



# Glebe Junior School

## CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY 2025 -2026

The policy will be reviewed annually as a minimum, unless lessons learnt or new legislation, national or local guidance suggests the need for an earlier date of review.

### Policy review dates and changes

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### Section 1: Introduction

This child protection/safeguarding policy outlines how Glebe Junior School will safeguard and promote children's welfare to keep our learners safe from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The policy applies to all adults, including volunteers, governors, supply staff and contractors working in or on behalf of the setting.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing the impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care, and
- Taking action to enable all children to achieve the best outcomes

Children includes everyone under the age of 18.

We help to keep children safe by:

- Providing safe environments, with secure access, where children can learn and develop
- Acting in the best interests of children to protect them online and offline, including when they are receiving remote education
- Identifying children who may need early help, and who are at risk of harm or have been harmed. This can include, but is not limited to, neglect, abuse (including by other children), grooming or exploitation
- Taking timely and appropriate safeguarding action for children who need extra help or who may be suffering, or likely to suffer, harm. This includes, if required, referring in a timely way to those who have the expertise to help
- Using safe recruitment processes and managing allegations that may meet the harm threshold and allegations/concerns that do not meet the harm threshold, referred to as low-level concerns

We will ensure that parents/carers and our partner agencies are aware of our child protection/safeguarding policy by ensuring that it is on the school website, available in paper form from the school office if requested, on the weekly newsletter, parent meetings, initial meetings with new children joining our school and displays around school.

The school website will also have information about how parents/children/other agencies can contact the designated safeguarding lead and their deputy/ies and include Starting Point's/Call Derbyshire's availability during out of school hours and school holidays.

### **Safeguarding and child protection policy statement**

Glebe Junior School operates a whole school approach and ethos to safeguarding and protecting children. Where safeguarding is concerned, we maintain an attitude of *"it could happen here"*. We recognise that everyone in the school has a role to play to keep children safe; this includes identifying concerns, sharing information, and taking prompt action. Safeguarding and child protection is incorporated in all relevant aspects of processes and policy development. All systems, processes and policies operate with the best interests of a child at their centre.

We ensure that all children are safeguarded while on or off school premises and are proactive about anticipating and managing risks that children face in the wider community and online. To support this the school assesses the risks and issues in the wider community when considering the well-being and safety of its learners. Due to the context of our school, our children may be at greater risk of: *witnessing domestic violence, being in a home where substance abuse is occurring*

– leading to poor mental health and ACE and potential radicalisation to right wing extremism. Due to the location of Glebe Junior School being on the M1 corridor, we are also vigilant regarding the issue of county lines.

To protect our learners, we have a Prevent action plan/risk assessment and are part of the Stopping Domestic Abuse Together (SDAT) initiative. *Glebe's curriculum and teaching across all subjects, in particular RSE, PSHE, Science and Computing constantly revisits and explores how children can keep themselves safe. Events, such as Fire Safety (Derbyshire Fire Service), DARE programme, NSPCC Pantasaurus, Online safety Evolve scheme to name a few, help children develop the protective behaviours that will keep them safe and will signpost where they can seek advice, help and support. We also work closely with our local PSCO (Police) and relevant talks to all year groups happen throughout the year. Glebe also explicitly and implicitly teaches Fundamental British Values and how these feed into wider society to keep everyone healthy, safe and happy.*

The school recognises we have an important role to play in multi-agency safeguarding arrangements and contributes to multi-agency working as set out in [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) (2018). As a relevant agency, the school understands its role within local safeguarding arrangements and operates in accordance with the [Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children multi-agency procedures](#), including the local criteria for action (known as the [Threshold document](#)) and local protocols for assessment in [Derby](#) and Derbyshire. The school is also aware of and implements any local learning where appropriate, such as those as outlined in DDSCP Briefing note: [safeguarding school age children and learning from case reviews](#) and other DDSCP briefing notes located in the multi-agency safeguarding children procedures [document library](#). *Glebe works in partnership with the Derby City and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children partnership and follow relevant local arrangements. We work closely with other multi-agencies to support vulnerable children. We liaise and work closely with school health and school doctors, CAMHS, build sound minds and have our own pastoral support team and positive play programmes to support children with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. We work with charitable organisations such as the ELM foundation for families with domestic violence. Glebe has its own Early Help Practitioner and we work closely with our feeder secondary school to offer family support.*

## Context

This policy enables Glebe Junior School to carry out our functions to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and must be read alongside key guidance:

- Department for Education's [statutory guidance](#) publications for schools and local authorities, including:
  - [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) (2023)
  - [Keeping children Safe in Education](#) (2025)
  - [Designated teacher for looked-after and previously looked-after children](#) (2018)
- [Human Rights Act](#) (1998) and [Equality Act](#) (2010), including the Public Sector Equality Duty
- [Data Protection Act](#) (2018) and [UK GDPR](#)
- [Prevent Duty Guidance](#) (2023) and [The Prevent duty: safeguarding learners vulnerable to radicalisation](#) (2023)

- [Derby and Derbyshire Multi-agency Safeguarding Children procedures - https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/](https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/)

Safeguarding is not just about protecting children from deliberate harm, neglect, or failure to act, it relates to broader aspects of care and education. This policy therefore complements and supports a range of other school policies, such as:

- Children's health and safety and well-being, including their mental health
- Behaviour policy, including how we engage learners struggling to engage in school, mental health and behaviour, acceptable and non-acceptable behaviours, how we prevent and respond to bullying including cyber bullying, prejudiced based and discriminatory bullying and child-on-child abuse. This policy also outlines the school's screening, searching, and confiscating powers and how they will be used safely, proportionately, and appropriately, including police strip searches
- Reduced timetables, suspension and permanent exclusion
- Use of reasonable force/physical intervention, including the increased vulnerability of children with special education needs (SEN) or disabilities and equality duties
- School attendance, including children who runaway or go missing from education, home, or care
- Meeting the needs of pupils with medical conditions
- Providing first aid
- Educational visits
- Intimate care and emotional well-being
- Online safety, including use of mobile and smart technology, online safety at school and at home and other associated issues, including sharing nudes and semi-nudes, use of pupil mobile phones in school, appropriate filtering and monitoring and how children can be kept safe from terrorist and extremist materials
- Safer recruitment and selection, including single central record
- Staff behaviour (code of conduct), including low level concerns, managing allegations against staff, including supply staff, contractors and volunteers incorporating 'duty to refer' and whistleblowing, acceptable use of technologies/mobile devices, staff/learner relationships and communications, including the use of social media
- School security and visitors
- Policy/agreement for visiting speakers
- SEND annual information report
- Relationships education (RE)/relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education (physical and mental well-being)
- Communications
- Complaints procedure
- Information sharing

## Section 2: What is abuse?

Abuse is a form of maltreatment of a child which may be caused by an adult, adults or by another child or children inflicting harm or by failing to prevent harm. The abuse can be physical, sexual,

neglect or emotional, including witnessing the ill treatment of others, such as domestic abuse. Children can be at risk of abuse inside and outside of their home, in their community, inside and outside the school and online.

Safeguarding issues can put children at of risk harm. Behaviours linked to drug taking and or alcohol misuse, deliberately missing education, serious violence (including county lines), radicalisation, consensual/non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images can be signs that children are at risk. Abuse, neglect, and safeguarding issues are rarely stand-alone events; in most cases multiple issues will overlap with one another.

Safeguarding action may be needed to protect children from the following risks, which include abuse perpetrated by other children as well as by adults:

- Any concerns that a child has suffered or is at risk of suffering physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, or neglect
- Bullying, including online bullying and prejudice-based bullying, racist, disability and homophobic or transphobic abuse
- Gender-based violence/violence against women and girls
- Sexual harassment, online sexual abuse, and sexual violence between children. Online abuse can include sending abusive, harassing, and misogynistic or misandrist messages; sharing nude and semi-nude images and videos; and coercing others to make and share sexual imagery
- Radicalisation and/or extremist behaviour
- Child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation, including county lines. This is known locally as child at risk of exploitation or 'CRE'
- Risks linked to using technology and social media, including online bullying; the risks of being groomed online for exploitation or radicalisation; and risks of accessing and generating inappropriate content, for example youth produced sexual imagery
- Abuse within intimate personal relationships between children (sometimes known as 'teenage relationship' abuse)
- Upskirting<sup>1</sup>
- Substance misuse – drugs and alcohol
- Gang activity and serious violence, particularly affecting young males who have been excluded, have experienced trauma and have been involved in offending
- Domestic abuse
- Forced marriage, female genital mutilation and so-called 'honour-based' violence
- Children with Perplexing Presentations (PP) in whom illness is fabricated or induced (FII)
- Homelessness
- Other issues not listed here but that pose a risk to children

Further information about indicators of abuse and neglect as well as safeguarding risks noted above are located in [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(2025\)](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Upskirting is taking a picture of someone's genitals or buttocks under their clothing without them knowing, either for sexual gratification or in order to humiliate or distress the individual. This is a criminal offence, see Voyeurism (Offences) Act (2019)

## Child Abuse

We acknowledge that there are four types of child abuse as defined in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2018) which is also defined in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education Statutory Guidance, 2025'.

Details of this can be found in the Appendix 1 at the rear of this document.

Glebe Junior School understands that there are indicators of child abuse; however, these should not be considered as a definitive list, but used when considering the possibility of abuse in children.

A full explanation of indicators is in Appendix 2.

Glebe Junior School understands that there are specific safeguarding issues, which we will ensure all Staff will be trained to understand, identify, report, and monitor these concerns. Where appropriate these issues will be included in the curriculum:

- Bullying including cyber bullying and cyber crime
- Children at risk of exploitation including child sexual exploitation
- Child sexual abuse within the family
- Child on Child abuse (formerly Peer on Peer)
- Compromised parenting, particularly in relation to babies and very young children
- Domestic Abuse and teenage relationship abuse
- Fabricated or induced illness
- Faith abuse
- Forced marriage, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and breast ironing
- Gangs, youth violence and trafficking
- Gender based violence/Violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Hate including race hate, discrimination, including LGBTQI+
- Mental Health
- Missing children from education and home
- Persistent absence or patterns of absence from education and home
- Online abuse/Sexting/harassment
- Private Fostering
- Preventing Radicalisation
- Substance and alcohol abuse

## Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse is rarely a one-off incident, but a pattern of power and control. It is any threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between adults who are, or have been in a relationship, or between family members. It can be psychological, physical, sexual, financial, or emotional abuse.

Children living with Domestic Abuse in their home or who are caught up in incidents of Domestic Abuse, are victims, and this can seriously harm children and young people. Some children are physically harmed as they can get caught up in the incident, some children are witnesses to the abuse, or hear the abuse. The impact on children living in a household where there is Domestic Abuse is likely to influence their development and social skills. We will treat any disclosure of information relating to Domestic Abuse as a Safeguarding concern and we will follow local Safeguarding Procedures.

