in undertaking an early help assessment. Further guidance on effective assessment of the need for early help can be found in [Working together to safeguard children 2023: statutory guidance](#)

Any child may benefit from early help, but all school and college staff should be 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 (SEN) (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
- has experienced multiple suspensions, is at risk of being permanently excluded from schools, colleges and in Alternative Provision or a Pupil Referral Unit
- is at risk of modern slavery, trafficking and/or sexual or criminal exploitation
- is at risk of being radicalised or exploited
- has a parent or carer in custody, 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 or domestic abuse
- is misusing alcohol and other drugs themselves
- has returned home to their family from care
- is at risk of 'honour'-based abuse such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or forced marriage
- is a privately fostered child
- is persistently absent from education, including persistent absences for part of the school day

Knowing what to look out for is vital to the early identification of abuse and neglect and specific safeguarding issues such as child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation. If staff are unsure, they should always speak to the DSL (or alternate). If in exceptional circumstances the DSL (or alternate) is not available, this should not delay appropriate action being taken. Staff should consider speaking to a member of the senior leadership team and/ or take advice from children's social care [Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub \(MASH\) - Suffolk County Council](#) Consultation Line. In these circumstances, any action taken should be shared with the DSL as soon as is practically possible.

*Appendix A contains a list of all the staff/governors/trustees with responsibility for safeguarding for each of the Trust's schools.*

## **5. Induction & Training**

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies will ensure that all staff receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety, which amongst other things includes an understanding of the expectations, applicable role and responsibilities in relation to filtering and monitoring) which is regularly updated and [in line with advice from SSP](#). In addition, all staff members will receive regular safeguarding and child protection (including online safety) updates (for example, via email, e-bulletins, staff meetings) as required, but at least annually, to

provide them with relevant skills and up to date knowledge of emerging and evolving safeguarding issues to safeguard children effectively.

All new staff members will undergo safeguarding and child protection training at induction. This will include training on the Trust and schools' Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Online Safety, The Code of Conduct, Low-Levels Concerns Policy, Behaviour Policy, the safeguarding response to children who are absent from education, and the role of the designated safeguarding lead.

Copies of the school's policies, procedures and Part One of KCSiE (or Annex A for those staff who do not work directly with children) will be provided to new staff at induction.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies will ensure that safeguarding training for staff, including online safety training, is integrated, aligned and considered as part of the whole school safeguarding approach and wider staff training and curriculum planning.

Headteachers will ensure that an accurate record of safeguarding training undertaken by all school staff is maintained and updated regularly. The CEO will ensure that an accurate record of safeguarding training undertaken by all central staff is maintained and updated regularly.

In considering safeguarding training arrangements the Trust and Local Governing Bodies will also have regard to the Teachers' Standards which set out the expectation that all teachers manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe educational environment and require teachers to have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, including those with mental health needs.

## **6. Recognising concerns - signs and indicators of abuse, neglect and exploitation.**

All staff should be aware of the indicators of abuse, neglect and exploitation (see below), understanding that children can be at risk of harm inside and outside of school, inside and outside of home, and online. Exercising professional curiosity and knowing what to look for is vital for the early identification of abuse and neglect so that staff are able to identify cases of children who may be in need of help or protection.

All school and college staff should be aware that abuse, neglect, exploitation, 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.

All staff, but especially the designated safeguarding lead (and alternates) 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 abuse (including harassment and exploitation), domestic abuse in their own intimate relationships (teenage relationship abuse), criminal exploitation, serious youth violence, county lines and radicalisation.

All staff should be aware that technology is a significant component in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues. Children are at risk of abuse and other risks online as well as face to face. In many cases abuse and other risks will take place concurrently both online and offline. Children can also abuse other children online, this can take the form of abusive, harassing, and misogynistic/misandrist 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

**In all cases, if staff are unsure, they should always speak to the DSL or alternate DSL.**

## **Indicators of abuse and neglect**

**Abuse** is defined as 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. Harm can include ill treatment that is not physical as well as the impact of witnessing ill treatment of others. This can be particularly relevant, for example, in relation to the impact on children of all forms of domestic abuse including where they see, hear or experience its effects. Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting by those known to them or, more rarely, by others. Abuse can take place wholly online, or technology may be used to facilitate offline abuse. They may be abused by an adult or adults or another child or children.

The following indicators listed under the categories of abuse are not an exhaustive list:

**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.

**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. It may include not giving the child opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say or how they communicate. It may feature age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children. These may include interactions that are beyond a child's developmental capability as well as overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning, or preventing the child participating in normal social interaction. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another. It may involve serious bullying (including 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.

**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. They may also include 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. The sexual abuse of children by other children is a specific safeguarding issue (also known as child-on-child abuse) in education and all staff should be aware of it and of the school's policy and procedures for dealing with it.

**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); or ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

(Source [Keeping children safe in education 2025](#))

## 7. Specific safeguarding issues

All staff should have an awareness of safeguarding issues that can put children at risk of harm. Behaviours linked to issues such as of drug taking and/or alcohol misuse, unexplainable and/or persistent absences from education, serious violence (including that linked to county lines) radicalisation and consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos can be signs that children are at risk. Other safeguarding issues all staff should be aware of include:

### **Child-on-Child Abuse** *(also refer to the Trust Child-on-Child Abuse Policy)*

All staff should be aware that children can abuse other children (often referred to as child-on-child abuse). And that it can happen both inside and outside of school and online. It is important that all staff recognise the indicators and signs of child-on-child abuse and know how to identify it and respond to reports.

All staff should understand, that even if there no reports in school it does not mean it's not happening, it may be the case that it is just not being reported. As such, it is important if staff have any concerns regarding child-on-child abuse they should speak to the DSL (or alternate DSLs) and record these using the school safeguarding system. The Trust's Child-on-Child Abuse Policy contains more information on this important area of safeguarding.

It is essential that all staff understand the importance of challenging inappropriate behaviours between children, many of which are listed below, that are abusive in nature. Downplaying certain behaviours, for example dismissing sexual harassment as “*just banter*”, “*just having a laugh*”, “*part of growing up*” or “*boys being boys*” can lead to a culture of unacceptable behaviours, an unsafe environment for children and in worst case scenarios a culture that normalises abuse leading to children accepting it as normal and not coming forward to report it.

Child-on-child abuse is most likely to include, but may not be limited to:

- bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying)
- abuse in intimate personal relationships between children (sometimes known as ‘teenage relationship abuse’)
- physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm (this may include an online element which facilitates, threatens and/or encourages physical abuse)
- sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault (this may include an online element which facilitates, threatens and/or encourages sexual violence)
- sexual harassment, such as sexual comments, remarks, jokes and online sexual harassment, which may be stand-alone or part of a broader pattern of abuse.
- 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.
- consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi nudes images and or videos (also known as sexting or youth produced sexual imagery)
- upskirting, 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 (this could include activities involving harassment, abuse or humiliation used as a way of initiating a person into a group and may also include an online element)

All staff should be clear about the school’s policy and procedures with regards to child-on-child abuse and the important role they have to play in preventing it and responding where they believe a child may be at risk from it. The Trust’s Child-on-Child Abuse Policy contains more information on this important area of safeguarding.

### **Child Sexual exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)**

Both CSE and CCE are forms of abuse and both occur where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into taking part in sexual or criminal activity, in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator and/or through violence or the threat of violence. CSE and CCE can affect children, both male and female and can include

children who have been moved (commonly referred to as trafficking) for the purpose of exploitation.

