



## **Cranham Church of England (VA) Primary School**

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## Mission Statement and Rationale

Cranham Primary School fully recognises its responsibilities for safeguarding the children in its care (child protection). Our policy applies to all staff, governors and volunteers working in the school. The governors have decided that child protection should be accorded the highest of priorities.

Staff members are advised to maintain an attitude of **'it could happen here'** where safeguarding is concerned and **always act in the interests of the child**

There are five main elements to our policy:

1. Ensuring we practice safe recruitment in line with Government guidance by using at least one NCSL accredited recruiter on all interview panels and by checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children and ensuring any unsuitable behaviour is reported and managed using the Allegations Management procedures.
2. Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe.
3. Developing and then implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse by logging welfare concerns and referring to the Children's Help desk.
4. Supporting pupils who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed child protection plan.
5. Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.

A complete set of Gloucestershire's Child Protection Policy and Procedures which staff must comply with can be found at: <http://online-procedures.co.uk/swcpp>

All staff should ensure that the needs and safety of the child are at the centre of any decision they may need to take.

We recognise that because of the day to day contact with children, school staff is well placed to observe the outward signs of abuse. The school will therefore:

- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to.
- Ensure children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if they are worried.
- Include opportunities in the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum for children to develop the skills they need to recognise and stay safe from abuse.

## Child Protection Process



### Professional has concerns

If a Professional has a concern about the well being of a child (or unborn baby), then follow the General Procedures provided.



### Consultation with supervisor

Professional discusses concerns with supervisor or Designated Safeguarding Lead to decide next steps



### Discussion with parents

Professional discusses concerns with parents/carers of the child and explains what steps they will take next (if this does not put the child at further risk or affect a police investigation)



### Children and Families Helpdesk

Where there are urgent concerns, professional contacts the Children and Families Helpdesk on 01452 426565.



### Seeking advice from Children's Social Care

Professional can contact their local R&A Team to discuss concerns in principle with a social worker or social work manager and receive advice about whether a referral is appropriate or whether there are alternative ways of addressing their concerns.



### Making a Request for Service to Children's Social Care

Unless there are urgent concerns, professional completes a Multi Agency Service Request Form. This is passed on to a social work team and the caller will be contacted by a social worker within 24 hours (unless there are immediate risks in which case the professional will put through to a social work team straight away). The social work team will discuss whether the referral is appropriate and what action can/will be taken.

# Referrals to Social Care



**Professional has made a referral to social care**



## Confirm in writing

If a MARF was not completed at the time of the initial contact, then the referral must be followed up in writing within 48 hours  
 Childrenshelpdesk-gcsx@gloucestershire.gcsx.gov.uk  
 Children & Families Help Desk, Block 4, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Shire Hall, Glos. GL1 2TG



## Assessment

If accepted the referral will lead to an Assessment being commenced to determine whether there is suspected actual harm or likely significant harm.



## Strategy Discussion

The Strategy Discussion is convened by the appropriate Referral and Assessment team where there is suspected actual harm or likely significant harm (within 10 days of referral).



### Section 17 Child in need of services

Section 17 services are required when there are health or development concerns. These are determined through an assessment of need and are appropriate when the child is judged not to be at risk of significant harm or any previous concerns have been resolved.



