

1. Introduction

CfBT Schools Trust and Abbey Woods Academy fully recognise their responsibilities for child protection, and are committed to promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

2. Scope and publication

This policy applies to all staff, local governing bodies and volunteers working in each school and applies wherever staff or volunteers are working with pupils even where this is away from the school, for example at an activity centre or on an educational visit. This policy is published on the school's website and can also be made available in large print or another accessible format if required.

The local governing body takes seriously its responsibility under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; and to work together with other agencies to ensure adequate arrangements within our schools to identify, assess, and support those children who are suffering harm.

3. Principles

The school has a statutory duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children, and have due regard to guidance issued by the Department for Education¹. This school recognises its legal and moral duty to promote the well-being of children, protect them from maltreatment, and respond to child abuse as well as its responsibility to follow the local inter-agency procedures of Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

We believe that every child regardless of age has at all times and in all situations a right to feel safe and protected from any situation or practice that results in a child being physically or psychologically damaged. We believe that children must receive the right help at the right time to address risks and prevent issues escalating.

We believe that children have the right to have their views heard and considered by all professionals when making decisions to keep the child safe from harm. We will actively enable and encourage children to participate in an open dialogue with all school stakeholders about safeguarding matters and include them in decisions about safeguarding practices, developing an inclusive and open ethos to keeping them safe.

We agree that we have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils in our charge, and we will carry out this duty through our teaching and learning, extra-curricular activities, pastoral care and extended school activities. We will teach about safeguarding, including keeping safe whilst online, through teaching and learning opportunities, as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum, covering relevant issues through personal, social health and economic education.

¹ Keeping Children Safe in Education, Sept2016 & Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2015

We always maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned. When we have a concern about the welfare of a child, staff members will always act in the interest of the child, and will raise these with the school's designated safeguarding lead. In exceptional circumstances, such as in an emergency or a when a genuine concern has not been appropriately acted upon, staff members will speak directly to children's social care.

The school seeks to adopt an open and accepting attitude towards children as part of their responsibility for pastoral care. The school hopes that parents and children will feel free to talk about any concerns and will see school as a safe place if there are any difficulties at home.

We recognise that a child who is abused or witnesses' violence may feel helpless and humiliated, may blame themselves, and find it difficult to develop and maintain a sense of self worth.

We recognise that the school may provide the only stability in the lives of children who have been abused or who are at risk of harm. We accept that research shows that the behaviour of a child in these circumstances may range from that which is perceived to be normal to aggressive or withdrawn.

Every complaint or suspicion of abuse from within or outside the school will be taken seriously and in all proper circumstances will be referred to an external agency such as children's social care services, the LA designated officer(s), police or the NSPCC, without investigation by the school.

The LA children's social care services, LA designated officer(s) and NSPCC contact details will be displayed throughout the school for ease of reference for the school community and children.

The name of the school's designated safeguarding lead and their deputy will be clearly advertised throughout the school, with a statement explaining the school's role in referral and monitoring.

The name of the chair of the local governing body will be clearly displayed in the school office for school staff.

NSPCC

The school will clearly advertise the NSPCC contact and Child Line details with a statement about their statutory powers to take action to safeguard children.

The school will clearly advertise the NSPCC dedicated helpline for reporting concerns/suspicions regarding Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Gangs.

The school will clearly advertise the NSPCC Whistleblowing advice line which provides free advice for professionals who wish to raise concerns about how child or young adult protection issues are being handled in their own or other organisations

4. The role of school staff (including volunteers, students, and local governing body members)

All staff will safeguard children's wellbeing and promote their welfare; protecting them from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and by taking appropriate action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

KCSIE 2016 states that all staff should read Part 1 and schools have a duty to ensure mechanisms are in place to assist staff to understand and discharge their role and responsibilities. Schools must check that staff know how to escalate a concern, make a referral or report a FGM disclosure

If staff have concerns about another staff member, they will refer this to the headteacher or principal. If they have concerns about the headteacher or principal, they will refer this to the chair of the academy council or local governing body, or a member of the Trust's Leadership team immediately.