### **Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)**

Some specific forms of CCE can include children being forced or manipulated into transporting drugs or money through county lines, working in cannabis factories, shoplifting or pickpocketing. They can also be forced or manipulated into committing vehicle crime or threatening/committing serious violence to others.

Children can become trapped by this type of exploitation as perpetrators can threaten victims (and their families) with violence or entrap and coerce them into debt. They may be coerced into carrying weapons such as knives or begin to carry a knife for a sense of protection from harm from others. As children involved in criminal exploitation often commit crimes themselves, their vulnerability as victims is not always recognised by adults and professionals (particularly older children), and they are not treated as victims despite the harm they have experienced. They may still have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears to be something they have agreed or consented to.

It is important to note that the experience of girls who are criminally exploited can be very different to that of boys. The indicators may not be the same, however staff should be aware that girls are at risk of criminal exploitation too. It is also important to note that both boys and girls being criminally exploited may be at higher risk of sexual exploitation.

### **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

CSE is a form of child sexual abuse. Sexual abuse may involve physical contact, including assault by penetration (for example, rape or oral sex) or nonpenetrative acts such as masturbation, kissing, rubbing, and touching outside clothing. It may include non-contact activities, such as involving children in the production of sexual images, forcing children to look at sexual images or watch sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways or grooming a child in preparation for abuse including via the internet.

CSE can occur over time or be a one-off occurrence and may happen without the child's immediate knowledge e.g. through others sharing videos or images of them on social media. CSE can affect any child, who has been coerced into engaging in sexual activities. This includes 16 and 17 year olds who can legally consent to have sex. Some children may not realise they are being exploited e.g. they believe they are in a genuine romantic relationship.

Further information on signs of a child's involvement in sexual exploitation is available in [Child sexual exploitation: definition and guide for practitioners - GOV.UK](#)

## **Domestic Abuse**

Domestic abuse can encompass a wide range of behaviours and may be a single incident or pattern of incidents. That's abuse can be, but is not limited to, psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional. Children can be victims of domestic abuse. They may see, hear, or experience the effects of abuse at home and/or suffer domestic abuse in their own intimate relationships (teenage relationship abuse). All of which can have a detrimental and long term impact on their health, well-being, development, and ability to learn.

## **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**

Whilst all staff should speak to the DSL (or alternate) with regard to any concerns about FGM, there is a specific legal duty on teachers. If a teacher, in the course of their work in the profession, discovers that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl under the age of 18, the teacher must report this to the police. *Under section 5B (11) (a) of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003, 'teacher' means, in relation to England, a person within section 141A (1) of the Education Act 2002 (persons employed or engaged to carry out teaching work at schools and other institutions in England)*

## **Mental Health**

All staff should 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. Education 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.

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.

If staff have a mental health concern about a child that is also a safeguarding concern, immediate action should be taken, following policy, and speaking to the DSL or an alternate.

## **Serious violence**

All staff should be aware of the indicators which may signal that children are at risk from, or 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.

## Preventing radicalisation

Children may be susceptible to radicalisation into terrorism. 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. For further information see Page 157 of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025.

### Channel

Channel is a voluntary, confidential support programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being susceptible to being drawn into terrorism.

Prevent referrals are assessed and may be passed to a multi-agency Channel panel, which will discuss the individual referred to determine whether they are at risk of being drawn into terrorism and consider the appropriate support required. For further information see Page 158 of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025

## 8. Children potentially at greater risk of harm

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies recognise that whilst all children should be protected there are some groups of children who are potentially at greater risk of harm and, in some cases, these children may find it difficult to communicate what is happening to them.

Where a school places a pupil with an alternative provision provider, it continues to be responsible for the safeguarding of that pupil and should be satisfied that the placement meets the pupil's needs.

- Schools should obtain written confirmation from alternative provision providers that the necessary safeguarding and employment checks have been completed for all staff in line with statutory guidance.
- Schools should also be advised about any changes that might put the child at risk, e.g. staff changes, so the school can make sure appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out.
- Schools must know where a child is during school hours, including the address of any alternative provider, subcontracted provision or satellite site.
- Schools should regularly review the alternative provision placements, at least half termly.
- Where safeguarding concerns arise, the placement should be immediately reviewed, and terminated, if necessary.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies recognise that the cohort of pupils in alternative provision often have complex needs and are/is aware of the additional risk of harm our pupils may be vulnerable to.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies will have regard to the following statutory guidance: [Arranging Alternative Provision - guide for LAs and schools](#) and [Education for children with health needs who cannot attend school – DfE Statutory Guidance](#)

## **Children who need a social worker (Child in Need and Child Protection Plans)**

Children may need a social worker due to complex safeguarding or welfare needs. Children may need this help due to abuse, neglect and/or complex family circumstances. A child's experiences of adversity and trauma can leave them vulnerable to further harm, as well as educationally disadvantaged in facing barriers to attendance, learning, behaviour and mental health.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies expect that the Local Authority will share the fact a child has a social worker, and the DSL will hold and use this information so that decisions can be made in the best interests of the child's safety, welfare and educational outcomes. This should be considered as a matter of routine. There are clear powers to share this information under existing duties on both LAs and school to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Where children need a social worker, this should inform decisions about safeguarding (for example, responding to unauthorised absence or to a child missing education where there are known safeguarding risks) and about promoting welfare (for example, considering the provision of pastoral and/or academic support, alongside action by statutory services).

## **Children absent from education**

A child being absent from education, particularly repeatedly, can be a warning sign of a range of safeguarding issues. This might include abuse or neglect, such as sexual abuse or exploitation or child criminal exploitation, or issues such as mental health problems, substance abuse, radicalisation, FGM or forced marriage.

There are many circumstances where a child may be absent or become missing from education, but some children are particularly at risk. These include children who:

- Are at risk of harm or neglect
- Are at risk of forced marriage or FGM
- Come from Gypsy, Roma, or Traveller families
- Come from the families of service personnel
- Go missing or run away from home or care
- Are supervised by the youth justice system
- Cease to attend a school
- Come from new migrant families

It is important that the schools' procedures for unauthorised absence and for dealing with children who are absent from education are followed, particularly on repeat occasions, to help identify the risk of abuse and neglect, including sexual exploitation, and to help prevent the risks of going missing in future. This includes when problems are first emerging but also where children are already known to LA children's social care and need a social worker (such as on a child in need or child protection plan, or as a looked after child), where absence from education may increase known safeguarding risks within the family or in the community. As such, all staff should be aware of the school's unauthorised absence procedures and children missing education procedures.

This includes informing the LA if a child leaves the school without a new school being named and adhering to requirements with respect to sharing information with the LA, when applicable, when removing a child's name from the admission register at non-standard transition points.

Staff will be trained in signs to look out for and the individual triggers to be aware of when considering the risks of potential safeguarding concerns which may be related to being absent, such as travelling to conflict zones, FGM and forced marriage.

Further information and support includes:

- schools' duties regarding children missing education, including information schools must provide to the LA when removing a child from the school roll at standard and non-standard transition points can be found in the DfE's statutory guidance: [Children Missing Education](#).
- General information and advice for schools can be found in the Government's [Missing Children and Adults Strategy](#).
- guidance for schools concerning children who are absent from education [Working Together To Improve School Attendance](#)

### **Elective Home Education**

Many home educated children have a positive learning experience. We would expect the parents' decision to home educate to be made with their child's best education at the heart of the decision. However, this is not the case for all. Elective home education can mean that some children are not in receipt of suitable education and are less visible to the services that are there to keep them safe and supported in line with their needs.