### Section 47 Child in need of protection

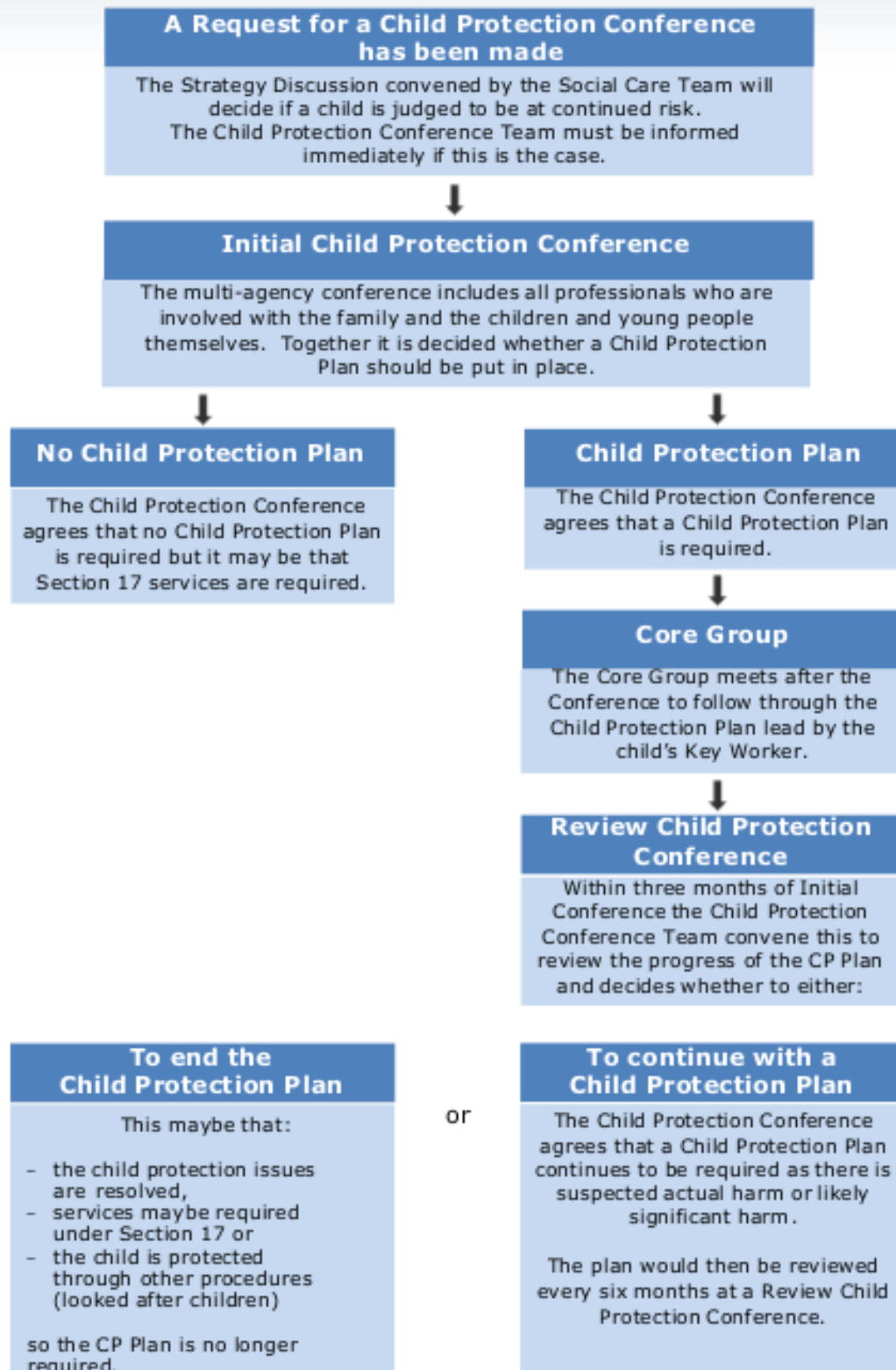
A Section 47 enquiry is required because it is judged there is suspected actual harm or likely significant harm to the child - the case is then passed onto the Children and Families Team. An assessment is carried out and it may be decided that Child Protection Conference is required, which should then be held within 15 working days.



### Outcome of Assessment

The Assessment may confirm child protection concerns in which case a Child Protection Conference should be held within 15 working days of the last strategy discussion.  
 (It may also determine that services are required under Section 17).

# Child Protection Conference Process



# Allegations Management



## Concern about a member of staff or a volunteer working with children

If a professional receives an allegation or has a concern about the behaviour of a member of staff working or volunteering with children and that concern could amount to:

- a. a member of staff or volunteer has behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child, or
- b. possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child, or
- c. behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates s/he is unsuitable to work with children.

Then that professional should:



## Report their concerns

Report the concern to the most senior person not implicated in the allegation.



## Completion of written record

Complete a written record of the nature and circumstances surrounding the concern, including any previous concerns help. Include where the concern came from and brief details only.



## Seek advice before proceeding – Initial Discussion

Always contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for advice prior to investigating the allegation. This is because it might meet the criminal threshold and so your investigation could interfere with a Police or Social Care investigation.

**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) – Tel: 01452 426994**

The LADO will offer advice on any immediate action required and will assist with employment and safeguarding issues.



## Allegations Management Process

If, after your Initial Discussion with the LADO, it is agreed that the allegation meets the criteria, a multi-agency meeting will be convened and you will be invited. This might result in a criminal investigation, a Social Care investigation and/or an investigation to inform whether disciplinary action is required.

If it is agreed that the allegation does not meet the criteria, the LADO will record the Initial Discussion and send it to you for your records. Any further action will be taken within your setting if necessary.



## Further action

Further meetings might be required and these will be convened by the LADO, with your input at all times. Further information on the Allegations Management process can be found in the Government Document: Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 and the South West Procedures.