We acknowledge the Domestic Abuse Act, 2021 (and its updates 2023) and will work with its new powers when working with our staff, all children and their families, where we believe Domestic Abuse is a feature and children are living with Domestic Abuse.

Glebe Junior School receives a notification (SDAT) from Derbyshire Police where there has been an incident in a household involving a child at this school. All DSLs have agreed processes on how to respond and support the pupil whilst in school and are able to escalate any Safeguarding concerns into Children's Services.

Teenagers aged 16/17 in a relationship are protected by Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Procedures and the law. If our school is aware that any information received about such a concern, we will treat this as Safeguarding concern and follow our Safeguarding processes.

The Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a multi-agency approach in managing cases of Domestic Abuse and where children are residing, the victim will be seen as high risk of serious harm/homicide. A Multi-Agency response is essential in ensuring that victims and their families are as safe as possible.

This school recognises this process and that as a partner they can make a referral into MARAC, based on information provided to them by a child, parent/carer.

The necessary website to make a referral is available here:

<https://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/what-we-do/domestic-abuse/staff-guidance/adults/marac/multiagency-risk-assessment-conference.aspx>

## **Emotional/Mental Health and Wellbeing**

All Staff should also be aware that mental health problems can, in some cases, be an indicator that a child has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Staff are well placed to observe children day-to-day and identify those whose behaviour suggests that they may be experiencing a mental health problem or be at risk of developing one.

Where children have suffered abuse and neglect, or other potentially traumatic adverse childhood experiences, this can have a lasting impact throughout childhood, adolescence and into adulthood. It is key that staff are aware of how these children's experiences, can impact on their mental health, behaviour, and education.

We acknowledge many children will have periods of feeling anxious, afraid and upset, and can develop phobias. However, some children will experience this more frequently.

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Undertaking a coordinated and evidence-informed approach to mental health and wellbeing leads to improved emotional health and wellbeing in children, and greater readiness to learn, improved attendance, attention, behaviour, and attainment.

We have a Senior Mental Health lead **(Beth Torrington supported by Sophie Titmus)** who has undertaken mental health training to develop the knowledge and skills to implement an effective whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing in our setting.

We provide information and signposting services to staff, children and parents. If Staff have an emotional or mental health concern about a child we will respond to the concern, inform, and discuss our concerns with parents/carers and seek ways to support the child in and out of school.

Our School will contact the local School Community Advisor for advice: WEBSITES CHECKED **SEPT 25**

CAMHS North

CAMHS South

**The SCA is: Sophie Tipple 01246 514412**

We will use this website to help us signpost Staff and families:

<https://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk/>

If a child is presenting with a risk of serious immediate harm and at risk of taking own life, we will seek urgent advice from the urgent CAMHS services and or seek medical intervention.

<https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-mental-health-services-camhs-derby-and-southern-derbyshire/im-professional/camhs-liaison-team>

<https://www.camhsnorthderbyshire.nhs.uk/urgent-care>

## **Online Safety, Cyber Security (including remote/blended learning)**

Glebe Junior School will work with our partners to keep children safe when online.

We will ensure that we have information and processes to raise awareness of online safety and cyber security for all our staff, children, and parents, our aim is to have a whole school approach to online safety. We are ensuring that online safety plays an integral role in our PSHE/RSE curriculum.

This will cover a range of online safety issues including:

- fraud and scams
- copycat websites, phishing e-mails
- identity theft
- cyberbullying/trolling, cyberstalking,
- online grooming, online radicalisation,
- offensive/illegal content including race hate
- child sexual exploitation online

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- Youth produced sexual imagery (sexting, nudes, semi-nudes)
- Using social media platforms.

**We are aware that social media and online platforms can be an avenue to misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theories and these in turn are safeguarding harms.**

Cyber Security is a growing Safeguarding concern and we recognise the need to have procedures to ensure networks, data and systems are protected against Cyber threats and help keep staff and pupils safe, particularly when using remote learning platforms and remote teaching platforms / delivery styles. We will use the recommended national and local guidelines on staff and pupils who may need to work remotely.

Our On-Line Safety policy can be found in the Policies section of our school website. 2023-2026

The Sending of Indecent Images from one child to another through digital Media Devices, including nudes and semi-nudes.

In the latest advice for schools and colleges (UK Council for Internet Safety, 2020), this is defined as the sending or posting of nude or semi-nude images, videos, or live streams online by young people under the age of 18. This could be via social media, gaming platforms, chat apps or forums. It could also involve sharing between devices via services like which works offline.

The motivations for taking and sharing nude and semi-nude images, videos and live streams are not always sexually or criminally motivated. This does not apply to adults sharing nudes or semi-nudes of under 18year olds. This is a form of child sexual abuse and we will refer this to the police as a matter of urgency.

Glebe Junior School will respond to a child sending indecent images as a safeguarding concern. The DSL/Senior Leadership Team will seek advice from the police and will consider a referral into children's services.

We will use national and local guidance to help us: **(all hyperlinks below checked September 2025)**

[Derby City and Derbyshire Threshold document.](#)

**Sexing in schools and colleges – A Flowchart**

[The DfE guidance 2018 on Searching Screening and Confiscation Advice for Schools](#)

**The DfE Guidance, June 2023 on Teaching Online Safety in Schools**

[Gov Guidance Sharing nudes and semi nudes, Dec 2020](#)

The Criminal Exploitation of Children:

We will train all staff to recognise signs which may indicate criminal exploitation and to identify children in the school who may be at risk and to report this.

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Criminal exploitation is child abuse where children under 18 and older where there is a vulnerable adult are manipulated and coerced into committing crimes.

County Lines is the police term for urban gangs exploiting young people into moving drugs from a hub, normally a large city, into other markets - suburban areas and market and coastal towns and using dedicated mobile phone lines or "deal lines".

Cuckooing is a practice where people take over a person's home and use the property to facilitate exploitation. There are different types of cuckooing:

Using the property to deal, store or take drugs

Using the property to sex work

Taking over the property as a place for them to live

Taking over the property to financially abuse the tenant

The most common form of cuckooing is where drug dealers take over a person's home and use it to store or distribute drugs. Children living in these properties are at risk of neglect and other types of abuse.

#### The Sexual Exploitation of Children:

We will train all staff to recognise signs which may indicate sexual exploitation and to identify children in the school who may be at risk and to report this.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a type of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity.

It can occur online, and many young people can be persuaded or forced to have sexual conversations by text or online, send or post sexually explicit images of themselves, take part in sexual activities via a webcam or smartphone.

Children and young people in sexually exploitative situations and relationships are persuaded or forced to perform sexual activities or have sexual activities performed on them in return for gifts, drugs, money, or affection.

All suspected or actual cases of CRE/CSE are a Safeguarding concern in which safeguarding procedures will be followed and this will include a referral to the police and children's services.

We will treat these children as exploited and they will be treated as victims. This school will put in place risk management plans with partners and will help and support the children and their family, access advice from other agencies for example health, or sexual health services.

In order to support the safety of our students we will work closely with additional services, partner agencies and local schools.

#### **Forced Marriage/ Honour based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation (Child Protection)**

This School knows about a mandatory reporting duty for all teachers to report to the police where it is believed an act of FGM has been carried out on a girl under 18 in the UK. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action being taken.

All suspected or actual cases of FGM are a Safeguarding concern in which Safeguarding procedures will be followed. This will include a referral to the police made by the school. If any staff are concerned about a pupil, they will refer to the Safeguarding Designated Lead/s within the School. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will refer into Children's Services. This will also apply to suspicions of a child been subject to treats of or honour-based violence.

If any staff have concerns that a child may be or is subject to breast ironing, this is Child Abuse and Safeguarding procedures will be followed and in all cases.

### Prevent and Counter Terrorism

The School will ensure all staff including governors and volunteers adhere to their duties in the Prevent guidance 2024 to prevent radicalisation. The Head teacher and Chair of Governors will:

- Establish or use existing mechanisms for understanding the risk of extremism.
- Ensure staff understand the risk and build capabilities to deal with issues arising
- Communicate the importance of the duty.
- Ensure all Staff (governors and volunteers) implement the duty and staff/governors are trained annually.

The School will ensure all staff, will adhere to their duties under Prevent, as detailed in the Prevent Duty Guidance 2024, (also Prevent Duty Guidance for schools) to have due regard to the need to prevent people from becoming drawn into terrorism. The HT and Chair of Governors will:

- Establish or use existing mechanisms for assessing the risk of extremism and terrorism.
- Ensure staff understand the risk and build capabilities to deal with issues identified.
- Communicate the importance of the duty.
- Ensure all Staff understand their roles and responsibilities in prevent.
- This School will respond to any concern about Prevent as a Safeguarding concern.
- We will seek to work in partnership with agencies undertaking risk assessments where appropriate and proportionate to risk.
- We will aim to build our children's resilience to radicalisation.
- Any indicators that the concern may be a prevent or of possible extremism. A referral will be made in all cases to the Derbyshire Police Prevent Team:

<https://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/what-we-do/counter-terrorism/prevent-referrals/preventreferrals.aspx>

### Filtering and Monitoring (KCSIE introduced 2023 – revisited 2025)

Please see the Online Safety Policy SECTION 5 for greater detail – Updated December 2023

The school is committed to providing effective filtering and monitoring systems, this will include monitoring the activities of children when on-line in the school and actions taken relevant to the activity. The software Senso is used to manage and monitor all devices.

The school will record any concerns, and these records will be treated as a child Protection Record, storing them on a Child Protection/Safeguarding file on MyConcern.

The school has the [plan technology for your school service](#) to assess ourselves against the filtering and monitoring standards.

The government has also produced guidance on the use of Generative AI: product safety expectations to support schools to use generative artificial intelligence safely, and explains how filtering and monitoring requirements apply to the use of generative AI in education. This can be found [here](#).

## Child on Child abuse, Sexual Violence and Harassment

Children are vulnerable to physical, sexual, and emotional bullying and abuse by their peers. Such abuse will be taken seriously by this school and we will aim to eradicate any behaviours seen as this.

Child on child abuse applies when there is an allegation or suspicion that a child has abused or is at risk of abusing another child or adult, including:

- Within their household (for example sibling abuse or violence towards parents/carers); and
- Outside of the child's immediate household.
- Education or community settings
- On-line/off-line or both

Child on child abuse can take various forms and includes: serious bullying / cyber-bullying, relationship abuse, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, 'sexting' / youth produced sexual imagery, youth and serious youth violence, gang related activity, harmful sexual behaviour, and / or sexual violence / harassment.

We recognise that child on child abuse is often gender based. It is more likely that girls will be victims and boys' perpetrators. However, both can experience child on child abuse but are likely to experience it differently.

Glebe Junior School understands we need to equip all staff about identifying and handing disclosures, including third party disclosures from other peers.

All suspicions or incidents of will be treated seriously and as a safeguarding concern and responded to. In all cases this will require a discussion with the Designated Safeguarding Lead who will consider a referral into the Police and Children's Services.

This school may also apply sanctions and consider all features in every case to assist in decision making.

