Safeguarding Update Issue 8

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Children Missing in Education

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ChildLine 0800 1111

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.

Children Missing from Education

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

What to do if you have a concern about a child missing from education

If you hear of or know of a pupil who plans to leave the school please alert the school office at the earliest time. There is key information the school must collect in order to effectively safeguard the child.

If a pupil disappears from the school and there is no preceding notice from the parents/carers – we will refer to the Local Authority and seek advice from the Trust.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a missing child you must inform the DSL immediately. The DSL will make an urgent referral.