<http://www.online-procedures.co.uk/swcpp/procedures/allegations-against-staff/allegation-suspicion-arisen/lado-informed/>



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### Recording and reporting at the time

Staff should make brief notes at the time or immediately after the relevant incident or conversation to assist in the completion of the **critical incident sheet** when they are able. Staff members should note the:

- date and time of disclosure/incident observed;
- place and context of disclosure or concern;
- facts they need to report, using the child's own words; and
- report to the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately.

We will follow the procedures set out by the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board (GSCB) and take account of guidance issued by the Department for Children, Schools and Families to:

- Ensure we have a designated senior person for safeguarding (child protection) who has received appropriate training and support for this role.

The Head teacher is currently the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). In the absence of the Head teacher, the Deputy DSL assumes this responsibility (the ultimate lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection remains with the designated safeguarding lead). During term time the designated safeguarding lead and or deputy will always be available during school hours for all staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. If both members of staff are off site this can be by mobile phone. In the absence of both members of staff then staff members may also contact the DSL at Birdlip Primary School. If a child is in immediate danger or at risk of harm a referral should be made to children's social care and /or the police immediately. Anyone can make a referral. Where referrals are not made by the DSL they should be informed as soon as possible that a referral has been made. If a teacher in the course of their work in the profession discovers that act of 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.

- Ensure we have a nominated governor responsible for child protection who has received appropriate training.
- Ensure that all new staff receive safeguarding training as part of their induction training and have an induction pack. Current staff should receive regular updates and/or training, as a minimum this should be annually.
- Ensure that staff and regular visitors are entered on the Single Central Record.
- Under the Childcare Act 2006 ensure that members of staff in EYFS are recorded as not living with a person that is disqualified.
- Ensure every member of staff (including temporary and supply staff and volunteers) and governing body knows the name of the designated senior person responsible for child protection and their role.
- Ensure that all staff and governors have read Section 1 of Keeping 'Children Safe in Education' (2016).

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- Ensure all staff and volunteers understand their responsibilities and are alert to the signs of abuse and responsible for referring any concerns to the designated senior person for child protection.
- Ensure that parents have an understanding of the responsibility placed on the school and staff for child protection by setting out its obligations in the school prospectus.
- Notify the relevant social worker if there is an unexplained absence of more than two days of a pupil who has a child protection plan (previously known as being on the child protection register).
- Develop effective links with relevant agencies and co-operate as required with their enquiries regarding child protection matters including attendance at child protection conferences and core groups.
- Keep written records of concerns about children, even where there is no need to refer the matter immediately.
- Ensure all records are kept securely; separate from the main pupil file, and in locked locations.
- Develop and then follow procedures where an allegation is made against a member of staff or volunteer including supply or agency workers, contractors or governors.
- Ensure safe recruitment practices are always followed.
- In terms of online safety ensure that appropriate filters are in place whilst being careful that 'over blocking' does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what children can be taught with regards to online teaching and safeguarding.

### **Alleged child abuse by members of staff**

**This includes supply or agency workers, contractors, governors or volunteers.**

If the complaint has been made against a member of staff, the Government's Allegations Management Procedures (from Working Together 2010) must be implemented. This document can be found in the Head teacher's Office or can be downloaded from:

<http://publications.education.gov.uk/eOrderingDownload/00305-2010DOM-EN-v3.pdf>

The designated person should immediately contact the Head teacher, Chair of Governors and governor with responsibility for safeguarding, who must in turn contact the Local Authority Designated Officer for Allegations (LADO) Jane Bee on 01452 426994 for an initial discussion. If necessary, the Head teacher, Local Authority Designated Officer, Social Worker representatives of the Safeguarding Children Service, HR and Police will then convene a Strategy Meeting urgently to plan any further appropriate action. The setting should not carry out an investigation until this meeting has taken place in case the allegation meets the criminal threshold. All documentation in relation to allegations will be permanently held within school.

### **Alleged abuse by the Head teacher**

If the complaint has been made against the Head teacher, responsibility for following the Allegations Management procedures will depend on the organisation of the educational setting. The Deputy DSL or whoever is making the complaint should contact the Governor with Child Protection responsibilities

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or the Chair of Governors who in turn should immediately contact the Local Authority Designated Officer for Allegations (LADO) Jane Bee on 01452 426994. Care should be taken to ensure that other staff and governors are only informed if necessary as it is important to ensure enough governors are able to participate in a disciplinary process should this be required.