If staff have concerns about safeguarding practices within the school, they will follow the school's whistle blowing policy and procedures.

All staff will escalate concerns about children that they have identified as being at risk of being drawn into terrorism, to the designated safeguarding lead. The designated safeguarding lead and headteacher or principal will make a referral to the Channel Panel or children's social care, as appropriate. Please refer to the Anti Radicalisation policy for further details

All staff will undertake safeguarding training at least every three years. Teachers should know that safeguarding refers to what is done to keep all children safe and that child protection refers to the procedures that are implemented to protect children who have been or at risk of current harm

All staff will know the types and signs of abuse and neglect, recognising that this is vital for early identification of abuse and neglect. Staff will always speak to the designated safeguarding lead to escalate their concerns. In exceptional circumstances, such as in an emergency or if they believe that a genuine concern that they have has not be appropriately addressed, they will speak directly to children's social care.

Staff should receive training on how to identify vulnerable learners and understand that there may be additional safeguarding vulnerabilities for pupils with SEN and disabilities (SEND) and how those barriers can be overcome. 'Safeguarding disabled children, practice guidance 2009'

5. Types, and signs of abuse and neglect

Abuse: is a form of maltreatment of a child. A person 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.

School staff will know to look for the following signs to ensure early identification of abuse and neglect:

Physical abuse:

- Hitting
- Shaking
- Throwing
- Poisoning
- Burning or scalding
- Drowning
- Suffocating
- Parents/carers who fabricate symptoms of, or deliberately induces, illness in a child

Psychological or Emotional abuse: (some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, although it may occur alone)

- Conveying to a child that they are worthless, unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of the other person
- Deliberately silencing or 'making fun' of what a child says or how they communicate
- Bullying including cyber bullying, peer to peer abuse and sexting
- Causing children frequently to feel frightened or in danger
- Exploitation or corruption
- Overprotection
- Developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children
- Including children in interactions that are beyond their developmental capability
- Overprotection and preventing children participating in normal social interaction
- Psychological abuse including radicalisation
- Honour-based violence used to control behaviour within families to protect perceived cultural or religious beliefs or honour, including forced marriage and FGM

Sexual abuse:

- Female genital mutilation (FGM) (appendix i)
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) (appendix ii)
- Physical contact (assault by penetration and non-penetration)
- Involving children in looking at, or production of, sexual images
- Grooming a child (including via the internet) in preparation for abuse
- Encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways
- Forced marriages

Neglect:

- Persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs
- Failure to provide adequate food, clothing and shelter
- Failure to provide adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers)
- Failure to ensure appropriate medical care or treatment
- Unresponsiveness to a child's basic emotional need

6. School Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

The school has appointed a designated safeguarding lead (DSL) from the leadership team as 'Keeping Children Safe in Education, 2016' makes it explicit that DSLs, must be members of the senior leadership team

The DSL is responsible for matters relating to child protection and welfare in this school:

Mr G Mottram, Headteacher

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head@abbeywoodsacademy.oxon.sch.uk

In their absence, these matters will be dealt with by the deputy designated safeguarding lead:

Ms R Stott, Deputy Head

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deputy@abbeywoodsacademy.oxon.sch.uk

The designated safeguarding lead is key to ensuring that proper procedures and policies are in place and are followed with regard to child protection and safeguarding issues. They will also act as a dedicated resource available for other staff, volunteers and local governors to draw upon. Parents are also welcome to approach the designated safeguarding lead if they have any concerns about the welfare of any child in the school, whether these concerns relate to their child or any other. The designated safeguarding lead will liaise with the Local Authority and work with other agencies in line with statutory guidance, 'Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2015' and 'Keeping Children Safe in Education, Sept 2016'.