We understand that we need, as a school, to have clear mechanisms and procedures in place to identify and report incidents or concerns.

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We also understand that child on child incidents can affect the local community, and in the context of wider safeguarding of those children in our local community.

We will use the following national and local guidance's to assist us: LINKS CHECKED SEPT '25

- [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(DfE\) 2025](#), part five.
- <https://www.ddscp.org.uk/staff-and-volunteers/policies-and-procedures/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sharing-nudes-and-semi-nudes-advice-foreducation-settings-working-with-children-and-young-people>

We will ensure that we support both the alleged abuser/s and victim/s and will use a range of strategies tools and templates available to us, for example: LINKS CHECKED SEPT '25

- [Lucy Faithful Traffic Light Tool](#)
- Local intel and mapping tools and meetings e.g. LCP's – local children's partnerships.
- <https://schoolsnet.derbyshire.gov.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-education/keeping-children-safe-ineducation.aspx>

We will work with partners for example, the police, health, children's services, and youth offending to help keep the child safe and feel protected. WE will seek advice for the child and signpost them to services.

We will listen to and consult with the child, working with the parents for example, looking at segregation and separation in the school and the classroom.

All staff will receive an awareness and understanding of child on child abuse, sexual violence and harassment in their training and we will work together to reduce this behaviour and any related incidents.

We aim to use approaches in the curriculum to address and tackle child on child abuse and eradicate any cultures pertaining to an unsafe and unhealthy school where children do not feel safe.

## **Serious Violence/ Carrying Knives/Offensive Weapons & Gang Culture**

We will work with partners for example the Police, local Safer Neighbourhood Teams, and Community Safety to identify any child or groups of children who may present as being involved in serious violence, gang, or knife culture.

Bringing and carrying a knife/offensive weapon onto school premises is a criminal offence and immediate action will be taken by calling the Police. In some circumstances we may have to use our lockdown procedures.

The guidance on [Searching, Screening and Confiscation for Head teachers, Schools and Governors, January 2018](#) (Updated July 2023) will be our guide and the school will consider sanctions.

If a member of staff suspects a pupil being involved in gang culture where it is believed to be exploitative or harmful, this is a safeguarding concern and the safety and wellbeing of the child takes priority.

We will ensure any suspicions of a child linked to a gang is reported by staff to the

Designated Safeguarding Lead. The DSL will consider if a referral to the police and children's services are needed in line with our policies.

### Section 3: School staff safeguarding roles and responsibilities

#### Staff induction

Staff and governors at *Glebe Junior School* will have an induction appropriate to their roles, which will include organisation vision/ethos, aspirations, and expectations of all staff, as well as what is considered acceptable and what is not. New staff will also receive information about systems within the school which support safeguarding, including online safety and copies of policies; this includes:

- Child protection/ safeguarding policy, which includes how the school deals with child-on-child abuse
- School behaviour policy, which includes school measures to prevent bullying, including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying
- Staff behaviour (code of conduct) policy, which includes acceptable use of technologies/mobile devices, staff/learner relationship and communications, including the use of social media. The policy also incorporates low-level concerns, allegations against staff and whistleblowing
- The safeguarding response to children who go missing from education
- The safeguarding response to child-on-child abuse
- The role and names of the designated safeguarding lead, their deputy/ies, the designated teacher for looked after children, the senior mental health lead and the designated governor.

All staff will:

- Receive a paper/electronic copy of, read and sign to say that they have received, read, and understood:
  - Those who work directly with children at least Part one of Keeping Children Safe in Education: for school and college staff and Annex B: Further information (2025)
  - School leaders, including governors/proprietors and designated safeguarding leads/deputies all of Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025)
  - Staff who do not work with children directly at least Keeping Children Safe in Education: for school and college staff (part 1) or Annex A Safeguarding information for school and college staff (a condensed version of part 1)
- Be aware of:
  - The Stopping Domestic Abuse Together initiative (known nationally as Operation Encompass), a police-led early domestic abuse notification to schools
  - The safeguarding response to children who go missing from education or who are persistently absent from education or show patterns of absenteeism.
  - The safeguarding response to child-on-child abuse
  - The early help process for low level and emerging needs and understand their role in it
  - The process for making a referral to local authority children's social care, the statutory assessments that may follow this and the role they may play in such assessments

- Know what to do if a child tells them they are being abused, exploited, or neglected and will be able to reassure children they are being taken seriously, will be supported, and kept safe
- Know what to do if a child shares, produces or receives a sexual communication, including sharing nudes/ semi-nudes
- Know what to do if a parent or carer shares any concerns about a child • Be aware:
  - Children may not feel ready or know how to tell and/or might not recognise their experiences as harmful and that certain children may face additional barriers to telling
  - Any child may benefit from early help and be alert to the need for early help for some groups of children
  - Of the indicators of abuse and neglect, understand that children can be at risk inside and outside of the school, in their home, institutional or community setting and online
  - Children can abuse other children, referred to as child-on-child abuse, and the school policy to prevent and respond to it
  - Children with special education needs or disabilities (SEND), particularly those with neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism, as well as those with certain medical or physical health conditions are particularly vulnerable to online and offline abuse, exploitation, and neglect - and also face additional barriers to the recognition of this abuse
  - Technology is a significant component in many safeguarding and well-being issues
    - Mental health problems can, in some cases, be an indicator that a child has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse, neglect or exploitation
  - That children's poor behaviour may be a sign that they are suffering harm or that they have been traumatised by abuse
  - Of the 'one chance' rule with suspected or actual victims of forced marriage and so called 'honour-based' abuse. That is, they may only have one opportunity to speak to a victim or potential victim to offer appropriate support and advice
  - Of the indicators which may signal children are at risk from, or involved with, serious violent crime
- Have the skills, knowledge and understanding to keep looked after children and previously looked after children safe
- Discuss/report any concerns they have about a child with the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy. If staff members are unsure, they should always speak to the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy
- Speak to the designated safeguarding lead or deputy about any concerns about so called 'honour-based' abuse, breast ironing, female genital mutilation (FGM)<sup>2</sup>, virginity testing and hymenoplasty<sup>3</sup>
- Work with the designated safeguarding lead and do everything they can to support social workers to help them carry out a statutory assessment

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<sup>2</sup> There is a specific [legal duty](#) on teachers to report acts of FGM on girls under 18 to the police

<sup>3</sup> It is illegal to carry out, offer or aid and abet virginity testing or hymenoplasty in any part of the UK; see [multi-agency guidance](#) for more information

- Be mindful that early information sharing is vital to identifying and tackling all forms of abuse and neglect and in promoting children's welfare, including in relation to their educational outcomes

**Governors and the management of school safeguarding LINKS CHECKED SEPTEMBER 2025** As outlined in Keeping Children Safe in Education the governing body have a strategic leadership responsibility for the school safeguarding arrangements and has/have the responsibility to ensure that the school complies with safeguarding duties under legislation. There is a senior board level lead to take leadership responsibility for the establishment's safeguarding arrangements.

The governing body and their senior leadership teams and designated safeguarding lead are aware of and follow local arrangements. This includes understanding and applying the Threshold document (<https://trixcms.trixonline.co.uk/api/assets/derbyshirescp/533c00d1-338b-4a01-aea42244ead8358c/ddscp-threshold-document-final-december-2024.pdf>) which is the local Protocol for Assessment in Derby.

Arrangements have been made to set out information sharing processes and principles within the school and with local authority children's social care, safeguarding partners (Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership/DDSCP) and other agencies. The school will supply information as requested by the DDSCP which enables and assists partners to perform their functions to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in their area, including information related to local and national child safeguarding practice reviews.

Governors exercise strategic oversight of all aspects of safeguarding in the school and this is a standing item at all governing body/trustee meetings and recorded in minutes. To support this an annual safeguarding audit is completed to ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding policies and processes. Confirmation of annual safeguarding audit completion is also provided to Embark Safe Guarding Lead. In addition, an annual review and risk assessment of the school approach to online safety, policy and practice is undertaken. *We use the 360 Degrees Safe Online Safety Self-Review Tool for Schools to complete this audit.*

**To be carried out October 2025**

### **Headteacher/principal**

The school headteacher will ensure that the policies and procedures, adopted by their governing body/trustees and proprietors, are understood, and followed by all staff. This includes working with the designated safeguarding lead, their deputy, and other senior leaders, to ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding within the school and ensuring that educational outcomes of children who have or have had a social worker are promoted.

### **Designated safeguarding lead and deputy designated safeguarding lead**

A member of the senior leadership team is appointed to the role of designated safeguarding lead to take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety).

The designated safeguarding lead co-ordinates the setting's safeguarding and child protection arrangements by providing advice and support to other staff on child welfare, safeguarding and

child protection matters, including Stopping Domestic Abuse Together (SDAT) notifications, takes part in strategy discussions/meetings and inter-agency meetings – and/or supports other staff to do so - and contributes to the assessment of children.

The establishment also has a deputy designated safeguarding lead to cover for when the designated safeguarding lead is not available; the lead responsibility however remains with the designated safeguarding lead.

The designated safeguarding lead actively liaises with other school staff with safeguarding responsibilities, teachers, pastoral support staff, school nurses, IT leads, SENDCos and senior mental health leads on matters of safety and safeguarding to ensure safeguarding and promoting children's well-being are effective.

The designated safeguarding lead or a deputy is always available during school hours for the staff in the school to discuss any safeguarding concerns. *At Glebe Junior School there are 5 DSLs. Chelsea Williams is the lead DSL.*

More information about the role and responsibilities of the designated safeguarding lead can be found in Keeping Children Safe in Education Annex C: Role of the designated safeguarding lead.

### **Safeguarding training**

In addition to the safeguarding training at induction, all staff and governors will receive safeguarding training appropriate to their roles and responsibilities which is regularly updated<sup>4</sup> as well as Prevent Duty, child-on-child abuse and online safety training, including sharing nudes/semi-nudes, so they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to keep children safe. They will also receive regular safeguarding and child protection (including online safety) updates at least annually to help provide them with an awareness of safeguarding issues that can put children at the risk of harm ensuring they have the relevant skills and knowledge to safeguard children effectively.

The governors'/trustees' safeguarding training and updates will enable them to have the knowledge to provide strategic challenge to test and assure themselves that safeguarding processes and procedures are effective and robust and a whole school approach to safeguarding is in place.

Those involved with the recruitment and employment of staff to work with children will have received appropriate safer recruitment training.