### Whistle-Blowing

Staff are reminded that they have a duty to report any matters which cause them concern relating to the School's safeguarding policies, procedures and practises. Any such concerns may be raised with the Head teacher or Chair of Governors in order for concerns to be addressed and practises improved. Staff who do not consider this the appropriate course or who are not satisfied with the result of taking such action should follow the procedures laid down in the *Code of Conduct and Confidential Reporting Procedures (whistle-blowing) for Employees in Education Establishments* issued by Gloucestershire County Council

### Roles and Responsibilities

Details can be found in Appendix 1

#### Designated Safeguarding Lead

Anne Nolan is the designated person for child protection: in her absence the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Laura Hodges.

Designated Safeguarding Governor is Caroline Field.

They are responsible for: See Appendix 2

### Safe recruitment

Guidance KCSiE 2014 maintains the requirement for governing bodies of schools to ensure that at least one person on any appointment panel has undertaken safer recruitment training. At least one member of the recruitment panel must undertake safer recruitment training which, subject to parliamentary procedure, from November 2014 will no longer need to be provided by a person approved by the Secretary of State. Advice will be sought from the LSCB with regard to safer recruitment training.

#### Disclosure and Barring Service

The Head teacher is responsible for ensuring that all staff (including supply and agency staff and volunteers) as well as relevant Governors have clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service and that checks are appropriately updated.

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABUSE

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

The school will endeavour to support those children through:

- The content of the curriculum.

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- The school ethos which promotes a positive, supportive and secure environment and gives pupils a sense of being valued.
- The school Behaviour Policy which is aimed at supporting vulnerable pupils in the school. The school will ensure that the pupils know that some behaviour is unacceptable but they are valued and not to be blamed for any abuse which has occurred.
- Liaison with other agencies that support the pupils such as social care, child and adult mental Health Service, education welfare service and educational psychology service.
- Ensuring that, where a pupil leaves, who has a child protection plan, the appropriate information is transferred to the new school immediately and the child's social worker is informed.

## **Confidentiality**

- Education staff have a professional responsibility to share relevant information about the protection of children with the investigative agencies.
- Staff should be careful and ensure that information is only given to the appropriate person. All staff should be kept aware of issues relating to confidentiality and the status of information they may hold.
- Members of staff, other than the designated member and those involved closely, should only have enough details in order to help them to act sensitively and appropriately to a pupil. Discretion should be used when talking about the personal and changing circumstances of children.
- Child protection records contain personal data and must comply with the Data Protection Act. All staff should be aware of and observe the School's Data Protection Policy. The Data Protection Act is not a barrier to the sharing of information between professionals but ensures that information is shared appropriately.

## **Physical contact with pupils**

Some form of physical contact with pupils by teachers is inevitable. In some cases, it is necessary for reassurance. However, all staff should be aware of issues related to touching and the way in which this might be misconstrued. This relates particularly to any sensitive areas of the body. In the event of physical restraint being used it is important that only the minimum amount is used in order to prevent the pupil from causing injury to themselves, others or property. Following such an intervention a written report should be completed

## **Contribution to child protection through the curriculum**

The school raises awareness of child protection issues through safety education as part of the non-statutory framework for Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE).

As part of developing a healthy safer lifestyle pupils are taught to:

- Recognise different risks in different situations and then to decide how to behave responsibly.
- Judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable or unacceptable.

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- Manage risk and make safer choices, including recognising when pressure from others (including people they know) threatens their personal safety and well-being.
- Develop effective ways of resisting pressures including knowing when and where to get help.
- Use assertiveness techniques to resist unhelpful pressure.
- Develop skills to cope with emergency situations.
- Recognise the signs of peer on per abuse with the knowledge that 'banter' is not tolerated and make use of the school support systems including peer mediators and teh schools 'Ask it' Box.
- Make safe decisions on line through relevant lessons and use of external agencies including drama groups and the local police.

## Working with parents

- It is important that the School has an established approach to working with parents. Parents' and children's needs for privacy should be respected. Attitudes to and contact with parents should be non-judgemental in order to obtain the most conducive working relationship. The priority is the needs of the child and effective liaison is crucial for this.
- It should be recognised that School families from different backgrounds and cultures will have different approaches to child-rearing. These differences should be acknowledged and respected provided they do not place the child at risk as defined earlier in this document. The designated person responsible for child protection must ensure that parents are aware of the School's child protection responsibilities by explaining this in the school prospectus or other documentation given to parents when a child enters the School.

## Review and monitoring of the policy

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis or earlier if legislation should change and ratified by the Governing Body.