Where a parent/carer has expressed their intention to remove a child from school with a view to educating at home, the school will work together with the LA and other key professionals to coordinate a meeting with parents/carers where possible.

Ideally this would be before a final decision has been made to, to ensure the parents/carers have considered what is in the best interests of each child. This is particularly important where a child has SEND, is vulnerable, and/or has a social worker. Where a child has an Education, Health and Care plan in place the LA will need to review the plan, working closely with parents and carers.

### **Children requiring mental health support**

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.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies will ensure there are clear systems and processes in place for identifying possible mental health problems, including routes to escalate, and a clear referral and accountability system.

Staff can access further advice in a DfE guidance documents [Preventing and tackling bullying](#) and [mental health and behaviour in schools](#) which set out how staff can help prevent mental health

problems by promoting resilience as part of an integrated, whole school approach to social and emotional wellbeing, which is tailored to the needs of pupils.

### **Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children.**

The most common reason for children becoming looked after is as a result of abuse and/or neglect. The governing body/proprietor will ensure staff have the skills, knowledge and understanding to keep looked after children safe.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies will ensure there are arrangements in place so that appropriate staff have the information they need in relation to a child's looked after legal status (whether they are looked after under voluntary arrangements with consent of parents, or on an interim or full care order) and the child's contact arrangements with birth parents or those with parental responsibility.

Appropriate staff will also have information about the child's care arrangements and the levels of authority delegated to the carer by the authority looking after the child. The DSL should have the details of the child's social worker and the name of the virtual school head in the authority that looks after the child.

A previously looked after child potentially remains vulnerable and all staff should have the skills, knowledge and understanding to keep previously looked after children safe. The governing body/proprietor recognise that when dealing with looked after children and previously looked after children, it is important that all agencies work together and prompt action is taken when necessary to safeguard these children, who are a particularly vulnerable group.

For children who are care leavers, the DSL should have details of the LA Personal Advisor appointed to guide and support the care leaver and liaise with them as necessary regarding any issues of concern.

**Children with SEN and disabilities, or health issues** can face additional safeguarding challenges, both online and offline.

Staff should avoid making assumptions that indicators of possible abuse such as behaviour, mood and injury may relate to the child's disability or medical condition without further exploration.

Staff should also be aware that these children may be more prone to peer group isolation or bullying (including prejudice-based bullying) than other children. Similarly, staff should be aware of the potential for children with SEND or certain medical conditions being disproportionately impacted by behaviours such as bullying without outwardly showing signs or being able to communicate how they are feeling.

Staff also need to be mindful of children's cognitive understanding, for example, whether they are able to understand the difference between fact and fiction in online content and the consequences of repeating the content/behaviours in school.

As such, any reports of abuse involving children with SEND will require close liaison with the DSL and SENCO.

Further information can be found in the DfE's:

- [SEND Code of Practice 0 to 25 years](#), and
- [Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions](#)
- [Children with special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) | NSPCC Learning](#)
- [NSPCC - Safeguarding child protection/deaf and disabled children and young people](#)

## **Children who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or gender questioning**

***Revised guidance on gender questioning children was expected in the summer of 2025. When published, we will signpost to this guidance.*** In the absence of confirmed guidance the following guidance is available [GQC Draft Guidance — Trans and Non-Binary Education](#)

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies acknowledge that the fact that a child or young person may be lesbian, gay, bisexual or gender questioning is not in itself an inherent risk factor for harm. However, children who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or gender questioning can be targeted by other children. In some cases, a child who is perceived to be lesbian, gay, bisexual or gender questioning (whether they are or not) can be just as vulnerable as children who are.

Risks can be compounded where children who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or gender questioning lack a trusted adult with whom they can be open. Staff should therefore endeavour to reduce the additional barriers faced and provide a safe space for them to speak out or share their concerns with members of staff.

## **9. Opportunities to teach safeguarding**

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies will ensure that children and young people are taught about how to keep themselves and others safe, including online.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies recognise that effective education should be tailored to the specific needs and vulnerabilities of individual children, including children who are victims of abuse, and children with SEND.

Relevant topics will be included within Relationships Education and through Health Education, having regard to statutory guidance.

Preventative education is most effective in the context of a whole-school approach that prepares children and young people for life in modern Britain and creates a culture of zero tolerance for sexism, misogyny/misandry, homophobia, biphobic and sexual violence/harassment.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies expect that the schools' values and standards should be upheld and demonstrated throughout all aspects of school life. These will be underpinned by the school's behaviour policy and pastoral support system, as well as by a planned programme of evidence-based RSHE delivered in regularly timetabled lessons and reinforced throughout the whole curriculum. This whole-school approach will be fully inclusive and developed to be age and stage of development appropriate, and will tackle (in age-appropriate stages) issues such as:

- Healthy and respectful relationships
- Boundaries and consent
- Stereotyping, prejudice and equality
- Body confidence and self-esteem
- How to recognise and abusive relationship, including coercive and controlling behaviour
- The concepts of, and laws relating to – sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, so called honour-based violence such as forced marriage and FGM, and how to access support, and
- What constitutes sexual harassment and sexual violence and why these are always unacceptable.

Our schools will ensure that there are appropriate filters and monitoring systems in place to safeguard children and young people from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material.

## **10. Online safety**

The use of technology has become a significant component of many safeguarding issues such as child sexual exploitation, radicalisation and sexual predation and technology often provides the platform that facilitates such harm.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies have had due regard to the additional information and support set out in KCSiE and ensures that the schools have whole school approaches to online safety and have a clear policy on use of communications technology in school. Online Safety will be a running and interrelated theme when devising and implementing policies and procedures. This will include considering how online safety is reflected in all relevant policies and whilst planning the curriculum, any teacher training, the role of the DSL and any parental engagement.

It is essential that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. The school adopts a whole school approach to online safety to protect and educate pupils and staff in their use of technology, and establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in, and escalate any concerns as appropriate.

Online safety issues 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, antisemitism, or radicalisation, extremism, misinformation, disinformation (including fake news) and conspiracy theories.
- **Contact:** being exposed 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:** 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. If staff feel that either they or pupils are at risk this should be reported to the Anti-Phishing Working Group [apwg.org](http://apwg.org)

The Trust Board and Local Governing Bodies will ensure that an annual review is undertaken of the schools' approaches to online safety including the school's filtering and monitoring provision, supported by an annual risk assessment that considers and reflects the risks pupils face online. The review should include a member of the senior leadership team, the DSL, the IT service provider and a governor. The school should ensure they have the appropriate level of security protection procedures in place in order to safeguard their systems, staff and learners and review the effectiveness of these procedures periodically to keep up with evolving cyber-crime technologies. Guidance on cyber security including considerations can be found at [Cyber security training for school staff - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/online-safety/cyber-security-training-for-school-staff) Please also refer to the Trust Online Safety Policy.

### **Filtering and Monitoring**

The Trust Online Safety Policy outlines the appropriate filtering and monitoring which take place on school devices and school networks. It also outlines the expectations, applicable roles and responsibilities in relation filtering and monitoring.

The Department for Education's [filtering and monitoring standards](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612217/Filtering_and_monitoring_standards.pdf) set out that schools and colleges should:

- identify and assign roles and responsibilities to manage filtering and monitoring systems.
- review filtering and monitoring provision at least annually.
- block harmful and inappropriate content without unreasonably impacting teaching and learning.
- have effective monitoring strategies in place that meet their safeguarding needs.