## **Section 4: Key safeguarding contacts**

**School staff with specific safeguarding responsibilities** (*Please note personal phone numbers and email addresses should not be used*)

<b>Safeguarding Role</b>	<b>Name and Role</b>	<b>School contact details</b>
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<sup>4</sup> See DDSCP multi-agency training pathway on the [training page](http://www.ddscp.org.uk) of [www.ddscp.org.uk](http://www.ddscp.org.uk)

<b>Designated Safeguarding Lead</b>	Chelsea Williams - Headteacher	<a href="mailto:cwilliams@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">cwilliams@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>  01773 811304
<b>Deputy Designated Safeguarding</b>	Sophie Titmus – Deputy Headteacher	<a href="mailto:stitmus@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">stitmus@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Lead Senior Leader(s) the available for contact intended absence of the designated safeguarding lead</b>	Rachel Whelpton – Assistant Head Sam Finlayson – Assistant Head Jessica Stevenson – Assistant Head	<a href="mailto:rwhelpton@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">rwhelpton@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:sfinlayson@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">sfinlayson@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:jstevenson@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">jstevenson@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>  01773 811304
<b>Other staff with safeguarding responsibilities</b>	Linda Piper – Early Help	<a href="mailto:Linda.Piper@frederickgent.ttct.co.uk">Linda.Piper@frederickgent.ttct.co.uk</a>
<b>Attendance /Education Welfare Officer</b>	Hannah West	<a href="mailto:hwest@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">hwest@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>SENDCo</b>	Rachel Whelpton	<a href="mailto:rwhelpton@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">rwhelpton@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Designated Safeguarding Governor</b>	Jan Earnshaw (Vice Chair of Governors)	<a href="mailto:jearnshaw@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">jearnshaw@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Designated Teacher for Looked After/ previously Looked After Children</b>	Rachel Whelpton	<a href="mailto:rwhelpton@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">rwhelpton@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Senior Lead/s for Mental Health and Well-being</b>	Beth Torrington	<a href="mailto:btorrington@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">btorrington@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:stitmus@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">stitmus@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Governor for Mental Health and Well-being</b>	Jan Earnshaw	<a href="mailto:jearnshaw@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">jearnshaw@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>PHSE/RSE Lead</b>	Luan Cook	<a href="mailto:lcook@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">lcook@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>SLT Digital Lead</b>	Sophie Titmus	<a href="mailto:stitmus@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk">stitmus@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Data Protection Officer</b>	Education Data Hub	<a href="mailto:dpforschools@derbyshire.gov.uk">dpforschools@derbyshire.gov.uk</a>

#### Other Key Local Safeguarding Contacts

	Derby	Derbyshire
<b>Early Help Advice</b>	Early Help Advisors  <a href="http://Ddscp.org.uk">Ddscp.org.uk</a>	Transition Team – <i>part of the Early Help Transition team</i>  07812300329

<b>Targeted Early Help requests</b>	Locality Vulnerable Children Meeting (VCM) for requests for targeted early help via multi-	Requests for support from professionals, should be made via
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	<b>Derby</b>	<b>Derbyshire</b>
	<p>agency team (MAT) or non-urgent social care referrals via Locality Based Single Point of Access (SPA) Clerks:</p> <p><b>Locality 1 &amp; 5</b> Derwent, Chaddesden, Spondon, Oakwood, Mackworth, Allestree and Darley Email: <a href="mailto:vcm1and5@derby.gov.uk">vcm1and5@derby.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Locality 2</b> Sinfin, Alvaston, Boulton, Chellaston, Osmaston and Allenton Email: <a href="mailto:vcm2@derby.gov.uk">vcm2@derby.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Locality 3 &amp; 4</b> Balgreaves, Littleover, Mickleover, Normanton and Abbey Email: <a href="mailto:vcm3and4@derby.gov.uk">vcm3and4@derby.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>The Light House</b> (Integrated Disabled Children's Service) Tel: 01332 256990 Email: <a href="mailto:VCM-IDCS@derby.gov.uk">VCM-IDCS@derby.gov.uk</a></p>	the <u>online request for support</u> unless a child is at risk of Significant Harm
<b>Speak to a Social Worker for thresholds advice and consultation</b>	Children's Services Professional Consultation Line 07812 300329	Starting Point Consultation and Advice Service for Professionals 01629 535353
<b>Referrals to Local Authority Children's Social Care</b>	<p><b>Initial Response Team</b> <b>Urgent:</b> 01332 641172 or out of hours via Careline 01332 956606 <b>Non urgent:</b> <u>Derby Children's Social Care Online Referral system</u></p>	<p><b>Starting Point</b> <b>Urgent:</b> 01629 533 190 <b>Non Urgent:</b> <u>Starting Point online</u></p>
<b>Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)</b>	Derby and Derbyshire LADO <a href="#">referral form</a> . Email: <a href="mailto:CPMduty@derby.gov.uk">CPMduty@derby.gov.uk</a>	Derby and Derbyshire LADO <a href="#">link</a> Email: <a href="mailto:professional.allegations@derbyshire.gov.uk">professional.allegations@derbyshire.gov.uk</a>
<b>Derbyshire Police</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 999 for emergencies or 101 for non-emergencies</li> <li>• <b>Mandatory reporting of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) via 101 – Straight to the Police</b></li> <li>• School Police Safer neighbourhood team</li> </ul>	

<b>Prevent (radicalisation and extremism)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Prevent (radicalisation/extremism) Team on 101 or directly via 0300 1228694</li> <li>• <a href="#">Prevent/channel referral form.</a></li> <li>• For advice contact: Derbyshire - 01629 538473 or <a href="mailto:prevent@derbyshire.gov.uk">prevent@derbyshire.gov.uk</a> Derby - 07765 222032 or <a href="mailto:sally.siner@derby.gov.uk">sally.siner@derby.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>
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	Derby	Derbyshire
<b>Education Welfare and Local Authority Children Missing Education CME) Officer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CME: 01332 641448 or <a href="mailto:cme@derby.gov.uk">cme@derby.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• See <a href="#">Children Missing Education</a> for further information and CME referral form and for notification forms for child on roll, removal from roll and removal from roll to Elective Home Education (EHE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CME: <a href="mailto:CS.CMECoordinators@derbyshire.gov.uk">CS.CMECoordinators@derbyshire.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• See <a href="#">Children missing from education (CME) policy and guidance</a> and <a href="#">removal from school roll</a> for further information</li> </ul>
<b>Virtual School for Looked After Children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual School Head - 07812 301044 or <a href="mailto:graeme.ferguson@derby.gov.uk">graeme.ferguson@derby.gov.uk</a></li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Moore, Head of the Virtual School for Children in Care 07798 882876</li> <li>• Specialist Education Support Officer for CIC or other role Rachel Madge <a href="mailto:rachel.madge@derbyshire.gov.uk">rachel.madge@derbyshire.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>Public Health Nurse/other health contact/s</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-19 years school nursing service (dchs.nhs.uk) • <a href="https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/aboutus/latestnews/text-messagingadvice-service-launched-derbysyoungpeople-and-parents">https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/aboutus/latestnews/text-messagingadvice-service-launched-derbysyoungpeople-and-parents</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 - 10 years :: Derbyshire Family Health Service <a href="https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/about-us/latest-news/text-messagingadvice-service-launched-derbysyoungpeople-and-parents">https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/about-us/latest-news/text-messagingadvice-service-launched-derbysyoungpeople-and-parents</a></li> </ul>
<b>Emotional Health and Well-being Services</b>	<p>Derby &amp; Derbyshire - Emotional Health &amp; Wellbeing (<a href="http://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk">derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk</a>)                      Derby &amp; Derbyshire - Emotional Health &amp; Wellbeing (<a href="http://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk">derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk</a>)                      Build sound minds - Mental health and wellbeing - Support for Parents from Action For Children The Derbyshire Federation for mental Health HOME   Mysite (<a href="http://dfmh.co.uk">dfmh.co.uk</a>)                      School Nurse – <a href="https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/about-us/latestnews/text-messagingadvice-service-launched-derbysyoung-difficulties-people-and-parents">https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/about-us/latestnews/text-messagingadvice-service-launched-derbysyoung-difficulties-people-and-parents</a> Eating service Welcome to Freed Beeches - Freed <b>difficulties</b> Beeches First steps eating and body Image - <b>Difficulties</b> and symptoms - First Steps ED CAHMS - Teams/Services — CAMHS (<a href="http://camhsnorthderbyshire.nhs.uk">camhsnorthderbyshire.nhs.uk</a>) Transgender – Action for Children -</p>	

<b>Domestic Abuse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Safer Derby City</a></li> <li>• Derbyshire constabulary - information and advice about domestic abuse <a href="#">webpages</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer Derbyshire domestic abuse <a href="#">webpage</a></li> <li>• Derbyshire constabulary - information and advice about domestic abuse <a href="#">webpages</a></li> </ul>
<b>Harmful Sexual Behaviour Service</b>	Action for Children Pathway Programme Service for harmful sexual behaviours. Please note this service is for children in Derbyshire who are living with their birth family. <a href="mailto:pathwayservice@actionforchildren.org.uk">pathwayservice@actionforchildren.org.uk</a>	
<b>Cyberchoices</b>	For children at risk of being drawn into cybercrime via <a href="#">East Midlands Cyber Secure</a>	
	<b>Derby</b>	<b>Derbyshire</b>
<b>Homelessness or at risk of homelessness</b>	Derby city council homelessness <a href="#">webpages</a>	Derbyshire county council Preventing homelessness <a href="#">webpages</a>

### Key National Contacts

Organisation	Description and contact details
<b>NSPCC helpline for adults</b>	<p>Helping adults protect children 24 hours a day. For help and support, including anyone needing advice about female genital mutilation, young people affected by gangs, concerns that someone may be a victim of modern slavery contact the NSPCC trained helpline counsellors on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text 88858</li> <li>• 0808 800 5000</li> <li>• <a href="mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk">help@nspcc.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>NSPCC helpline Report Abuse in Education</b>	<p>Bespoke helpline for children and young people who've experienced abuse at school, and for worried adults and professionals who need support and guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0800 136 663</li> <li>• <a href="mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk">help@nspcc.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice</b>	<p>Free advice and support for professionals concerned about how child protection issues are being handled in their organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0800 028 0285</li> <li>• <a href="mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk">help@nspcc.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>UK Safer Internet Centre professional advice line</b>	<p>Helpline for professionals working with children and young people in the UK with any online safety issues they may face themselves or with children in their care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0844 381 4772</li> <li>• <a href="mailto:helpline@saferinternet.org.uk">helpline@saferinternet.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>Police Anti-Terrorist Hot Line number</b>	0800 789 321

<b>National Domestic Abuse Helpline</b>	Hosted by <a href="#">Refuge</a> , Helpline 0808 2000247
<b><u>Operation Encompass</u></b>	Resources for schools include free advice from an Education Psychologist about how best to support children via National Helpline 0204 513 9990
<b>Report harmful online content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Safer Internet Centre – <a href="#">report online harm</a>. A national reporting centre that has been designed to assist anyone in reporting harmful content online</li> <li>• <a href="#">CEOP</a> – to report online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating online</li> </ul>
<b>Report Abuse in Education helpline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people who have experienced abuse at school and parents and teachers who are concerned about sexual abuse in education settings can call the Report Abuse in Education helpline on 0800 136 663 or email <a href="mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk">help@nspcc.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description and contact details</b>
<b>Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWGfL Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service for the children’s workforce 0344 2250623 or email <a href="mailto:hsbsupport@swgfl.org.uk">hsbsupport@swgfl.org.uk</a></li> <li>• Stop it now! For worries about a child’s sexual behaviour, 0808 1000 900. Includes <a href="#">Shore</a> which provides a safe and anonymous place for young people to get help and support. The aim is to prevent harmful sexual behaviours among young people.</li> </ul>

**Section 5: Ensuring a safe environment for all children**

Our school provides a safe environment where children can learn and develop. This is an essential part of our whole school approach to safeguarding which incorporates a culture of vigilance where children’s welfare is promoted, timely and appropriate safeguarding action is taken for children who need extra help or who may be suffering, or likely to suffer harm.