## Other Relevant Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the:

- Behaviour Policy,
- Physical Intervention and/or the use of reasonable force policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Equalities Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- E-Safety Policy
- Complaints procedure
- Whistle blowing
- Children Missing and Absent without Authority Policy,

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- Data Protection Policy,
- Educational Visits Policy
- Confidentiality and Disclosure Policy

### **Safeguarding Report to Governors**

A Safeguarding Report will be presented at each full Governors' meeting

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### **Appendix 1: Safeguarding Terms of Reference for Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

At Cranham C of E Primary School, the Head teacher is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). The DSL will appoint a member of staff to be Deputy DSL. The Head teacher's and DSL's terms of reference are carried out by one individual.

#### *Head teacher's Safeguarding Terms of Reference*

The Head teacher is responsible to the Full Governing Body for ensuring that:

- he or she maintains a clear overview of the School's safeguarding policies and procedures;
- the School's procedures for safe recruitment and vetting of staff take account of the DCSF guidance, and conform with the requirements outlined in this handbook;
- a member of each staff selection panel has received safe recruitment training, and that the selection process follows best practice with regard to safe recruitment;
- records are kept of the actions of each selection panel to demonstrate the steps taken to ensure safe recruitment;
- the policies and procedures adopted by the Governing Body with regard to safeguarding are implemented and followed and, where appropriate, records are kept to show that they are;
- the designated member of staff for child protection is provided with appropriate support, in particular provision of sufficient time and resources to discharge their responsibilities, including taking part in inter-agency assessments and meetings;
- holding the designated member of staff for child protection to account;
- appropriate training is in place for staff and other relevant adults;
- in the event of a person leaving the School, whether a member of staff or otherwise, when there are grounds for believing that they may be unsuitable to work with children or may have committed misconduct, that the Independent Safeguarding Authority are made aware of the circumstances;
- risk assessments are carried out and recorded in relation to all School activities including the admission or readmission of pupils with behaviour that could place themselves or others at risk, and following up and recording each case to ensure that the risk assessments are effective;
- effective steps are taken, in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures, in the event that the Head teacher receives any safeguarding complaints or concerns; and
- all staff, pupils, volunteers or other persons feel able to raise concerns about unsafe or poor safeguarding practice.

## Appendix 2: Child Protection – Guidance & Referral Process

### Responsibility of Governors

#### The role of the Governing Body

The Head teacher and Governors will monitor The Single Central Record and this will include:

- All staff including supply staff
- All others working in regular contact with children including volunteers.
- Prohibition checks on staff
- DBS checks
- Verification of ID

The Head teacher and Safeguarding Governor will monitor the policy annually to be satisfied that it is being complied with. The Head teacher and Safeguarding Governor will also undertake an annual monitoring review of the safeguarding provision (audit), and will ensure that a Designated Safeguarding Lead, together with a nominated governor for child protection, is in place.

The Head teacher and Governing Body will ensure that staff are aware of their responsibilities and the legal status of Children in Care (formally referred to as Looked after Children).

The Head teacher and Governing Body will contribute to inter-agency working and ensure **Early Help** is available when needed. They will allow access to Social Care for them to consider or conduct a section 17 or 47 assessment.

The Governing Body recognises the importance of the role of the DSL and Deputy DSL and will support him/her, ensuring that the necessary effective training is undertaken. The DSL will ensure that cover is provided for the Deputy DSL when needed and will also appreciate the additional duties taken on by the member of staff carrying out this role, especially when there are on-going child protection issues.

The Head teacher and Governing Body will ensure that there is a staff behaviour policy (Code of Conduct) and all staff have understood this.

The Governing Body recognises the contribution the school can make to helping children keep safe through the teaching of self-protection skills and encouragement of responsible attitudes to adult life through the Personal, Social and Health Education/Citizenship curriculum.

The Governing Body will ensure that there are safe and effective recruitment policies and disciplinary procedures in place that adhere to The Education (Prohibition from Teaching or Working with Children) Regulations 2003. The GB will ensure that all staff are recruited in accordance with Safer Recruitment Procedures as detailed at Appendix 3.

#### The role of the nominated governor

The nominated governor for child protection will be familiar with local Area Child Protection Committee procedures, LA procedures and guidance issued by the Department for Education and Skills. He/she will work with the Designated Teacher responsible for child protection to produce the child protection policy. It will be his/her duty to liaise with relevant agencies if any allegations are made against the Head teacher. He/she should undertake the training available for nominated



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governors. The nominated governor should ensure that child protection is an annual agenda item on a Governing Body meeting.