The Department has published [Generative AI: product safety expectations](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612217/Generative_AI_product_safety_expectations.pdf) to support schools to use generative artificial intelligence safely and explains how filtering and monitoring requirements apply to the use of generative AI in education.

Some pupils bring mobile phones into school. This enables unlimited and unrestricted access to the internet via mobile phone networks which could be misused and present a safeguarding risk.

Each school makes arrangements for pupils permitted to bring in phones to be stored securely. Pupils are not permitted to use their phones on the school premises on the way to or from depositing them in the storage places. Pupils are not permitted to have smart watches on the premises.

School staff can access resources, information and support as set out in Annex B of KCSiE.

## **11. Procedures**

If staff notice any indicators of abuse/neglect or signs that a child or young person may be experiencing a safeguarding issue they should record their concerns using the school reporting format on CPOMs, My Concern or using the school paper recording form for safeguarding concerns and pass it to the DSL without delay. A paper recording form is included at Appendix B and C to be used in schools that do not have an online reporting system, or in the event that a system is unavailable.

### **What to do if you are concerned.**

If a child makes an allegation or disclosure of abuse against an adult or other child or young person, it is important that you:

- Stay calm and listen carefully;
- Accept what is being said;
- Allow the child/young person to talk freely – do not interrupt or put words in the child/young person's mouth;
- Only ask questions when necessary to clarify, do not investigate or ask leading questions;
- Reassure the child, but don't make promises which it might not be possible to keep;
- Do not promise confidentiality;
- Emphasise that it was the right thing to tell someone;
- Reassure them that what has happened is not their fault;
- Do not criticise the perpetrator;
- Explain what has to be done next and who has to be told;
- Make a written record, which should be signed and include the time, date and your position in school;
- Do not include your opinion without stating it is your opinion;
- Pass the information to the DSL or alternate without delay
- Consider seeking support for yourself and discuss this with the DSL as dealing with a disclosure can be distressing.

When a record of a safeguarding concern is passed to the DSL, the DSL will record the time and date the record of concern was received. The DSL will assess the concern and, taking into account any other safeguarding information known about the child/young person, consider whether it suggests that the threshold of significant harm, or risk of significant harm, has been reached or may be a child in need. If the DSL is unsure whether the threshold has been met, they will contact the MASH Professional Consultation Line for advice (0345 606 1499). Where

appropriate, the DSL will complete and submit the SSP multi agency referral form (MARF) ([available on the SSP website](#)). The exception to this process will be in those cases of known FGM where there is a mandatory requirement for the teacher to report directly to the police, although the DSL should also be made aware.

Where the DSL believes that a child or young person may be at imminent and significant harm risk of harm they should call Customer First immediately and then complete the SSP MARF within 24 hours to confirm the referral. In these circumstances, it is important that any consultation should not delay a referral to Customer First.

Where a safeguarding concern does not meet the threshold for completion of a MARF, the DSL should record how this decision has been reached and should consider whether additional needs of the child have been identified that might be met by a coordinated offer of early help including the school local early help offer.

School staff might be required to contribute to multi-agency plans to provide additional support to children. This might include attendance at child protection conferences or core group meetings. The school is committed to providing as much relevant up to date information about the child as possible, including submitting reports for child protection conferences in advance of the meeting in accordance with SSP procedures and timescales.

Where reasonably possible, the school is committed to obtaining more than one emergency contact number for each pupil.

School staff must ensure that they are aware of the procedure to follow when a child goes missing from education.

## **12. Information sharing, record keeping and confidentiality**

Information sharing is vital in safeguarding children by identifying and tackling all forms of abuse and neglect, and in promoting children's welfare, including in relation to their educational outcomes. Schools have clear powers to share, hold and use information for these purposes.

As part of meeting a child's needs, the schools understand that it is critical to recognise the importance of information sharing between professionals and local agencies and will contribute to multi-agency working in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children. Where there are concerns about the safety of a child, the sharing of information in a timely and effective manner between organisations can reduce the risk of harm. Whilst the Data Protection Act 2018 places duties on organisations and individuals to process personal information fairly and lawfully, and to keep the information they hold safe and secure, it is not a barrier to sharing information where the failure to do so would result in a child or vulnerable adult being placed at risk of harm. Similarly, human rights concerns, such as respecting the right to a private and family life would not prevent sharing where there are real safeguarding concerns. Staff should not assume a colleague or

another professional will take action and share information that might be critical in keeping children safe. Staff will have regard to the Government guidance: [Information sharing: advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers](#) which supports staff who have to make decisions about sharing information. This advice includes the seven golden rules for sharing information and considerations with regard to the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If in any doubt about sharing information, staff should speak to the DSL or an alternate.

Well-kept records are essential to good child protection practice. All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions should be recorded in writing. If in doubt about recording requirements, staff should discuss with the DSL.

The Trust and schools recognise that confidentiality should be maintained in respect of all matters relating to child protection. Information on individual child protection cases may be shared by the DSL or alternate DSL with other relevant members of staff. This will be on a 'need to know' basis and where it is in the child's best interests to do so.

A member of staff must never guarantee confidentiality to anyone about a safeguarding concern (including parents/carers or pupils), or promise a child to keep a secret which might compromise the child's safety or wellbeing.

As well as allowing for information sharing, in circumstances where it is warranted because it would put a child at risk of serious harm, the DPA 2018 and the GDPR allow schools to withhold information. This may be particularly relevant where a child is affected by domestic abuse perpetrated by a parent or carer, is in a refuge or another form of emergency accommodation, and the serious harm tests is met.

Where a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer from harm, it is important that a referral to local authority children's social care and if appropriate the police, (see [When to call the police guidance](#) (npcc.police.uk)) is made immediately. Referrals should follow the local referral process.

Ordinarily, the schools will always undertake to share their intention to refer a child to Social Care with their parents /carers unless to do so could put the child at greater risk of harm, or impede a criminal investigation. It would be legitimate to share information without consent where: it is not possible to gain consent; it cannot reasonably be expected that a practitioner gains consent; and, if to gain consent would put a child at risk. If in doubt, staff will consult with the MASH Professional Consultation Line on this point. Schools should have regard for the Trust Privacy Notices.

The schools will have regard to [SCC Guidance for schools on maintaining and transferring pupil safeguarding/child protection records](#). Where a child leaves the school, the DSL will ensure their child protection file is transferred to the new school as soon as possible (within 5 days for an in-year transfer or within the first 5 days of the start of a new term). The file will be transferred

separately from the main pupil file, ensuring secure transit, and confirmation of receipt should be obtained.

### 13. Safeguarding concerns or allegations made against teachers, including supply teachers, other staff, volunteers and contractors

The Trust and schools will follow the SSP [Arrangements for Managing Allegations of Abuse Against People Who Work With Children or Those Who Are in A Position of Trust](#) if a safeguarding concern or allegation is raised against an adult in a position of trust which meets the harm threshold.

An allegation that may meet the harm threshold is any information which indicates that a member of staff /volunteer may have:

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child;
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; or
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he/she may pose a risk of harm to children; and/or
- behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children.

This applies to any child the member of staff, supply teacher, volunteer or contractor has contact with in their personal, professional or community life. It also applies regardless of whether the alleged abuse took place in our school.

Concerns that do not meet the harm threshold will be dealt with in accordance with the Trust’s policy for managing Low-Level Concerns.