The school environment is safe and secure and protects our learners from harm or the risk of harm. Positive behaviours are consistently promoted, and abusive or inappropriate behaviour challenged. A positive and supportive environment is promoted which gives learners a sense of being valued.

**Vulnerable children**

We recognise that some groups of children are potentially at greater risk of harm than others and have agreed arrangements to ensure the safety of these children:

- **Children who need a social worker (Child in Need and Child Protection Plans).** As a matter of routine, the designated safeguarding lead will hold and use the information that the

child has a social worker to ensure that as a matter of routine decisions can be made in the best interests of the child's safety, welfare and educational outcomes. In addition, the school will work with the virtual head as appropriate, regarding the educational attendance, attainment, and progress of children with a social worker or in **kinship care**.

- **Children missing from education.** The school response to children missing from education supports identifying a range of safeguarding issues and abuse; it also helps prevent the risk of children going missing in the future. This includes when problems are first emerging but also where children are already known to local authority children's social care and need a social worker, where going missing from education may increase known safeguarding risks within the family or in the community. We support and monitor attendance carefully and address poor or irregular attendance without delay. At Glebe Junior, *we promote good attendance through attendance celebrations, meetings with parents supporting families – please see our attendance policy on the school website. Further information: see Derby Children Missing Education [webpage](#) and Derbyshire Children Missing from Education [webpage](#)*)

The school also recognises that when children are not in school, such as when a learner is on a reduced timetable, suspended or excluded, they miss the protection and opportunities that education can provide, and can become more vulnerable to harm. Learners who have a social worker, including looked-after children, and previously looked after children are especially vulnerable. The school proactively supports learners in the school environment and decision-making processes about reduced timetables, suspension or exclusion operate in the best interest of children as outlined in local and national guidance. *At Glebe Junior School we strive to promote positive behaviour, support learners and work to create environments where reduced timetables, suspension or exclusions are not required. See national guidance [Behaviour in Schools \(2024\)](#), [Suspension and PE \(2024\)](#), [Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions \(2015\)](#) and local guidance [Derby part-time timetable guidance and a protocol and Derby In Year Fair Access \(IYFA\) and Exclusions or Derbyshire part-time timetables](#) and [Derbyshire attendance management and exclusions](#))*

- **Elective home education.** Where a parent/carer has expressed their intention to remove a child from school with a view to educating at home, the school will seek to co-ordinate a meeting with the parents/carers, Local Authority, and other key professionals where possible. This would be before a final decision has been made, to ensure the parents/carers have considered what is in the best interests of each child and is particularly important where a child has SEND, is vulnerable, and/or has a social worker or is vulnerable. Where a child is taken off roll, we will inform the Local Authority of the deletion from our admission register via the system outlined on the [Derby](#) or [Derbyshire Education Welfare](#) webpages.
- **Children who require mental health support.** The school has an important role to play in supporting the well-being and mental health of our learners. Mental health problems can be an indicator that a child has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse, neglect, or exploitation. We have clear systems and processes in place for identifying possible emotional well-being issues and mental health problems, seek advice from external agencies where appropriate and have clear referral and accountability systems. At Glebe

Junior School personal, social and emotional development is threaded through our curriculum. We have a whole school approach to emotional well being and mental health, our school has a team of pastoral TAs and a family support worker (EH) who support children who are struggling with their emotional well being / mental health. Where appropriate we see support/ help and guidance to ensure children receive bespoke timely support from appropriate agencies e.g build sound minds, CAHMS. We utilise Derby and Derbyshire Mental Health Pathway Guidance and have mental health leads. *Derby and Derbyshire Mental Health Pathway Guidance.*

- **Looked after children and previously looked after children.** The school ensures that appropriate staff have the information they need in relation to a child's looked after legal status, contact arrangements with birth parents or those with parental responsibility, care arrangements and the levels of authority delegated to the carer by the authority looking after him/her. The designated safeguarding lead has:
  - Details of the child's social worker, and
  - The name and contact details of the virtual school head and the relevant support officer in the authority that looks after the child
  - The name of the Personal Advisor appointed to support a child who has left careWhen dealing with looked after children and previously looked after children, the school/ college will work with all local authority children's social care, health and other relevant agencies and take prompt action when necessary to safeguard these children, who are a particularly vulnerable group. The school has a named designated teacher, who works with the Virtual School, to promote the educational achievement of pupils who are looked after, have left care through adoption, special guardianship, or child arrangement orders, or adopted from state care outside of England and Wales. The designated teacher has appropriate training, relevant qualifications, and experience.
- **Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or health issues.** The designated safeguarding lead and SENCo/named person with oversight of SEND will closely liaise whenever there are any concerns or reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving a child with SEND, neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism or certain medical or physical health conditions. The school will consider extra pastoral support and attention for these children, along with ensuring any appropriate support for communication is in place.
- **Children who are, or may be, lesbian, gay, bi, or trans (LGBT+).** The school will take steps to reduce the additional barriers these children face and provide a safe space for them to speak out or share their concerns with staff. *At Glebe Junior School, we ensure our curriculum covers and educates children about protected characteristics and the right to be happy and safe. RSE covers the different relationships that exist.*
- **Private fostering**

In addition to the above the school/college recognises the additional vulnerability of children in private fostering arrangements. A private fostering arrangement is essentially one that is made privately (without the involvement of a local authority) for the care of a

child under the age of 16 (under 18, if disabled) by someone other than a parent or close relative with the intention that it should last for 28 days or more. When such arrangements come to our attention, we will notify the local authority to check the arrangement is suitable and safe for the child. Notifications will contain the information specified in Schedule 1 of The Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations 2005 and made in writing. See statutory guidance [Children Act 1989: private fostering](#).

We also recognise that in addition to the above, other factors can increase a child's vulnerability to abuse, exploitation, or neglect such as:

- In a family circumstance presenting challenges for the child, such as parental substance (drugs and/or alcohol) misuse, adult mental health issues and domestic abuse
- Misusing drugs and or alcohol
- Being an asylum seeker/refugee
- Being from our New Communities
- Living away from home, including private fostering arrangements, or have returned home to their family from care
- Are at risk of homelessness or living in temporary accommodation
- Living in chaotic, neglectful, and unsupportive home situations
- Vulnerable to discrimination and maltreatment on the grounds of age, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity leave, disability, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion/belief, gender, sex, or sexual orientation
- Being a young carer
- Not speaking or not having English as a first language
- Being involved in the court system
- Children affected by parental offending or with family members in prison

At Glebe Junior School, we ensure we provide timely support and provision to the children who need it for example extra pastoral support with trained TAs or the family worker, working closely with charities and organisations that can support families such as the ELM foundation, the local food banks, local police, resources for EAL to support families who first language is not English.

### **Teaching safeguarding**

We are committed to offering our learners preventative education and ensure that learners are aware of safeguarding risks, recognise when they are at risk and how and where to get help and support if they need it. They will be taught about healthy relationships online and offline, how to keep themselves and others safe, including online. To be effective, we recognise this will need to be tailored to the specific needs and vulnerabilities of individual children, including those who have been victims of abuse and children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Our preventative education forms part of our whole school approach to prepare our learners for life in modern Britain, encourages open debate about different points of view and beliefs and creates a culture of zero tolerance for sexism, misogyny/ misandry, disablism, racism, homophobia, biphobia and sexual violence and harassment. The school's core values and standards, alongside the fundamental British Values, are upheld and demonstrated throughout all aspects of the school. This is underpinned by the school's behaviour policy, pastoral support

system and our planned evidence-based relationships education/relationships and sex education and health education and reinforced throughout the whole curriculum.

See *Glebe's* relationships education/relationships and sex education and health education policy and behaviour policy. We are currently using guidance published in July 2025 and this will be fully embedded for introduction in September 2026. Training for leads are planned throughout this academic year.

### **Online safety**

Online safety and protecting learners from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material forms part of the whole school approach to safeguarding, including policies, curriculum, staff training, roles and responsibilities of the designated safeguarding lead and parental engagement. The school has filtering and monitoring systems in place, which meet the updated DfE [filtering and monitoring standards \(2024\)](#). This includes:

- Identifying and assigning roles and responsibilities to manage filtering and monitoring systems
- Reviewing filtering and monitoring provision at least annually
- Blocking harmful and inappropriate content without unreasonably impacting teaching and learning
- Having effective monitoring strategies in place that meet safeguarding needs

These are regularly reviewed for their effectiveness and the leadership team and relevant staff escalate concerns when identified. The school protects and educates learners and staff in their use of technology, including where they are learning remotely, and has mechanisms to identify, intervene and escalate any concerns where this is needed.

The school's online safety policy outlines how the four areas of risk, content, contact, conduct and commerce, will be addressed to protect and educate learners and staff. It also incorporates the policy on the use of mobile and smart technology and appropriate filtering and monitoring on school devices and networks. Security protection procedures which meet the updated [Cyber security standards for schools and colleges](#) (2024) are in place in order to safeguard the systems, staff and learners and review the effectiveness of these procedures to keep up with ever evolving cyber-crime technologies. The school is also in regular communication with parents and carers and uses these communications to reinforce online safety and the systems the school use to protect children from online harms.

To ensure that online safety is effective, especially as technology and the associated risks and harms evolve and change, the school undertakes an annual review and risk assessment.

See school online safety policy – Updated October 2023

### **Systems for children to report concerns and abuse**

Our school recognises the importance of ensuring that all children feel heard and understood. We have a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings in any measures the school may put in place to protect them. Whenever there are any concerns, the child's wishes will be taken into account when determining what action to take and what services

are provided. The welfare and safety of a child is of paramount concern and staff will act in the best interests of the child.

We understand the difficulties that children may have in approaching staff about their circumstances and any concerns they may have. Some children may feel unable to report their concerns or abuse, others may have additional barriers to telling someone or not recognise what is happening is abusive.

The school has an open and accepting attitude towards children and promotes a positive and supportive environment as part of our responsibility for pastoral care. Our school ethos promotes trusted relationships between learners and all staff which supports children to tell staff about any concerns they may have.

Children, parents/carers, and all staff will be free to talk about any concerns and see the school as a safe place. Many children can show signs or act in ways they hope adults will notice or react to, others may make indirect reports via a friend or staff may overhear conversations. All staff are alert to this and to the potential need for early help and are aware of the indicators of abuse, exploitation and neglect and know what actions they should take.