### The role of the Head teacher

Terms of reference for the Head teacher who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) have been produced and are included at Appendix 2

### The Head teacher will:

- Put in place procedures for handling cases of suspected abuse (including allegations against staff and volunteers) that are consistent with those agreed by the local Area Child Protection Committee and easily available to all staff and volunteers for reference.
- Liaise with the nominated governor on child protection issues and school policy.
- Appoint a Deputy DSL to co-ordinate action within the school and liaise with other agencies on suspected abuse cases.
- Ensure that the Deputy DSL receives appropriate training and support.
- Ensure the DSL has a job description.
- Understand the role of the Deputy DSL Teacher.
- Ensure that all staff know and are alert to signs of possible abuse and know what to do if they have any concerns or suspicions.
- Make parents aware of the school's child protection policy through the newsletter, posters displayed in the school and by way of introduction at the New Parents meetings.
- Work with local partners such as the LA and Social Care to create a safe environment for children at the school.

### The role of the DSL

This role is key to ensuring that proper procedures and policies are in place and are followed with regard to child protection issues and that there is a dedicated resource available for other staff, volunteers and governors to draw upon.

The Head teacher is the DSL and will appoint a senior teacher as a Deputy DSL. All members of staff should be aware of whom these Officers are and what their role is. The DSL should act as a source of advice and coordinate action within the school over cases of abuse and will need to liaise with all agencies and should build a good working relationship with colleagues from these agencies.

The DSL should possess skills in recognising and dealing with child welfare concerns. Appropriate training and support should be given. The DSL should be the first person education staff report cases to. It is then the responsibility of the DSL to discuss the situation with the relevant agencies. Schools should have arrangements in place for when the DSL is absent.

The Department for Education (DfE) has clear guidelines on what schools, governing bodies and LAs should do if they suspect that a child has been abused or assaulted. It is not, however, the responsibility of teachers and other staff in schools to investigate suspected abuse. They should not take action beyond that agreed in the procedures established by their local Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC).

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The DSL is responsible for referring cases of suspected abuse or allegations to the relevant investigating agencies according to the procedures established by their local ACPC and LA. The DSL must also be able to deal with allegations made against members of staff. To be effective he/she must:

- Act as a source of advice, support and expertise within the school and be responsible for coordinating action regarding referrals by liaising with Social Services and other relevant agencies over cases of abuse and allegations of abuse, regarding both children and members of staff.
- Ensure each member of staff has access to and is aware of the school's child protection policy. This includes trainee teachers and supply teachers.
- Liaise with the Head teacher to inform him/her of any issues and ongoing investigations and ensure there is always cover for the role.
- Ensure the school's child protection policy is updated and reviewed annually and work with the designated governor for child protection regarding this.
- Be able to keep detailed accurate secure written records of referrals/concerns.
- Ensure parents see copies of the child protection policy in order to alert them to the fact that the school may need to make referrals. Raising parents' awareness may avoid later conflict if the school does have to take appropriate action to safeguard a child. See above
- Where children leave the school roll, ensure their files are transferred to the new school as soon as possible. If a child leaves and the new school is not known, the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) should be alerted so the child can be included on the database for lost pupils.

The DSL should also ensure that all staff receive appropriate training. They should:

- Have received training in how to identify abuse and know when it is appropriate to refer a case together with having a working knowledge of how ACPC's operate and the conduct of a child protection case conference and be able to attend and contribute to these when required.
- Attend any relevant or refresher training courses and then ensure that any new or key messages are passed to other staff, volunteers and governors.
- Make themselves (and any deputies) known to all staff, volunteers and governors (including new starters and supply teachers) and ensure those members of staff have had training in child protection. This should be relevant to their needs to enable them to identify and report any concerns to the DCPO immediately.

[Overview for teachers and other education staff if a child tells you they have been abused](#)

A child may confide in any member of staff and does not always go to teachers. Staff to whom an allegation is made should remember:

- Yours is a listening role, do not interrupt the child if he or she is freely recalling significant events. Any questions that may be needed to clarify what the child is saying should be framed in an open manner and not lead the child in any way.

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- You must report orally to the DSL immediately.
- Make a note of the discussion, as soon as is reasonably practicable (but within 24 hours) to pass on to the DSL. The note should record the time, date, place and people who were present as well as what was said — this may be used in any subsequent court proceedings.
- Do not give undertakings of absolute confidentiality.
- Finally, but most importantly, give your note to the DSL. Your responsibility in terms of referring concerns ends at this point, but you may have a future role in terms of supporting or monitoring the child, contributing to the assessment or implementing child protection plans.
- Further information is available in 'What to do if you're worried a child is being abused'

## Appendix 3 – Recognised Forms of Child Abuse

If any member of staff, governor, parent or volunteer is concerned that a child may have been abused they must share their concern with the designated person for Child Protection (DSL) or in their absence the deputy designated person for Child Protection. It is their responsibility to co-ordinate action within the school on child abuse and to act as the contact point with other agencies.