If any member of staff has concerns that a colleague, supply teacher, volunteer, governor or contractor might pose a risk to children, it is their duty to report this. The table below shows who to report a concern to, dependant on the role of the person in question:

Staff member or other adult	Who to report to	How to report
Colleague, supply teacher, volunteer, governor or contractor	Headteacher	Record on the ‘ <u>Concern about an Adult Recording Form</u> ’ - (appendix D of this policy) and send securely to school Headteacher.  Please note, this should not be recorded on the online safeguarding platform (for example CPOMs/My Concern).

Headteacher	Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Jones	Record on the ' <u>Concern about an Adult Recording Form</u> ' - (appendix D of this policy) and send securely to: <a href="mailto:MA@CETrust.org.uk">MA@CETrust.org.uk</a>  Please note, this should not be recorded on the online safeguarding platform (for example CPOMs/My Concern).
Chief Executive Officer	Chair of Trust Board, Ian Scott	Record on the ' <u>Concern about an Adult Recording Form</u> ' - (appendix D of this policy) and send securely to: <a href="mailto:TMA@CETrust.org.uk">TMA@CETrust.org.uk</a>  Please note, this should not be recorded on the online safeguarding platform (for example CPOMs/My Concern).

The headteacher/CEO/Chair of Trustees should report the concern to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) within one working day.

The corporate director for Children and Young People's Services, has identified dedicated staff to undertake the role of LADO. LADOs can be contacted via email on [LADO@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:LADO@suffolk.gov.uk) or by using the LADO central telephone number: **0300 123 2044** for allegations against all staff and volunteers.

#### **14. Use of school premises for non-school activities**

The Trust Board and Governing Bodies will ensure that where school facilities/premises are hired or rented out to organisations or individuals, sports associations or service providers to run community or extra-curricular activities appropriate arrangements are in place to keep children safe.

The Trust and Governing Bodies will seek assurance that the body concerned has appropriate child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures in place, including inspecting these as needed. Arrangements will also be put in place for the body hiring or renting the school facilities or premises to liaise with the school on these matters where appropriate.

These arrangements will apply regardless of whether or not the children who attend any of these services or activities are children on the school roll.

Where a lease or hire agreement is entered into the governing body/proprietor will ensure safeguarding requirements are included as a condition of use and occupation of the premises; this will make clear that any failure to comply would lead to termination of the agreement. The guidance on [Keeping children safe in out-of-school settings](#) details the safeguarding arrangements that schools and colleges should expect these providers to have in place.

## **15. Whistleblowing**

The Trust Board and Governing Bodies recognise that children cannot be expected to raise concerns in an environment where staff fail to do so. All staff and volunteers should feel able to raise concerns about poor or unsafe practice and potential failures in the school's safeguarding regime and know that such concerns will be taken seriously by the senior leadership team.

Whistleblowing is 'making a disclosure in the public interest' and occurs when a worker (or member of the wider school community) raises a concern about danger or illegality that affects others, for example, pupils in the school or members of the public.

The Trust Board and Governing Bodies would wish for everyone in the school community to feel able to report any child protection/safeguarding concerns through existing procedures within the schools, including the whistleblowing procedure where necessary. However, for members of staff who do not feel able to raise such concerns internally, there is a NSPCC whistleblowing helpline. Staff can call 0800 028 0285 (line available from 8.00am to 8.00pm, Monday to Friday) or email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

## **16. Useful Contacts:**

Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Professional Helpline: 0345 606 1499

MASH [webchat facility](#)

Customer First (Professional Referral Line) for use in emergencies only: 0345 606 6167

Customer First: 0808 800 4005

Police (emergency only): 999

Suffolk Police main switchboard: 01473 613500

Suffolk Police Cybercrime Unit: 101

Suffolk Local Safeguarding Partnership [www.suffolksp.org.uk](http://www.suffolksp.org.uk)

Suffolk County Council: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/staying-safe-online/e-safer-suffolk/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/staying-safe-online/e-safer-suffolk/)

LADO 0300 123 2044 or [lado@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:lado@suffolk.gov.uk) or on the [LADO pages](#) on Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website

## Appendix A

# Staff/governors/trustees with responsibility for School Safeguarding

<b>Children's Endeavour Trust</b>	<b>Name:</b>
CEO (Central Team DSL)	Daniel Jones
Name Safeguarding Trustee	Clare Barlow
Chair of Trust Board	Ian Scott

<b>Abbot's Hall</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Daniel Pettitt
Alternate DSL(s)	Caroline Laws, Emma Scrivener
Chair of Governors	Gary Kenworthy
Named Safeguarding Governor	Gary Kenworthy
School Online Safety Lead	Daniel Pettitt and Caroline Laws (Safeguarding) Alex Cox (Curriculum)
Designated teacher for Children in Care (CiC)	Beth Rogers
Senior Mental Health Lead	Kirsty Langford
<b>General Contact details for the above:</b> 01449 612818 <a href="mailto:office@abbotshall.suffolk.sch.uk">office@abbotshall.suffolk.sch.uk</a>	

<b>Bosmere</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Andrea Hall
Alternate DSL(s)	Marie Cridge
Chair of Governors	Vanessa Kingsley
Named Safeguarding Governor	Rev Tracey James
School Online Safety Lead	Andrea Hall
Designated teacher for Children in Care (CiC)	Andrea Hall
Senior Mental Health Lead	Marie Cridge
<b>General Contact details for the above:</b> 01449 721 750 <a href="mailto:admin@bosmere.suffolk.sch.uk">admin@bosmere.suffolk.sch.uk</a>	

<b>Broke Hall</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Ruth Fairs
Alternate DSL(s)	Rebecca Abbott, Sally Mann, Jacqui Noon
Chair of Governors	Peter Kilburn
Named Safeguarding Governor	Emma Orchard
School Online Safety Lead	Rebecca Abbott
Designated teacher for Children in Care (CiC)	Ruth Fairs
Senior Mental Health Lead	Ruth Fairs
<b>General Contact details for the above:</b> 01473 729544 <a href="mailto:frontoffice@brokehall.suffolk.sch.uk">frontoffice@brokehall.suffolk.sch.uk</a>	

<b>Chilton</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Ben Shaw
Alternate DSL(s)	Laura Carr
Chair of Governors	Gary Kenworthy
Named Safeguarding Governor	Gary Kenworthy
School Online Safety Lead	Ben Shaw
Designated teacher for Children in Care (CiC)	Ben Shaw
Senior Mental Health Lead	Laura Carr
<b>General Contact details for the above:</b> 01449 612928 <a href="mailto:office@chilton.suffolk.sch.uk">office@chilton.suffolk.sch.uk</a>	

<b>Combs Ford</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Helen Fuller
Alternate DSL(s)	Matt Wesley, Karen Brooks, Frances Wakeling
Vice Chair of Governors	Tracy Page
Named Safeguarding Governor	Tracy Page
School Online Safety Lead	Helen Fuller
Designated teacher for Children in Care (CiC)	Helen Fuller
Senior Mental Health Lead	Matt Wesley
<b>General Contact details for the above:</b> 01449 613112 <a href="mailto:admin@combsford.suffolk.sch.uk">admin@combsford.suffolk.sch.uk</a>	

<b>Freeman</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Emma Gerry
Alternate DSL(s)	Chantelle Clarke, Sharon Durler
Chair of Governors	Sue Hayter
Named Safeguarding Governor	Sue Hayter
School Online Safety Lead	Emma Gerry
Designated teacher for Children in Care (CiC)	Emma Gerry
Senior Mental Health Lead	Emma Pavey
<b>General Contact details for the above:</b> 01449 612067 <a href="mailto:admin@freeman.suffolk.sch.uk">admin@freeman.suffolk.sch.uk</a>	