There will always be cover for this role and arrangements for this are as follows:

If the DSL is off site the Deputy Designated Lead will cover the role. If both the DSL and Deputy DSL are off site, the most senior member of the Senior Leadership Team will deputise and attempt to make contact with either the DSL or Deputy as soon as possible.

The main responsibilities of the designated safeguarding lead are to:

Manage Referrals

- Refer all cases of suspected child abuse to children's social care services
- Refer all safeguarding concerns involving adults (staff & volunteers) to the LA designated officer(s)
- Refer an individual to the Disclosure and Barring Service (when a staff member has harmed or poses a risk of harm, to a vulnerable adult or child, or has been dismissed for harming a vulnerable adult or child or would have been dismissed had they not left employment). **This is a legal duty and the school will work with the trust support- team at head office in completing and making the referral**
- Refer to the NCTLs Teacher Services (formerly Employer Access Online Service) when checking the Teacher's Prohibition List for all teachers employed by the school and for making referrals for teacher misconduct². NCTLs Teacher services checks will be completed on all staff involved in teaching
- Inform the police (cases where a crime may have been committed)
- Liaise with the headteacher or principal to inform him/her of issues especially ongoing enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and police investigations
- Act as a source of support, advice and expertise to staff on matters of safety and safeguarding and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies

Train

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/teacher-misconduct>

Receive appropriate training every two years (or more regularly) and ensure that updates are accessed on an annual basis through the Local Authority or LSCB .

They should

- Understand and participate in the assessment process for providing early help and intervention through the LSCB
- Understand and participate in child protection conferences and reviews
- Ensure each member of staff has access to and understands the school's safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures, especially new and part time staff
- Be alert to and support the specific needs of children in need, those with educational needs, looked after children and young carers
- Attend relevant and refresher training courses
- Organise child protection induction, and update training every three years for all school staff
- Encourage a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, among all staff, in any measures the school may put in place to protect them
- Ensure that at least one interview panel member of each interview has undertaken safer recruitment training

Raise Awareness

Ensure the school's policies are known and used appropriately:

- Ensure the school's safeguarding and child protection policy is reviewed annually and the child protection procedures are in line with the LA, LSCB, working with the academy councils/local governing bodies and trust to achieve this
- Ensure the safeguarding policy and child protection procedures are available publicly and parents are aware of the fact that referrals about suspected abuse or neglect may be made and the role of the school in this
- Link with the local LSCB to make sure staff are aware of training opportunities and the best local policies on safeguarding and child protection
- Keep written records of concerns about a child even if there is no need to make an immediate referral
- Maintain detailed, accurate, secure written records of concerns and referrals
- Ensure that all child protection records are kept confidentially and separately from pupil records, until the child's 25th birthday, and are copied on to the child's next school in a confidential and secure manner
- Ensure that the existence of the child protection file is marked on the pupil records;
- Ensure that any pupil currently with a child protection plan who is absent in the educational setting without explanation for two days is referred to children's social care³
- Encourage a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, among all staff, in any measures the school may put in place to protect them
- Provide, with the headteacher or principal, an annual report for the local governing body
- Provide for the trust termly safeguarding reports

The designated safeguarding lead and their deputy must undertake child protection training and training in inter-agency working every two years (or more regularly) and will attend annual

³ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/307867/Statutory_Guidance_-_Missing_from_care__3_.pdf

refreshers provided by the LA/LSCB to remain updated on policy, procedures and developing concerns nationally and regionally.

7. Designated Local Governor (Chair)

The chair of the local governing body is nominated to liaise with the LA on child protection issues and in the event of an allegation of abuse made against the head teacher/principal.