### Definition of abuse:

A form of maltreatment of a child. Someone may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm or failing to act to prevent harm. Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting by those known to them or, more rarely by others ( eg. via the internet). They may be abused by an adult or adults or by another child or children.

Abuse, neglect and safeguarding issues are rarely stand alone events that can be covered by one definition or label. In most cases multiple issues will overlap with one another.

Recognised forms of child abuse are:

- **Physical abuse:** where a child is caused pain, hurt or injury by direct physical force by the use of some instrument or by neglect
- **Emotional abuse:** where a child is caused distress, emotional trauma or psychological damage by severe persistent verbal abuse or neglect
- **Sexual abuse:** where a child is used to gratify the sexual desires of another person, physically or otherwise
- **Neglect:** the persistent or severe neglect of a child or the failure to protect a child from exposure to any kind of danger, including cold and starvation, or extreme failure to carry out aspects of care, resulting in the significant impairment of the child's health and development including non-organic failure to thrive.

### Other types of abuse may include:

- **Bullying** (including cyberbullying) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying> This is defined as behaviour that is: repeated; intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally; often aimed at certain groups, eg because of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation
- **Gangs and Youth violence**  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/226293/Advice\\_to\\_Schools\\_and\\_Colleges\\_on\\_Gangs.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/226293/Advice_to_Schools_and_Colleges_on_Gangs.pdf)
- **Self harm**
- **Child sexual exploitation:** a form of sexual abuse where children are sexually exploited for money, power or status. It can involve violent, humiliating or degrading sexual assaults. In some cases young people are persuaded or forced into exchanging sexual activity for money, drugs, gifts, affection or status. Consent cannot be given even where a child may believe they are voluntarily engaging in sexual activity with the person who is exploiting them. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact and can happen online. A significant number of children who are victims of child sexual exploitation go missing from home, care

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and education at some point. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-to-do-if-you-suspect-a-child-is-being-sexually-exploited>

- **Domestic Violence** - Domestic violence/abuse is a pattern of behaviour which is characterised by the exercise of control & the misuse of power by one person, over another, within the context of a current or former intimate relationship. <https://www.gov.uk/domestic-violence-and-abuse>
- **Drugs**  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/270169/drug-adviceforschools.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270169/drug-adviceforschools.pdf)
- **Fabricated or induced illness** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-in-whom-illness-is-fabricated-or-induced>
- **Faith abuse** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-action-plan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief>
- **Gender based violence** (violence against women and girls)
- **Female genital mutilation [FGM]** Female Genital Mutilation includes all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non medical reasons. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/female-genital-mutilation-multi-agency-practice-guidelines>
- **Private fostering** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-private-fostering>
- **Radicalisation** All schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism” - this is known as the 'Prevent Duty'. Guidance is contained within the document 'Duty to Prevent being drawn into any kind of terrorism' (Paragraphs **57** to **76** specifically deal with the duties for schools). The DfE has also published Departmental Advice for schools and childcare providers  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/417943/Prevent\\_Duty\\_Guidance\\_England\\_Wales.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417943/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales.pdf)  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf)
- **Sexting** <http://ceop.police.uk/>
- **Forced marriage** A Forced Marriage is a marriage in which one or both spouses do not (or in the case of some adults with support needs, cannot) consent to the marriage and duress involved. Duress can include physical, psychological, financial, sexual, emotional pressure.  
<https://www.gov.uk/forced-marriage>
- **Honour Based Violence (HBV):** Honour based violence is a crime or incident, which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and /or community
- **Gender-based violence/violence against women and girls [VAWG]**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/ending-violence-against-women-and-girls-in-the-uk>

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- Mental health Abuse <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-mental-health-strategy-for-england>
- **Teenage Relationship Abuse** <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/this-is-abuse-campaign>
- **Trafficking** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-who-may-have-been-trafficked-practice-guidance>
- **Peer on peer abuse:** All staff should be aware that safeguarding issues can manifest themselves via peer on peer abuse. This is most likely to include but not limited to: bullying (including cyber bullying), gender based violence/ sexual assaults and sexing.

