Safeguarding Update Issue 4

Keeping Children Safe in Education

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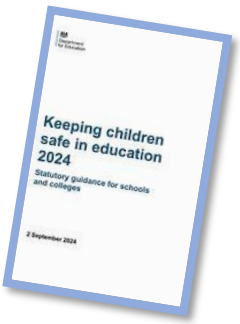
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Visit the policies page on the school website for further information and the relevant policies.

NSPCC HELPLINE 0808 800 5000 help@nspcc.org.uk

If you have concerns about a child or wish to receive some form of support, please come and talk to a member of the safeguarding team.

Parent / Carer guide to Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024



This issue of the Safeguarding Update aims to give parents/carers information on what safeguarding means, what you need to know as a parent, what KCSiE is.

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) is a statutory Department for Education document which all schools must follow. It covers many aspects of safeguarding, including different forms of abuse, Early Help, serious violence, county lines, child on child abuse, county lines, how technology can be used, mental health, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school and the Local Authority.

Early Help

Early Help aims to support families to prevent problems escalating into situations which may require social care intervention. KCSiE states that 'Any child may benefit from Early Help' to ensure a child's wellbeing and development is maintained.' If you feel you would benefit from such support, please speak to one of the DSLs who will help you complete an application.

'Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's** responsibility. **Everyone** who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. 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 interests of the child**.'

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A child means everyone under the age of 18.

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

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

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

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children 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 taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



What do I need to do?

ALWAYS ACT in the best interests of the child. Never promise confidentiality.

KNOW HOW to identify children who may benefit from early help.



KNOW THE DIFFERENT types of abuse and neglect, so that you can identify children who may be in need of help or protection.



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



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

Everyone must read:
Keeping Children Safe in Education Part One and Annex A.
Child Protection policy
Staff behaviour policy

Any staff member can make a referral to children's social care, but they should inform the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible.

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

All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions should be recorded in writing.

Staff Behaviour

If you are concerned about the behaviour of any staff member, you should speak to the headteacher. Concerns about the headteacher should be referred to the Chair of Governors.

Whistleblowing

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

Further Help and Useful Websites for Parents:

www.stopitnow.org.uk
www.parentzone.org.uk
www.saferinternet.org.uk
www.ltai.info
www.talktofrank.com

Report any concerns

If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused, please contact a member of the school's Safeguarding Team or contact the NSPCC Helpline. You could also contact Southampton Services by using the link on the front page of this document.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.