The designated local governor for Child Protection at this school is:

Mr D Connolly – Chair of Governors

governors@abbeywoodsacademy.oxon.sch.uk

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8. Designated Local Governor for Safeguarding

This governor will be nominated to have oversight of LAC and young carers, implementation of safeguarding policies and child protection procedures, and check the single central register is compliant at least termly

Mrs S Beaver

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9. Looked-After Children

The Designated Teacher for Looked-After Children (DLac) is:

Ms R Stott, Deputy Head

01865 340420

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The Designated Teacher for Looked-After Children has received appropriate training and will make an annual report to the governing body in accordance with the latest statutory guidance. The governing body will consider the information in the report and take appropriate action as necessary.

The arrangements for covering this role should the DLac be absent or unavailable are as for the DSL and Deputy DSL.

10. Whistle blowing

All staff are required to report to the headteacher, or the Chair of Governors in his/her absence, any concern or allegations about school practices or the behaviour of colleagues which are likely to put pupils at risk of abuse or other serious harm. There will be no retribution or disciplinary action taken against a member of staff for making such a report provided that it is done in good faith.

Concerns regarding the headteacher should be made to the Chair of the local governing body whose contact details are readily available to staff. Advice should be sought from the LADO, the trust or the NSPCC Whistleblowing advice line who independent advice Concerns regarding proprietors or trustee should be referred to the LADO and the trust

11.Safer Recruitment

In order to ensure that children are protected whilst at this school, we will ensure that our staff and volunteers are carefully selected, screened, supervised and trained.

We accept that it is our responsibility to follow government guidance regarding safer recruitment in particular:

- Before appointing someone, we will follow up each reference with a telephone call or personal contact during which we will discuss the applicant's suitability to work with children
- We will check that all adults with supervised access to children and those working in regulated activity have an Enhanced Disclosure before starting work, and prior to confirmation of appointment. Periodic DBS checks are not required by law but may need to be applied for again if the staff member changes role, particularly from a limited contact role to one with more unsupervised contact with pupils. Similarly, if the employee has been absent for an extended period of time, which is not covered by a doctor's certificate or approved parental/bereavement leave a re-application for DBS should be considered
- We will obtain a separate barred list check if an individual works in regulated (unsupervised) activity
- We will check that a candidate to be employed as a teacher is not subject to a Prohibition Order (TPO) issued by the Secretary of State using the NCTLs Teacher Services system (formerly known as the Employer Access Online service). The TPO should be completed by everyone engaged in 'teaching work' whether a qualified teacher (QTS) or not.
- The NCTLs Teacher Services system will be accessed by the school to check if restrictions have been imposed by the European Economic Area Authorities
- Independent schools, academies and free schools should check that staff are not prohibited from engaging in a management role. The results from the prohibition from management check should be included on the Single Central Record.
- We will undertake checks to ensure that staff who work in childcare provision or who are directly concerned with the management of such provision are not disqualified under the Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009, or disqualified by association
- We will verify a candidate's identity with current photographic ID and proof of address, and verify their right to work in the UK

- We will verify the candidate's mental and physical fitness to carry out their work responsibilities
- We will verify a candidate's professional qualifications, as appropriate
- We will ensure that we have written confirmation that all pre-employment checks are completed for all agency staff and trainee teachers, checking their photo ID and appropriate level DBS certificate before they begin work
- We will ensure that all contractors are appropriately DBS checked if working with children, and have a suite of their own safeguarding and child protection procedures, or sign a written statement to be maintained on file, agreeing to abide by the school's policies and procedures

Full details of our safer recruitment procedures are set out in the school's Safer Recruitment Policy.

12. Reporting concerns about children

Members of staff and volunteers should not investigate suspicions regarding child protection issues; if somebody believes that a child may be suffering, or may be at risk of suffering significant harm, they must always refer such concerns to the designated safeguarding lead without delay. It must also be noted that 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.