The school has systems in place for children to complain and/or confidently report their concerns, including any form of abuse or neglect, including child-on-child abuse, and know that their concerns will be treated seriously. *Children know who to talk to and know they will be taken seriously. The children can safely express their views and give their opinions – this is promoted in school by all staff and senior leaders.*

### **Working with parents and carers**

We recognise the importance of working together with parents/carers to educate as well as safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

*Glebe* will ensure that:

- We work with parents positively, openly and honestly
- Parents are encouraged to discuss their issues or concerns about safety and welfare of children, including any worries about a child's emotional well-being or mental health. They will be listened to and taken seriously
- Parents/carers are aware there is a whole school safeguarding approach to ensure that children are kept safe and well, and as part of this the school is part of the Stopping Domestic Abuse Together (SDAT) initiative (the local version of Operation Encompass)
- We will provide parents with information about safeguarding issues, such as child exploitation (sexual and criminal) known as child at risk of exploitation (CRE), child-on-child abuse, emotional well-being/mental health, online safety, including sharing nudes and semi-nudes, harmful sexual behaviour, and terrorist/extremist material. We will also outline the support available to keep children safe within the school, locally and nationally
- Up to date and accurate information is kept about pupils/students i.e.
  - names and contact persons with whom the child normally lives
  - those with parental responsibility
  - where reasonably possible, we hold more than one

- emergency contact number ○ if different from above, those authorised to collect the child from the setting ○ name and contact details of GP
- any relevant court orders or any other factors which may impact on the safety and welfare of the child
- Information about our learners given to us by children themselves, their parents, or carers or by other agencies will remain confidential. Staff will be given relevant information on a 'need to know' basis in order to support the child
- It is made clear to parents and carers that the school has a duty to share information when there are any safeguarding concerns. Also, that there is a duty to keep records which relate to safeguarding work by the school, or partner agencies. These will be kept securely, kept apart from the main pupil/student record and only accessible to key members of staff. Copies of these records will be securely sent to any education provider to which the child transfers and a confirmation of receipt obtained
- Where we have reason to be concerned about the welfare of a child, we will always seek to discuss this with the child's parents or carers first. However there may be occasions where we are not able to do this, for example, when by doing so, it places the child at additional risk or where it may not be possible to speak to the parents/carers

## Section 6: Responding to concerns about a child's welfare

Key points to remember for any member of staff (including volunteers or supply staff) or visitors whenever they have any concerns about a child's welfare:

- In an emergency take the action necessary to help the child, for example, call 999
- Do not assume a colleague or another professional will take action and share information that might be critical to keeping a child safe. Early information sharing is vital in keeping children safe, whether this is when problems first emerge, or when a child is already known to local authority children's social care
- Report your concern to the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy as soon as you can and by the end of the day at the latest. *Incidents are recorded on MyConcern and reported directly to the DSLs. Staff know the procedure to escalate if they are not happy with the action taken by DSLs.*
- If you are unsure speak to the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy
- If the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy is not around, ensure the information is shared with the most senior person in the school that day. The concerns and any action taken must then be shared with the designated safeguarding lead as soon as it is possible
- If the concerns are about sharing nudes and semi-nudes do not view, copy, print or share the images
- Share information on a need-to-know basis only – do not discuss the issue with colleagues, friends or family
- As soon as you are able complete a record of the concerns. This should be on the same day and before the child is due to leave the school premises
- Seek support for yourself if you are distressed by speaking to the DSL team.

Staff must always **immediately** inform the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy if there are any:

- Concerns that a child is presenting signs or symptoms of abuse or neglect, including suspicion that a child is injured, marked, or bruised in a way which is not readily attributable to the normal knocks or scrapes received in play
- Searching incidents where there are reasonable grounds to suspect a learner was in possession of a prohibited item<sup>5</sup> or where a search has revealed a safeguarding risk
- Behaviour or changes in presentation, including changes in school attendance, which gives rise to suspicions that a child may not be receiving adequate care or may be suffering harm
- Hint or disclosure of abuse about or by a child
- Concerns that a person(s) who may pose a risk to children is living in a household with children present
- Concerns about online abuse including cybercrime, exploitation, harmful sexual behaviour, sharing nudes and semi nudes and/or where any adult appears to be sexually communicating (e.g., email, text, written note or verbally) with a child
- Concerns about child-on-child abuse, including sexual violence and harassment
- Information which indicates that the child is living with someone who does not have parental responsibility for them (this is known as private fostering)
- Concerns that a child is at risk of domestic abuse or so called 'honour-based' abuse, including forced marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), breast ironing, virginity testing or hymenoplasty
- Concerns that a child is at risk of radicalisation, child sexual exploitation or criminal exploitation, including county lines; (this is also known locally as CRE - child at risk of exploitation) or that a child or their parent/carer may be a victim of modern slavery (trafficked)

There will also be occasions when you suspect that a child may be at risk, but you have no 'real' evidence or that the child may need support with their mental health. The child's behaviour and or appearance may have changed, their attendance at school may have reduced, their ability to concentrate and focus may have altered, or you may have noticed other behavioural and or physical but inconclusive signs. In these circumstances, you should try to give the child the opportunity to talk. The signs you have noticed may be due to a variety of factors and it is fine to ask the child if they are alright or if you can help in any way.

It is not the responsibility of the school staff to investigate welfare concerns or determine the truth of any disclosure or allegation; this is the responsibility of local authority children's social care. All staff however have a duty to recognise where extra support is needed or where there are complex needs or child protection concerns requiring intensive or specialist support.

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<sup>5</sup> Prohibited items include knives and weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco, cigarette papers, fireworks pornographic images; any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be used, to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to property of; any person (including the learner). *(Amend as per school behaviour policy)*

Ensure you record these early concerns using *MyConcern*. If a child or adult does begin to reveal that a child is being harmed, you should follow the advice in the section '*If a child chooses to tell a member of staff about a concern or abuse*'.

**Remember: If you are unsure, you should always have a discussion with the designated safeguarding lead**

### **If a child chooses to tell a member of staff about a concern or abuse**

It takes a lot of courage for a child, parent, carer, or other significant adult to disclose that they are worried or have concerns. They may feel ashamed, the abuser may have threatened what will happen if they tell, they may have lost all trust in adults, or they may believe, or have been told, that the abuse is their own fault. It is important they are reassured that they are being taken seriously, and that they will be supported and kept safe. They should not be made to feel they are creating a problem or feel ashamed for making a report. Reports, particularly those about sexual violence and harassment, if possible, should be managed with two members of staff present (preferably one being the designated safeguarding lead or a deputy), however this might not be possible in all cases.

If a child or adult talks to you about any risks to a child's safety or wellbeing you will need to let them know that you must pass the information on – you are not allowed to keep secrets. The point at which you do this is a matter for professional judgement.

During your conversation with the child (or their parent/carer):

- Allow them to speak freely, listen to what is being said without interruption and without asking leading questions
- Keep questions to a minimum and of an open nature ('TED questions' tell me, explain, describe) i.e., 'can you tell me what happened?' rather than 'did x hit you?'
- Remain calm and do not overreact – the child (or their parent/carer) may stop talking if they feel they are upsetting you
- Give reassuring nods or words of comfort – 'I'm so sorry this has happened', 'I want to help', 'This isn't your fault', 'You are doing the right thing in talking to me'
- Avoid admonishing the child or adult for not disclosing earlier. Saying 'I do wish you had told me about this when it started' or 'I can't believe what I'm hearing' may be your way of being supportive but they may interpret it that they have done something wrong
- Do not be afraid of silences – remember how hard this must be for the child or adult
- Under no circumstances ask investigative questions – such as how many times this has happened, whether it happens to siblings too, or what do other family members think about all this
- At an appropriate time tell the child or adult that to help them you must pass the information on
- Do not automatically offer any physical touch as comfort; it may be anything but comforting to a child who has been abused

- Tell the child or adult what will happen next. The child or adult may agree to go with you to see the designated safeguarding lead. Otherwise let them know that someone will come to see or contact them before the end of the day
- Report verbally to the designated safeguarding lead
- Write up your conversation as soon as possible and hand it to the designated safeguarding lead
- Children should not be asked to write statements about abuse or any concerns that may have happened to them or sign the staff record
- Seek support if you feel distressed. This may be sometime after the disclosure

### **Role of the designated safeguarding lead and their deputy following identification of concerns**

Whenever the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy receive information regarding concerns about a child, including via police domestic abuse notifications (Stopping Domestic Abuse Together/SDAT) they will:

- Review information received and assess if any urgent actions are needed, i.e. medical, child's immediate safety
- Check what is known about the child when they arrived (or not) at school today, how they are presenting physically and emotionally and if there are any changes in their behaviour
- Consider what is already known about the child and their family, including whether any previous concerns have been raised by staff or if they are already known to local authority children's services (targeted early help or social care)
- Consider what 'checks' need to be carried out and how best these can be achieved
- Inform relevant school staff who have a specific need to know i.e. class/form teacher and relevant support staff
- Where appropriate use relevant national, local and education-based risk identifying, assessment tools and guidance to support the identification of needs and decision making, such as:
  - School-based records, assessments, and chronologies, including any contextual factors/placed based risks *using body maps on MyConcern, boxall profiles, EHAs etc.*
  - DDSCP multi-agency guidance, tools and briefing notes, for example Self-harm and Suicidal Behaviour Guidance, Briefing Note: Harmful Online Challenges and Hoaxes, Guidelines for gathering information and assessing the needs of children whose parents have drug/alcohol issues, Practice Guidance Child Sexual Abuse within the Family, Practice Guidance for responding to Adults and Child Victims of Modern Slavery, Male Circumcision guidance, Childhood Obesity: Health, Wellbeing and Safeguarding guidance for practitioners, Schools Stopping Domestic Abuse Together Guidance, Domestic Violence Risk Identification Matrix (DVRIM), Safelives DASH Risk Identification Checklist (domestic abuse risk to adults), CRE (Children at Risk of Exploitation) risk assessment, Graded Care Profile (neglect); see DDSCP safeguarding children procedures document library <https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/resources/documents-library>
  - National guidance and assessment tools e.g. Stop it now (sexual behaviours), Contextual safeguarding tools, Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people 2024
- Not directly approaching a child or parent/carer about an incident when the school have received a domestic abuse notification (SDAT) and instead make general enquiries with the

child about how they are. If a child initiates a conversation about the incident the guidance outlined in the section '*If a child chooses to tell a member of staff about a concern or abuse*' will be followed.