<b>Springfield Juniors</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Jo Viner
Alternate DSL(s)	Beth Taylor, David Rycraft
Chair of Governors	Vanessa Kingsley
Named Safeguarding Governor	Samantha Green
School Online Safety Lead	Victoria Westgate
Designated teacher for Children in Care (CiC)	Beth Taylor
Senior Mental Health Lead	Kate Whitmore
<b>General Contact details for the above:</b> 01473 741300 <a href="mailto:admin@springfieldjuniors.net">admin@springfieldjuniors.net</a>	

<b>Whitehouse</b>	<b>Name:</b>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Ian Williams
Alternate DSL(s)	Andrea Hall, Anna Siddall, Samantha Porter, Kate Gotts.
Chair of Governors	Martin Booth
Named Safeguarding Governor	Shorolla Allen
School Online Safety Lead	Ian Williams
Designated teacher for Children in Care (CiC)	Ian Williams
Senior Mental Health Lead	Samantha Porter
<b>General Contact details for the above:</b> 01473 741249 07714598359 (School Mobile) <a href="mailto:parents@whcps.org">parents@whcps.org</a>	

## Appendix B

### Record of concern about a child/young person's safety and welfare (To be used if school does not have an online reporting system, or in the event that a system is unavailable).

Part 1 (for use by any staff, governors or visitors – must be handwritten and legible/ or equivalent information on electronic recording system)

Pupil's name:	Date of birth:	Class/Form:
Date & time of incident:	Date & time (of writing):	
Name (print): .....		Job title:
Signature: .....		
Record the following factually: Nature of concern, e.g. disclosure, change in behaviour, demeanour, appearance, injury, witnesses etc. <i>(please include as much detail in this section as possible. Remember – the quality of your information will inform the level of intervention initiated. Attach additional sheets if necessary.</i>		
What is the pupil's perspective?		
Professional opinion, where relevant <i>(how and why might this have happened?)</i>		
Any other relevant information. Previous concerns etc. <i>(distinguish between fact and opinion)</i>		
Note actions, including names of anyone to whom your information was passed and when		

Check to make sure your report is clear to someone else reading it.

**Please pass this form to your DSL/alternate DSL without delay**

## Record of concern about a child/young person's safety and welfare

### Part 2 (for use by DSL)

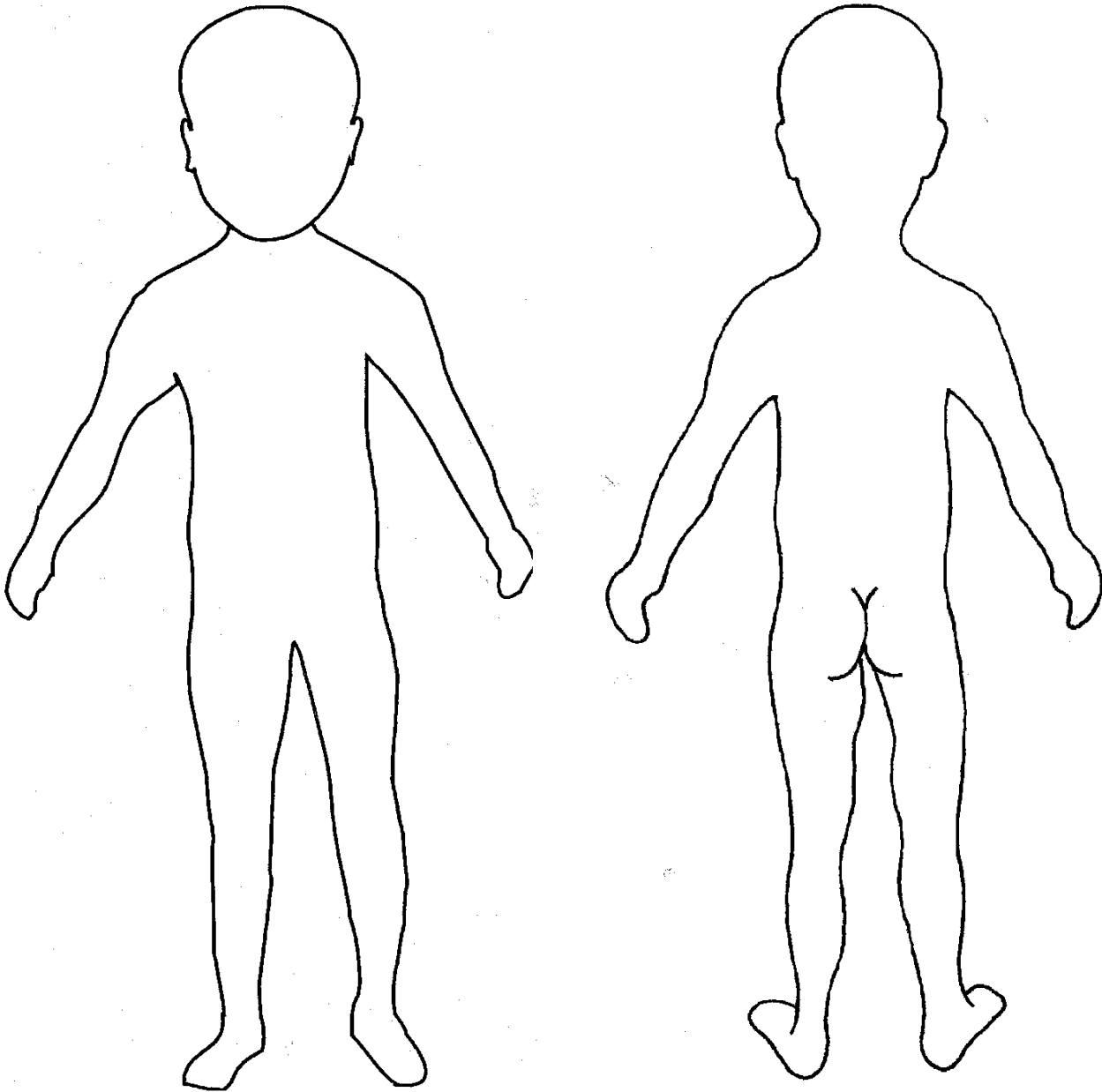
Information received by DSL:	Date:	Time completed:	From whom:		
Any advice sought, if applicable	Date:	Time completed:	From: name/organisation:		
	Advice received:				
Action taken with reasons recorded <i>(e.g. MARF completed, monitoring advice given to appropriate staff, CAF etc)</i>	Date:	Time completed:	By whom:		
Outcome	Date:	Time completed:	By whom:		
Parent/carer informed?	<b>Y</b>	Who spoken to:	Date:	Time:	By whom:
	<b>N</b>	Detail reason:			
Is any additional detail held, if so where?					
Prior safeguarding history	No. of previous records of concern:				
	Has the child been subject of CAF/Early Help assessment?				
	Currently on CP Plan (CPP) / Child in Need Plan (CiN)				
	Previously on CP Plan (CPP) / Child in Need Plan (CiN)				
	Is child known to other agencies?		Y / N		
Name of DSL:			Signature:		