However, in cases suspected and disclosed FGM, teachers have a statutory duty to report all cases to the Police, in the first instance. Thereafter, they may discuss their concerns with the DSL. (KCSiE September, 2016 and Serious Crime Act 2015)

If a child reports potential abuse to a volunteer or staff member, they must:

- Listen carefully to the child and keep an open mind. Staff should not take a decision as to whether or not the abuse has taken place
- Not ask leading questions, that is, a question which suggests its own answer
- Reassure the child, but not give a guarantee of absolute confidentiality. The member of staff should explain that they need to pass the information to the designated safeguarding lead who will ensure that the correct action is taken; and
- Must keep a sufficient written record of the conversation. The record should include the date, time and place of the conversation and the essence of what was said and done by whom and in whose presence. The record should be signed by the person making it and should use names, not initials. The record and any evidence must be kept securely and handed to the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible

Where any member of staff fails to report concerns, this may be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

13. Reporting concerns about a member of staff

If staff members have concerns about another staff member, then this should be referred to the head teacher or principal. Where there are concerns about the headteacher or principal,

this should be referred to the chair of the local governing body who **MUST** inform the trust immediately.

If a staff member feels unable to raise their concerns/issues with their headteacher/principal or feels that their genuine concerns are not being addressed, they must refer to the Whistle blowing Policy and/or contact the trust or the NSPCC Whistleblowing advice line directly.

14. Action by the Designated Safeguarding Lead – concerns about children

The action to be taken by the Designated Safeguarding Lead will take into account:

- The local inter-agency procedures of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board;
- The nature and seriousness of the suspicion or complaint. A complaint involving a serious criminal offence will always be referred to children's social care or the police. In case of serious harm, the police will be informed from the outset
- The wishes of the pupil who has complained, provided that the pupil is of sufficient understanding and maturity and properly informed. However, there may be times when the situation is so serious that decisions may need to be taken, after all appropriate consultation, that override a pupil's wishes
- The wishes of the complainant's parents, provided they have no interest which is in conflict with the pupil's best interests and that they are properly informed. Again, it may be necessary, after all appropriate consultation, to override parental wishes in some circumstances. If the designated safeguarding lead is concerned that disclosing information to parents would put a child at risk; s/he will take further advice from the relevant professionals before making a decision to disclose; and
- Duties of confidentiality, so far as applicable

Referral: If there is room for doubt as to whether a referral should be made, the designated safeguarding lead will consult with children's social care services on a no names basis without identifying the family. However, as soon as sufficient concern exists that a child may be at risk of significant harm, the designated safeguarding lead will make a referral without delay. If the initial referral is made by telephone, the designated safeguarding lead will confirm the referral in writing to children's social care services within 24 hours. If no response or acknowledgment is received within three working days, the designated safeguarding lead will contact children's social care services again.

External agencies: Whether or not the school decides to refer a particular complaint to children's social care services or the police, the parents and pupil will be informed of their right to make their own complaint or referral to the children's social care services or the child protection unit of the police and will be provided with contact names, addresses and telephone numbers, as appropriate.

Allegations against pupils: A pupil against whom an allegation of abuse has been made may be suspended from the school during the investigation and the school's behaviour policy will apply. The school will take advice from the LA designated officer(s) on the investigation of such allegations and will take all appropriate action to ensure the safety and welfare of all pupils involved including the pupil or pupils accused of abuse. If it is necessary for a pupil to be interviewed by the police in relation to allegations of abuse, the school will ensure that,

subject to the advice of the designated officer, parents are informed as soon as possible and that the pupil is supported during the interview by an appropriate adult.

Informing parents: Parents will normally be kept informed as appropriate of any action to be taken under these procedures. However, there may be circumstances when the designated safeguarding lead will need to consult the LA designated officer(s), the police and/or the headteacher/principal before discussing details with parents.

15. Action taken – concerns about staff

The school has procedures for dealing with allegations against staff (and volunteers who work with children) that aim to strike a balance between the need to protect children from abuse and the need to protect staff and volunteers from false, malicious or unfounded allegations. These procedures follow the DfE guidance 'Keeping children safe in education, September, 2016', and should be used where a member of staff or volunteer has:

- Behaved in such a way that has harmed 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 or she would pose a risk of harm if they work regularly or closely with children

All allegations will be reported by the headteacher/principal and discussed with the LA designated officer(s) before further action is taken. The accused person will be informed of the allegation as soon as possible after the designated officer has been consulted. Appropriate support and a representative will be provided to keep the accused person informed of the progress of the case as appropriate.