- Following the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Procedures and using the DDSCP Threshold Document <https://trixcms.trixonline.co.uk/api/assets/derbyshirescp/cb081baa-d9e7-4986-bebe9de46da95500/derby-city-and-derbyshire-threshold-document-final-september-2022.pdf> to support decision making about the child's needs and the appropriate level of support and intervention. Possible options include internal support via school pastoral systems, early help assessment and referral to statutory services such as local authority children's services.
- Considering whether the matter should be discussed with the child's parents or carers or whether to do so may put the child at further risk of harm, see Notifying parents.
- If unsure about the action to take, including that a child protection referral should be made, seeking advice from local authority children's social care or another appropriate agency.
- If the concerns are about radicalisation or violent extremism, making a referral to the police Prevent Team.
- Where the child has complex needs or where there are child protection concerns, referring as appropriate to Local Authority Children's Services via agreed processes, providing a copy of the early help assessment, action plan and any other relevant assessments.
- If a child is at risk of immediate harm, and/or where it is believed a criminal offence has been committed, including sexual violence and harassment, referring to the police. Safeguarding considerations must take priority and include how screening, searching, and confiscating powers will be used safely, proportionately, and appropriately, including undertaking a police strip search on a child and the requirement for children to have an appropriate adult.; see Searching, screening and confiscation at school guidance (July 2022).
- In all cases where children are believed to be at risk of exploitation, complete and submit an Information Sharing Report Operation Liberty (2024) to raise concerns and share information

<https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/resources/documents-library>

This form must be sent to the Police Referral Unit via: [schchildrenquiries@derbyshire.police.uk](mailto:schchildrenquiries@derbyshire.police.uk)

### **Notifying parents/carers**

The school will normally seek to discuss any needs or concerns about a child with their parents or carers. Where an early help assessment would benefit the child and their family the most appropriate member of staff should approach the parent/carer to take this forward. In situations where there are serious needs or child protection concerns the designated safeguarding lead or deputy will contact the parent or carer. However, if the setting believes that notifying parents could increase the risk to the child or exacerbate the problem, then advice will first be sought from local authority children's social care.

### **Pastoral/school-based support (universal support/low level needs)**

In all cases the school will consider what support could be offered within the setting via pastoral support processes. At Glebe Junior School, we have a dedicated pastoral team including SENDCO, Pastoral Support Team and Family workers who provide school based emotional support for children's wellbeing and mental health. Where appropriate we utilise the Derby and Derbyshire Mental Health Pathway Guidance to ensure families and children receive the right kind of support). Pastoral support will be kept under constant review to ensure that it is effective. (*Derby and Derbyshire Mental Health Pathway Guidance*).

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### **Early help support and assessment (emerging needs)**

Where a child is likely to require co-ordinated support from a range of early help services, or where there are concerns for a child's well-being or a child's needs are not clear, not known or not being met, the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy will support the completion of an early help assessment (EHA) and if needed, help co-ordinate a team around the family (TAF).

Whenever a child and their family are supported via an early help assessment, the school will keep this under constant review and should the child's situation appear not to be improving or getting worse, consideration will be given to a referral to local authority children's services.

For more information about the early help assessment process see Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children; Providing early help procedure.

### **Referral to local authority children's social care (intensive and specialist support)**

Concerns about a child's welfare will be referred to local authority children's social care using the agreed referral process as outlined on the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children website; <https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/making-a-referral-to-social-care>

**If at any point there is a risk of immediate serious harm to a child, an immediate referral should be made to local authority children's social care and/or if appropriate, the police**

**Anybody can make the referral**

Where it is believed that there are urgent child protection concerns, the designated safeguarding lead or deputy will make a referral to local authority children's social care by phone and follow this up in 'writing' via the local authority Online Referral System. Non-urgent cases will be referred via the local authority Care Online Referral System. In Derby submission of an early help assessment, or equivalent assessment, to the weekly Vulnerable Children meeting (VCM) in the relevant locality can also be made.

In exceptional circumstances, such as in an emergency or a genuine concern that appropriate action hasn't been taken, any staff member can refer their concerns directly to local authority children's social care; however, they should inform the designated safeguarding lead or deputy as soon as possible.

### **Female genital mutilation (FGM)**

If the referral is about a 'known' case of female genital mutilation (FGM), in addition to a referral to local authority children's social care, the individual teacher also has a mandatory reporting duty; see [Mandatory Reporting of Female Genital Mutilation; procedural information](#) (2015 – updated 2020). Under this duty, 'known' cases of FGM where a girl under 18 informs the person that an act of FGM has been carried out on her, or where physical signs appear to show that an act of FGM was carried out, this must be reported to the police on 101. This is a personal responsibility in addition to the referral to local authority children's social care and the professional who identifies FGM and/or receives the disclosure should make the report by the close of the next working day.

### **Action following referral**

The designated safeguarding lead, their deputy or other appropriate member of staff will:

- Where a referral was made by phone follow up the referral in writing using the online referral system within 48 hours and attaching any existing assessment e.g. early help assessment. In all cases the school will also include information held about any place-based risks (harm outside of the home)
- Be aware that local authority children's social care should make a decision within one working day of the referral being made about what course of action they are taking and let the school know the outcome. If the information is not forthcoming, the designated safeguarding lead or another appropriate member of staff should follow this up
- Maintain contact with the allocated social worker and support them or other agencies following any referral
- Contribute to any strategy discussion or meetings
- Support any Section 47 enquiries or statutory assessments that are carried out
- Provide a report for, attend, and contribute to any initial and review Child Protection Conference. This includes sharing any reports with parents/carers and where appropriate, the child
- Share the content of this report with the parent/carer and if appropriate the child, prior to the meeting
- Attend core group meetings for any child subject to a Child Protection plan or Child in Need meeting for any child subject to a Child in Need plan
- Whenever there are concerns about the outcome of a Child Protection Conference, use the appropriate [Derby](#) or [Derbyshire](#) Child Protection Conference Professional Dissent Process
- Where a child on a Child Protection plan, Child in Need plan or who is Looked After moves from the school or goes missing, immediately inform the key worker in local authority children's social care
- If after the referral the child's situation does not appear to be improving the designated safeguarding lead should press for re-consideration to ensure their concerns have been addressed and the child's situation improves. See Derby and Derbyshire [Multi-Agency Dispute Resolution and Escalation Policy](#)

### **Confidentiality and sharing information**

The school recognises the importance of information sharing between the school and local agencies to effectively safeguard our learners. The setting operates with regard to HM Government [Information Sharing; Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to](#)

children, young people, parents and carers (2018) and DDSCP Information Sharing Guide for Practitioners (2024)

<https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/ddscp-information-sharing-guidance-forpractitioners?search=information%20sharing%20guidance%20for%20practitioners>

All staff will be mindful of the seven golden rules to sharing information (See Appendix 4) and Data Protection Act (2018) and UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) obligations. Staff are aware that the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR do not prevent or limit the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping children safe and promoting their welfare.

School staff should be proactive in sharing information as early as possible to help identify, assess, and respond to risks or concerns about the safety and welfare of a child, whether this is when problems are first emerging, or where a child is already known to local authority children's social care.

**If in any doubt about sharing information, staff should speak to the designated safeguarding lead or a deputy**

**Fears about sharing information must not be allowed to stand in the way of the need to promote the welfare, and protect the safety, of children**

Staff should only discuss concerns with the designated safeguarding lead or deputy (or the most senior person on the premises if they are unavailable), headteacher or chair of governors (depending on who is the subject of the concern). That person will then decide who else needs to have the information and they will disseminate it on a 'need-to-know' basis.

Wherever possible consent will be sought to share information. However where there are safeguarding concerns about a child, information will be shared with the appropriate organisations such as local authority children's social care. In most cases concerns will be discussed with parents and carers prior to the referral taking place unless doing so would increase risk.

The school's policy on information-sharing is available to parents and children on request.

### **Record keeping**

All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions should be recorded in writing using the schools agreed processes. If in doubt about recording requirements staff should discuss with the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy.

Records of concerns documentation, referrals and other written safeguarding information are kept in a child protection file for each child and stored separately from each child's education file; this file is 'tagged' to indicate that separate information is held. Child protection files are confidential and stored securely and only made available to relevant individuals.

Records will include:

- A clear and comprehensive summary of the concern
- Details of how the concern was followed up and resolved
- A note of any action taken, decisions reached and the outcome, as well as a review of any progress made
- Any professional differences of opinion about the safety of a child will also be recorded; see DDSCP Multi Agency Dispute Resolution and Escalation Policy.

[https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/derby-and-derbyshire-multi-agency-disputeresolution-and-escalation-](https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/derby-and-derbyshire-multi-agency-disputeresolution-and-escalation-policy?search=dispute%20resolution%20and%20escalation%20policy)

[policy?search=dispute%20resolution%20and%20escalation%20policy](https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/derby-and-derbyshire-multi-agency-disputeresolution-and-escalation-policy?search=dispute%20resolution%20and%20escalation%20policy) When a child leaves the school, the designated safeguarding lead will ensure a copy of these records will be sent securely as soon as possible (within 5 days for an in-year transfer or within the first 5 days of the start of a new term) to any school or other education setting to which the child transfers and a confirmation of receipt obtained. The child protection file transfer will be separate to the main pupil file. This will allow the new provider to continue supporting the child and have the support in place for when the child arrives.

The designated safeguarding lead will also consider if it would be appropriate to share any information with the new education provider in advance of the child leaving e.g. children who have or who have had a social worker and those receiving support through the Channel programme.

The designated safeguarding lead, their deputy and key staff such as special education needs coordinators will be informed when a child's safeguarding/child protection file is received.

### **Support for those involved in a safeguarding/child protection issue**

Child neglect, abuse and exploitation are devastating for children and can also result in distress and anxiety for staff who become involved. We will support the children and their families and staff by:

- Taking all suspicions and disclosures seriously
- Nominating a link person who will keep all parties informed and be the central point of contact
- Nominating a 'case manager' where a member of staff is the subject of an allegation made by a child
- Responding sympathetically to any request from a child or member of staff for time out to deal with distress or anxiety
- Maintaining confidentiality and sharing information on a need-to-know basis only with relevant individuals and agencies
- Storing records securely
- Offering details of helplines, counselling, or other avenues of external support
- Following the procedures laid down in our whistleblowing, complaints and disciplinary procedures
- Co-operating fully with relevant statutory agencies

## Section 7: Child-on-child abuse, including sexual violence and harassment

All staff working in or on behalf of the school maintain an attitude of *'it could happen here'* – this is especially important when considering child-on-child abuse. Even if there are no reports it does not mean it is not happening.

**If staff have any concerns regarding child-on-child abuse, they should speak to the designated safeguarding lead or their deputy**

The school recognises that children may abuse their peers physically, sexually, and emotionally. There is a zero tolerance approach to child-on-child abuse; abuse is abuse and this will not be tolerated or passed off as 'banter', 'just having a laugh', 'boys being boys' or 'part of growing up' as this can lead to a culture of unacceptable behaviours and an unsafe environment for children. *At Glebe Junior, we have a rigorous approach to child on child abuse and an 'it could happen here' attitude and commitment to the DDSCP Child-on-Child Abuse Strategy recognising that the issue requires a partnership-wide strategic response. Our attitude is consistent with our school behaviour policy, staff behaviour (code of conduct) policy and other relevant policies).*

The setting will take child-on-child abuse as seriously as abuse perpetrated by an adult and address it through the same processes as any safeguarding issue. We will respond to all reports and concerns, including those that have happened outside of the school and / or online. In addition, we also recognise that children who abuse others and any other child affected by child-on-child abuse are also likely to have considerable welfare and safeguarding issues themselves.