## 10. Appendix C

### BODYMAP

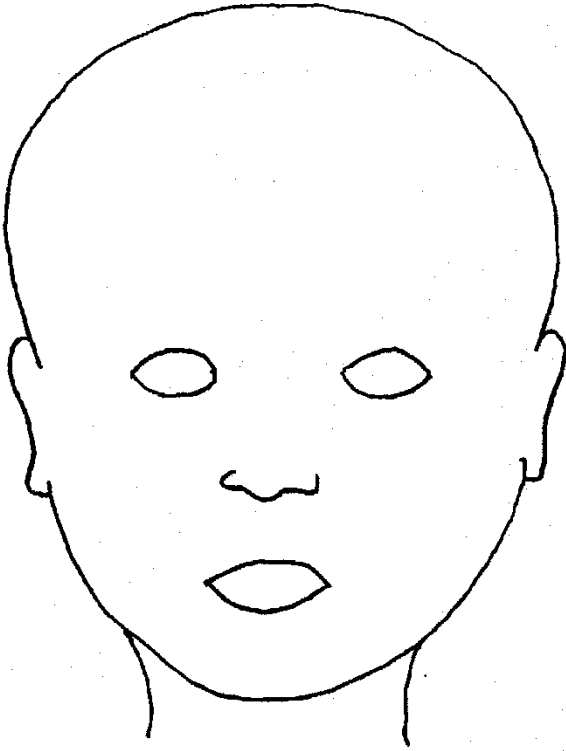
(This must be completed at time of observation)

Name of Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Job title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and time of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

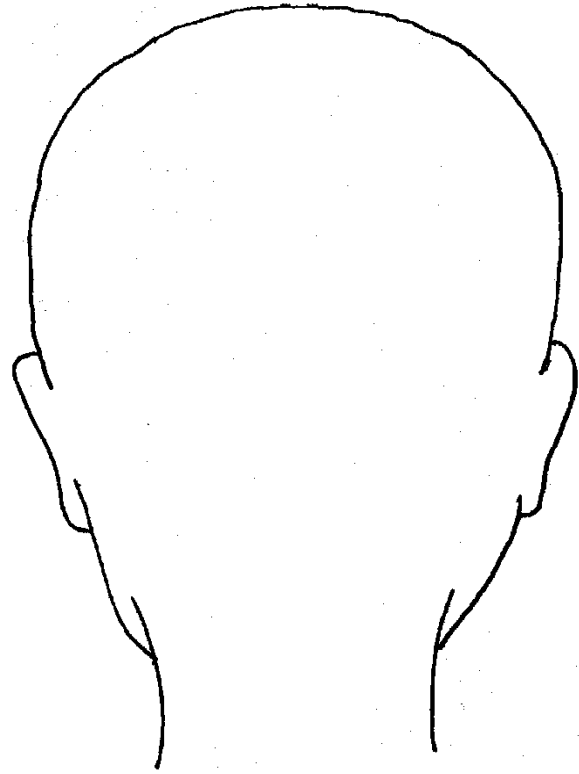


Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

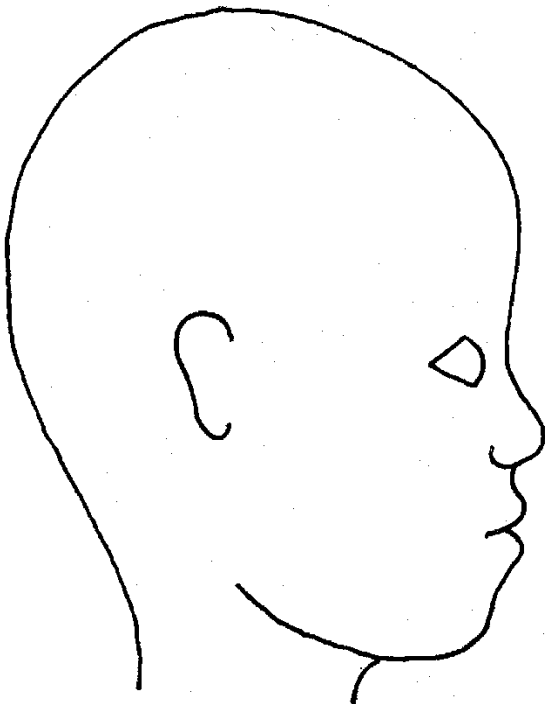
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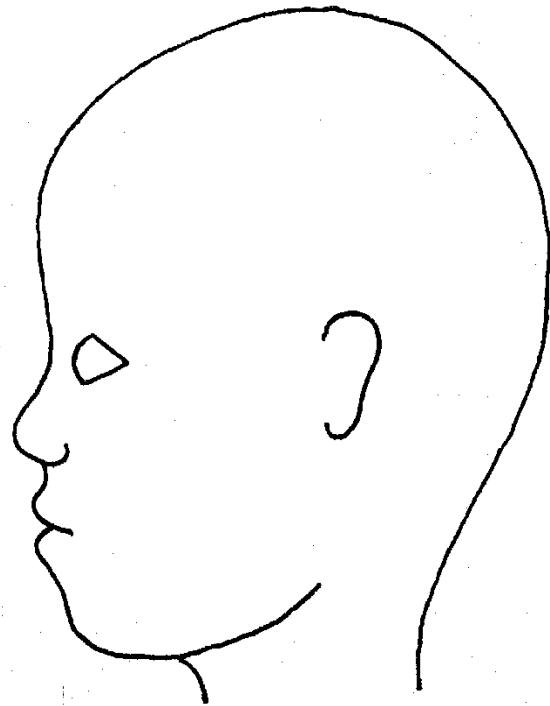
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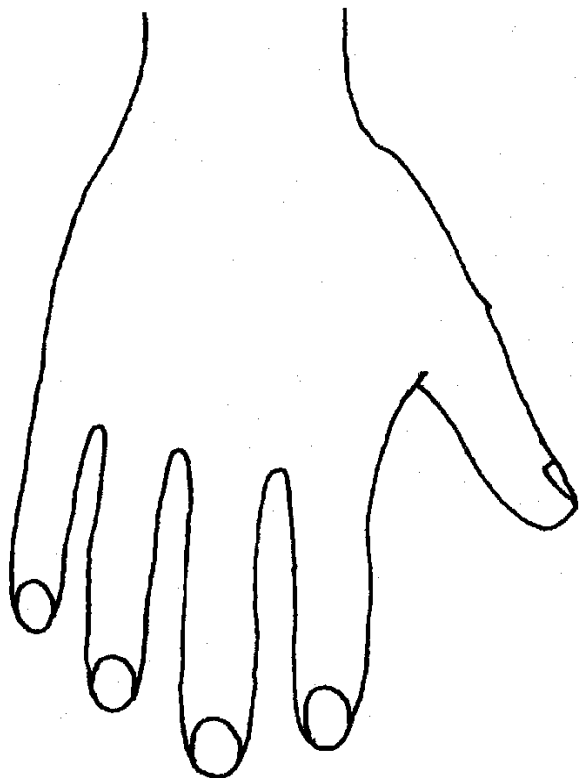


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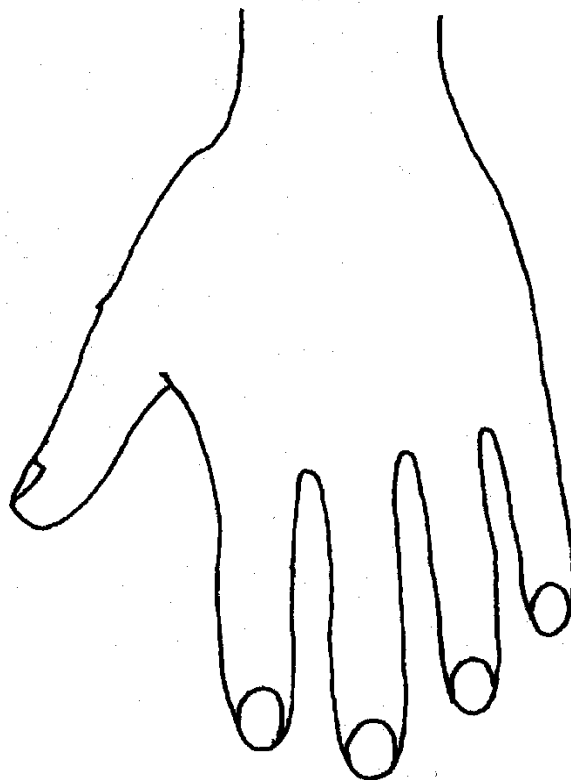
Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time of  
observation:

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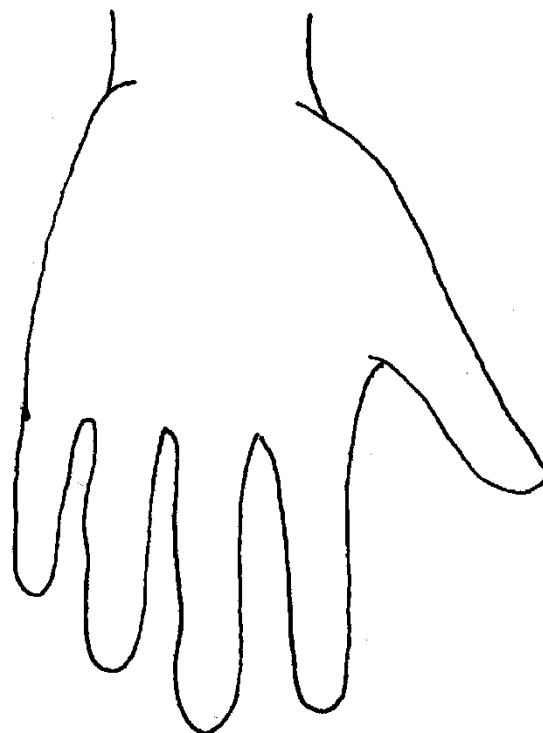
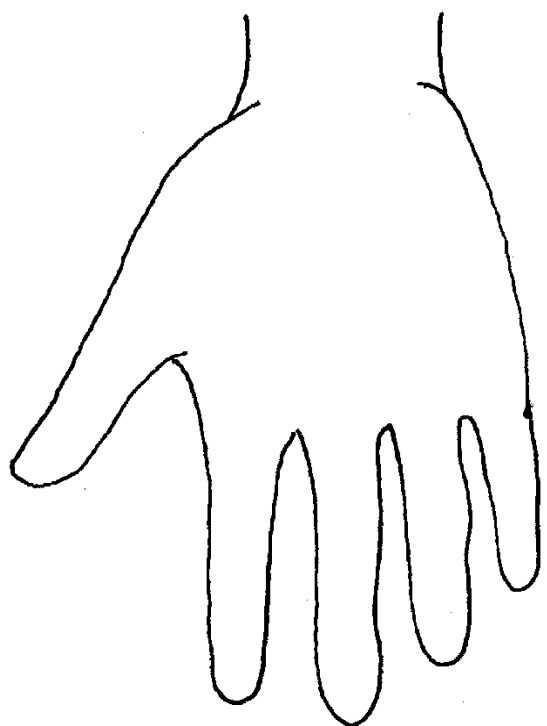


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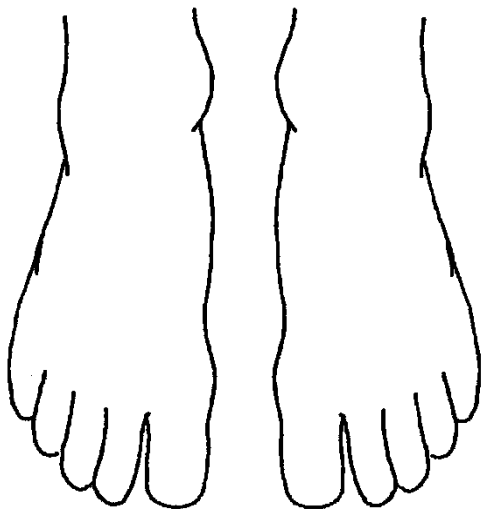
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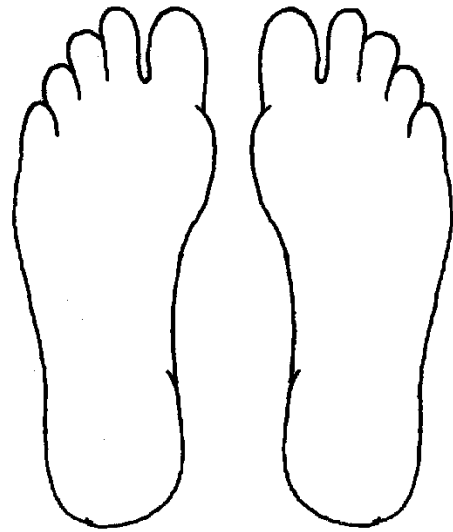


Name of Pupil:

Date and time of  
observation:



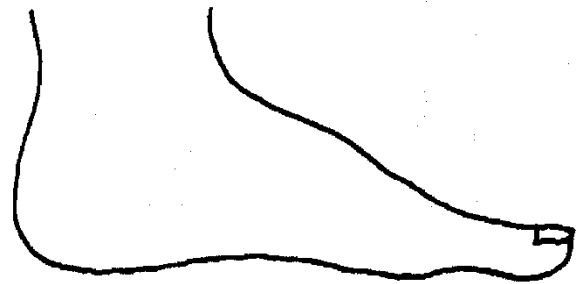
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R BOTTOM L



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INNER



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L

OUTER

Printed Name,  
Signature and Job  
title of staff:

# Appendix D: Concern about an Adult Recording Form



Your details	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Role:</b>	
<b>Date and time of completing this form:</b>	
Details of Individual (including yourself for self-reporting) whom the concern is about:	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Role:</b>	
<b>School/location:</b>	
<b>IS THIS A SELF-DISCLOSURE?</b>	YES/NO
<b>Relationship to the individual reporting:</b>	Eg line manager/colleague etc
Details of concern Please include as much detail as possible. Think about the following: What behaviour and/or incident are you reporting? What exactly happened?	
<b>Date and time of the incident:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>What happened:</b>	

<b>Why does the behaviour and/or incident worry you?</b>	
<b>Adult Witnesses</b> (please use full names):	<b>Pupil Witnesses</b> (please use full names):
<b>Additional Information</b> (your opinion, context of concern/allegation):	
<b>Please state any other information which you feel is relevant to the processing of this concern:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date and time of recording:</b>
<i>Please note that you may be asked to discuss this matter further with the Headteacher and/or school/Trust DSL</i>	

**Next Steps- to be completed by Headteacher/DSL**

**Headteacher/DSL Action(s):**

**Does this behaviour/incident meet the criteria for processing as an allegation?**

**Low Level Concern**

Any adult linked to our school who has behaved in a way that:

- Is inconsistent with the staff code of conduct, including inappropriate conduct outside of work; and
- Does not meet the allegations threshold or is otherwise not considered serious enough to consider a referral to the LADO

**Allegation**

Any adult linked to our school who has:

- Behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child and/or;
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child and/or;
- Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she may pose a risk of harm to children; and/or
- Behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children

**If allegation threshold has been met - date/time reported to LADO:**

**Outcome:**

**Signature (Head/DSL):**

**Date:**