Suspension: will **not** be an automatic response to an allegation. Full consideration will be given to all the options, subject to the need to ensure:

- the safety and welfare of the pupils or pupil concerned; and
- the need for a full and fair investigation.

Detailed guidance: is given to staff to ensure that their behaviour and actions do not place pupils or themselves at risk of harm, or of allegations of harm toward a pupil. This guidance is contained in **Staff Code of Conduct**, and the Staff Handbook/Induction Handbook if the school has one.

Ceasing to use staff: if the school ceases to use the services of an accused member of staff (or a governor/member or volunteer) because they are unsuitable to work with children, a compromise agreement will **not** be used. A referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) will be made. If the staff member is a teacher, a referral will be made to both the Disclosure and Barring Service and the National College for Teaching & Leadership (NCTL). Any such incidents will be followed by a review of the safeguarding procedures within the school, with a report being presented to the Governors and CfBT Schools Trust without delay.

Resignation: if a member of staff (or governor or volunteer) tenders his/her resignation, or ceases to provide his or her services, any child protection allegations will still be followed up by the school. Resignation will not prevent an investigation or the conclusion of an investigation or prompt and detailed referrals being made to the DBS and/or the NCTL.

Criminal proceedings: the school will consult with the LA designated officer(s) following the conclusion of a criminal investigation as to whether any further action, including disciplinary action, is appropriate and if so, how to proceed.

Record keeping: details of **substantiated** and **unsubstantiated** allegations will be recorded on the employee's file and retained at least until the employee reaches the normal retirement age or for a period of ten years from the date of the allegation, if this is longer.

Substantiated allegations will be referred to in references. **Unsubstantiated** allegations will not normally be referred to in references requests, but if the headteacher is explicitly requested, s/he will seek the advice of the LA designated officer(s) before responding to the request.

Allegations that are found to have been malicious, false or unfounded will be removed from the employee's records.

Malicious and unsubstantiated allegations made by students/pupils: where an allegation by a student/pupil is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the headteacher will consider whether to take disciplinary action in accordance with the school's behaviour policy. The LA designated officer(s) will refer the matter to children's social care to determine whether the child is need of services, or to consider if the child might have been abused by someone else.

16. Safeguarding in school

Prevention

We recognise that the school plays a significant part in the prevention of harm to our children by providing children with good lines of communication with trusted adults, supportive friends and an ethos of protection.

The school will therefore:

- Work to establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and are encouraged to talk and are always listened to
- Include regular consultation with children, e.g.: through safety questionnaires, participation in anti-bullying initiatives, participation in the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award or other effective ways of teaching children about their rights (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Encourage self-esteem and self-assertiveness, through the curriculum as well as relationships, whilst not condoning aggression or bullying
- Promoting a caring, safe and positive environment within the school
- Liaising and working together with all other support services and those agencies involved in the safeguarding of children
- Supporting families through Early Help initiatives
- The explicit teaching of safeguarding, which is mapped throughout the curriculum

As well as ensuring that we address child protection concerns, we will also ensure that children who attend the school are kept safe from harm whilst they are in our charge. To this end, this policy must be seen in light of the following school's policies.