## Appendix 4 – Contact Information for Safeguarding Procedures

### Who to contact concerning a child’s welfare and safety

If you are worried or concerned about anyone under 18 whom you think is being abused or neglected, or that a child and their family need help and support, then please contact:

Local R and A team:

**TELEPHONE: 01452 583725**

Children’s Help Desk

**TELEPHONE: 01452 42 65 65**

**Opening Hours: Monday to Friday between 08:00 to 17:00**

Out of Office hours

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of the child or you believe a serious criminal offence has been committed, please contact the Police at any time on

**TELEPHONE: 0845 090 1234**

### **IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999**

Who to contact at the Safeguarding Children Service

You may contact the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board (GSCB) office as follows:-

	Local R and A Team	01452 583725
Duncan Siret	Safeguarding Business Manager	01452 583638
Charlene Sampson	GCSB Administrator	01452 583629
Hannah Malone	GCSB Project Officer	01452 583643
Jane Bee	LADO and Education	01452 426994
Georgina Summers	Schools training	01452 426320
Izzy Dougan	Multi-agency training co-ordinator	01452 583621
Maria Costello	Child Protection Conferences	01452 583636
<b>Police</b>	0845 0901234 <b>In an emergency always ring 999</b>	

To receive updates by email please use the following address: [mail@gscb.org.uk](mailto:mail@gscb.org.uk)

The address for Safeguarding Children’s Services is Gloucestershire Public Protection Bureau, No 63 Lansdown Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 6QT

See also:

**Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board:** email [gscb@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:gscb@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## APPENDIX 5 – MULTI AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

### Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)

Applicable in the event that the school needed to be involved in the assessment and management of a high risk offender; for example, where there are concerns about a sex offender having an association of some kind with the School or where there are serious concerns about violence against a child or young person.

The multi-agency public protection arrangements ensure the assessment and management of offenders who are required to register as convicted sex offenders, violent offenders who receive a prison sentence of 12 months or more and other offenders who are assessed as posing a high risk of serious harm. The assessment of serious harm includes risk to children, known adults, public, staff, self.

The police, probation and prison service are the lead agencies, with other agencies including CYPD and education settings, having a statutory duty to cooperate. Multi-agency meetings are convened to share relevant information and produce a plan on how the identified risks can be managed. These meetings are similar in format to child protection conferences, however, the offender will not always be aware that the meetings are taking place and will not be invited to attend.

The multi-agency public protection arrangements are overseen by a Strategic Management Board. Membership includes the Lead for Child Protection from CYPD. There are links between the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements and the GSCB. A MAPPA report is produced annually and can be obtained from the Home Office website. ([www.probation.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.probation.homeoffice.gov.uk))

### Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

MARAC meetings are held in county daily to discuss high level incidences of domestic abuse. Meetings are held in 4 localities;

- Cheltenham and Tewkesbury,
- Gloucester,
- Forest,
- Stroud and Cotswolds.

The purpose of MARACs is 'to share information to increase the safety, health and well-being of victims - adults and their children, to construct jointly and implement a risk management plan that provides professional support to all those at risk and that reduces the risk of harm.'

Please see [www.caada.org.uk](http://www.caada.org.uk) for more information about the process and to view the **Education toolkit for MARAC**.

Currently Education representatives do not attend any of the four MARACs. Instead if the MARAC decide to disclose to the school in question, the action will be for the Health Representative to disclose and inform the school Nurse with the relevant information agreed at MARAC. The school Nurse may then disclose to the school, by way of the Designated Safeguarding Lead or offer the support directly to the child. However Gloucestershire Police are working with the GSCB to improve this procedure and ensure that educational settings are represented themselves at MARACs.



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Under the current MARAC process, should a DDSL within a school want to know whether a child has been known to a MARAC meeting, it is the responsibility of the DDSL to make those enquiries with the Central Request for service Unit at Gloucestershire Public Protection Bureau, 01242 247999, [cruenquireies@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cruenquireies@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

More information on this process can be obtained from Faye Kamara-Strategic County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Co-ordinator, [faye.kamara@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:faye.kamara@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk) or 01242 247933.

*Children with Child Protection Plans (previously called being on the Child Protection Register)*

Children with Child Protection Plans will require additional support and monitoring. The Social Care Department will inform the School if it receives a child with a plan and accompanying records should follow from the child's previous school. The School will support such pupils in accordance with the pupil's child protection plan. The Child Protection Officer will notify the relevant social worker if there

Where children have a Child Protection Plan and leave one school for another, the designated person must inform the receiving school and the key worker at the Social Care Department. If the child leaves the School with no receiving school, details should be passed to the principal Education Welfare Office.