That any harm caused by other pupils can be minimised, we will pay particular attention to:

- **Personal, Social and Health Education and Sex and Relationships Education:** child protection issues will be addressed through the curriculum as appropriate
- **Bullying:** the school will also ensure that bullying is identified and dealt with promptly. Sexualised behaviour, or bullying that is homophobic, trans gendered or gender prejudiced in nature, or where there appear to be links to domestic abuse in the family home will be addressed via local child protection procedures. Concerns about forced marriage and honour-based violence will be addressed via local child protection procedures.
- **Staff Safer Recruitment**
- **Staff Code of Conduct**
- **eSafety-Acceptable Use**
- **Racist & discriminatory incidents**
- **Confidentiality and Data Protection**
- **Behaviour Policy and the school rules**
- **Health and Safety**
- **Physical intervention/Restraints**
- **Allegations made against members of staff**
- **Anti-radicalisation**
- **Young Carers**
- **Missing Child**
- **Looked-after Children**

School premises: The school will take all practicable steps to ensure that school premises are as secure as circumstances permit, conducting regular risk assessments and maintaining a log of risk assessments, and other health and safety checks. All reportable incidents will be reported to the trust promptly and health and safety processes followed.

Visitors and parents are not allowed into school buildings without a visitor's badge and will be accompanied by a member of staff whilst inside the building/s. Visitors wishing to enter a school building must sign in on arrival and sign out again on departure. Un-badged and unaccompanied visitors inside buildings will be challenged by a member of staff and escorted to the office to complete the sign-in procedures. Those visiting the school site to collect or drop off children or to watch matches or concerts are restricted to appropriate areas and will be directed as to which locations are available to them.

Schools will check the identity of all new agency staff on arrival (by requesting photo id) and ensure the person presenting themselves for work is the same person that the agency has provided vetting checks for.

Further details are outlined in the School's Site Security Risk Assessment which is available on request.

Before- and after-school activities: Where the local governing body transfers control of the use of school premises to bodies (such as sports clubs) to provide out-of-school-hours activities, CfBT Schools Trust expects that it will ensure that these bodies have appropriate safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures (including appropriate police checks) and that there are arrangements in place to link with the school on such matters.

Such considerations will be made explicit in any contract or service level agreement with the bodies.

Contracted services: Where the local governing body contracts its services to outside providers, CfBT Schools Trust expects that it will ensure that these providers have appropriate safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures, and that there are arrangements in place to link with the school on such matters. Such considerations will be made explicit in any contract or service level agreement with the provider.

Lettings

As part of the schools letting procedures, all reasonable checks will be made to ensure hirers will not be using the school premises to promote any extremist views.

Refer to Anti Radicalisation and Lettings policies

17. Confidentiality and information sharing

The school will ensure that all child protection records are kept confidential and only allow disclosure to those who need the information in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The school will co-operate with police and children's social services to ensure that all relevant information is shared for the purposes of child protection investigations.

Regardless of any duty of confidentiality, if any member of staff has reason to believe that a child may be suffering harm, or be at risk of harm, their duty is to forward this information without delay to the designated safeguarding lead in accordance with this policy. All staff may raise concerns directly with children's social care services.

18. Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

Any child protection incidents at the school will be followed by a review of the safeguarding procedures within the school and a prompt report to the governors and the trust. In addition, the designated safeguarding lead will monitor the operation of this policy and its procedures and will make an annual report to the local governing body and termly reports to the trust.

The local governing body will undertake an annual review of this policy and how their duties under it have been discharged. The governors will ensure that any deficiencies or weaknesses in regard to child protection arrangements at any time are remedied without delay.

Prior to any review of the policy, feedback will be sought from the designated governor, student school council, pupils, staff and parents on the effectiveness of the policy

LA SAFEGUARDING details:

- LA children's social care details: 0845 050 7666
- LA designated officer(s) details: 01865 810603
- LA Channel Panel details: 0345 050 7666

NSPCC Details

- NSPCC contact details: 0808 800 5000 (help@nspcc.org.uk)
- NSPCC ChildLine details: 0800 1111
- NSPCC FGM Direct Line details: 0800 028 3550
- NSPCC Gangs Direct Line details: 0808 800 500
- NSPCC Whistleblowing advice line 0800 028 0285
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Anti Radicalisation detail

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