### What is child-on-child abuse?

- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 defines child-on-child abuse as most likely to include but not limited to:
  - Bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice based and discriminatory bullying) ○ Abuse within intimate personal relationships between children (sometimes known as 'teenage relationship abuse')
  - Physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling or otherwise causing physical harm (this may include an online element which facilitates, threatens and /or encourages physical abuse)
  - Sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault (this may include an online element which facilitates, threatens and /or encourages sexual violence)
  - Sexual harassment, such as sexual comments, remarks, jokes and online sexual harassment, which may be standalone or part of a broader pattern of abuse
  - Causing someone to engage in sexual activity without consent, such as forcing someone to strip, touch themselves sexually, or to engage in sexual activity with a third party

- Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nude images and or videos
- Upskirting<sup>6</sup>, which typically involves taking a picture under a person's clothing without their permission, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks to obtain sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress, or alarm
- Initiating/hazing type violence and rituals (this could include activities involving harassment, abuse or humiliation used as a way of initiating a person into a group and may also include an online element)
- It can also include causing someone to engage in extremist or radicalising behaviour
- Child-on-child abuse exists on a continuum and different forms of abuse may overlap
- It can affect any child/young person of any age and sex and can occur between two children or through a group of children abusing a single child or group of children
- Sometimes vulnerable children are targeted. For example:
  - Those living with domestic abuse or with intra-familial abuse in their histories
  - Young people in care
  - Those who have experienced bereavement through the loss of a parent, sibling, or friend
  - Black and minority ethnic children are under identified as victims but are over identified as perpetrators
  - There is recognition it is more likely that girls will be victims and boys are likely to be perpetrators. However, both girls and boys can experience child-on-child abuse, but they are likely to experience it differently e.g. girls being sexually touched/assaulted or boys being subject to homophobic taunts/initiation/hazing (rituals and other activities involving harassment, abuse or humiliation used as a way of initiating a person into a group)
  - Evidence also shows that children with SEND, and LGBT+ children are at greater risk
- It is influenced by the nature of the environments in which children/young people spend their time - home, school, peer group, online and community - and is built upon notions of power and consent. Power imbalances related to gender, social status within a group, intellectual ability, economic wealth, social marginalisation etc, can all be used to exert power over a peer
- Child-on-child abuse involves someone who abuses a 'vulnerability' or power imbalance to harm another and has the opportunity or is in an environment where this is possible
- While perpetrators of child-on-child abuse pose a risk to others, they are often victims of abuse themselves

### **Preventing child-on-child abuse**

There is a whole school approach to preventing child-on-child abuse, including child-on-child sexual violence and sexual harassment; this forms part of the whole school approach to safeguarding. The school will seek to minimise the risk of child-on-child abuse by ensuring an approach that prepares learners for life in modern Britain. The establishment has a clear set of values and standards which are upheld and demonstrated throughout all aspects of school life.

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<sup>6</sup> The Voyeurism (Offences) Act (2019) – upskirting is a criminal offence and anyone of any gender can be a victim

The school provides a safe environment, promotes a culture of positive standards of behaviour, takes steps to address inappropriate behaviour, has effective systems in place where children can confidently raise concerns knowing they will be taken seriously and provides safeguarding through the curriculum via relationships education/relationships and sex education, online safety, and other curriculum opportunities. This may include targeted work with children identified as vulnerable or being at risk and developing risk assessment and targeted work with those identified as being a potential risk to others.

All staff understand the importance of challenging inappropriate behaviours between peers that are abusive in nature. Downplaying certain behaviours will not be tolerated or passed off. Staff will maintain an attitude of *'it could happen here'* and all inappropriate behaviour will be addressed.

The setting deals with a wide continuum of children's behaviour on a day-to-day basis and most cases will be dealt with via school based processes. These are outlined in the following policies:

- Glebe Junior School's behaviour policy, including bullying/online bullying and prejudicebased bullying and school screening, searching, and confiscating powers and how they will be used safely, and appropriately, including police strip searches
- Online safety policy and other associated issues, including sharing nudes and semi-nudes and extremist material
- Attendance Policy
- Relationships education/relationships and sex education

### **Systems for children to report abuse**

Even if there are no reports, all staff understand it does not mean it is not happening; it may be the case that it is not being reported. We recognise that children may not find it easy to tell staff about the abuse, that certain children may have additional barriers to telling someone and children can show signs or act in ways they hope adults will notice or react to. In some cases, victims may make indirect reports via a friend or staff may overhear conversations. All staff recognise the indicators and signs of child-on-child abuse and know how to identify it.

See section *Systems for children to report concerns and abuse* for information about the systems in place for children to confidently report abuse.

**If staff have any concerns regarding child-on-child abuse, they should speak to the designated safeguarding lead or deputy**

### **Action on concerns**

Child-on-child abuse may be a one-off serious incident or an accumulation of incidents. Staff may be able to easily identify some behaviour/s as abusive however in some circumstances it may be less clear. In particular, reports of sexual violence and harassment are likely to be complex and require difficult professional decisions to be made, often quickly and under pressure. In all cases the initial response to a report is very important. Members of staff will take the concerns seriously and reassure the child that they will be supported and kept safe, regardless of how long it has taken them to come forward. If possible, reports should be managed with two members of staff present (preferably one being the designated safeguarding lead or a deputy), however this might

not be possible in all cases. The victim will not be given the impression they are creating a problem or made to feel ashamed for making a report or their experience minimised. Abuse which has occurred online or outside of the school will be treated just as seriously as that which has occurred within the education environment.

Staff must follow *Section 6. Responding to concerns about a child's welfare* and discuss the concerns and seek advice from the designated safeguarding lead.

When an allegation is made by a pupil/student against another pupil/student, members of staff should consider if the issues raised indicate that the child and/or alleged perpetrator may have low level, emerging needs, complex/serious needs, or child protection concerns and follow the process outlined in Section 6. Responding to concerns about a child's welfare.

Considerations for cases where child-on-child abuse is a factor include:

- What are the wishes of victims in terms of how they want to proceed?
- What is the nature, extent and context of the behaviour including verbal, physical, sexual (including sharing of nudes/semi-nudes) and/or online abuse? Was there coercion, physical aggression, bullying, bribery or attempts to ensure secrecy? What was the time, location, duration, and frequency? Is the incident a one off or a sustained pattern of abuse? (Remember there may be other forms of abuse in addition to what has been reported) Were other children and /or adults involved? Has a crime been committed and/or have any harmful sexual behaviours been displayed?
- What is the child's age, development, capacity to understand and make decisions (including anything that might have had an impact on this e.g. coercion), and family and social circumstances? What is the nature of the relationship between the children involved? Are they in a current or previous intimate personal relationship, do they live in the same household or setting, attend the same school, classes, or transport?
- What are the relative chronological and developmental ages of the children? Does the victim or perpetrator have a disability or learning difficulty? Are there any differentials in power, social standing, or authority?
- Is the behaviour age appropriate or not? Does it involve inappropriate sexual knowledge or motivation?
- Are there any risks to the child victim or alleged perpetrator themselves and others e.g. other children in school, adult students, school staff, in the child's household (particularly siblings or other children related to the household), extended family, peer group or wider social network? Are there any links to child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation or gang related activity?

Immediate consideration should be given to how best to support and protect the victim and alleged perpetrator and any other children involved/impacted. Where the report involves rape and assault by penetration, the alleged perpetrator must be removed from any classes they share with the victim. There must also be careful consideration on how best to keep the victim and alleged perpetrator apart on school premises (including any before or after school activities) and on transport to and from the setting.

For all other reports of sexual violence and sexual harassment and forms of child-on-child abuse, the proximity of the victim and alleged perpetrator and considerations regarding shared classes, schools premises and transport should be considered immediately.

All decisions will be made in the best interests of the children involved and should not be perceived to be a judgement on the guilt of the alleged perpetrator. In all cases, the initial report should be carefully evaluated on a case-by-case basis with the designated safeguarding lead taking a leading role and using their professional judgement, supported by other agencies, such as local authority children's social care and the police as required. The designated safeguarding lead will refer to relevant assessment tools and guidance as appropriate such as: LINKS CHECKED SEPT '25

- [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(2025\) part five](#)
- [Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people](#)
- [Searching, screening and confiscation at school](#)
- [Behaviour in schools](#)
- [School suspension and permanent exclusion](#)
- [Stop it Now Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool](#)
- <https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/resources/documents-library>
- DDSCP procedures in particular Children who present a risk of harm to others and Online Safety and Internet Abuse procedures <https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/> • [When to call the police – guidance for schools and colleges](#)

When appropriate the designated safeguarding lead may seek further advice from local or national safeguarding contacts as outlined in Section 4: Key safeguarding contacts.

Whenever there is an allegation of abuse, including concerns about sexual harassment and violence, made against a child, the designated safeguarding lead and other appropriate staff will draw together separate risk and needs assessments and action plans to support the victim and the alleged perpetrator. These will consider:

- The victim, especially their protection and support
- Whether there have been other victims
- The alleged perpetrator/s
- All the other children (and if appropriate adult students and staff) at the school, especially any actions that are needed to protect them from the perpetrator/s, or from future harms
- The time and location of the incident and any action required to make the location safer
- When information can be disclosed to staff and others, including the alleged perpetrator and parents/carers

Whenever local authority children's social care and/or the police are involved, the school will work in collaboration to ensure the best possible support and protection is provided for both the victim and the alleged perpetrator.

All reports of child-on-child abuse (including sexual harassment and/or sexual violence) will be recorded in the child's safeguarding/child protection file. This will include all decision making, risk and needs assessment and plans recorded in writing as outlined in Section 6.

Where appropriate incidents may be managed internally (low level needs), via early help (emerging needs) or through local authority children's social care (complex/serious needs or child protection concerns); reports to the police will be run in parallel with children's social care as outlined in the Derby and Derbyshire multi-agency safeguarding procedures, in particular Children who Present a Risk of Harm to Others and Online Safety and Internet Abuse procedures.

All risk and needs assessment and action plans whether internal or multi-agency will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. If things do not improve or deteriorate the situation should be reconsidered.

The school uses the Contextual Safeguarding School Beyond Referrals Self-Assessment Toolkit & Guidance: -

<https://www.contextualsafeguarding.org.uk/toolkits/beyondreferrals/#:~:text=This%20toolkit%20is%20for%20schools,or%20criminal%20exploitation%20or%20bullying.&text=These%20tools%20are%20for%20VCS,to%20address%20extra%2Dfamilial%20harm.>

...to self-assess our response to harmful sexual behaviour. All relevant policies will be updated to reflect the lessons learnt and consideration given to the wider cultural issues within the school that enabled the behaviour to occur.

Where the victim or alleged perpetrator transfers to another education setting, the designated safeguarding lead will ensure the new provider will be made aware of any on-going support needs (and will discuss this with the victim and where appropriate their parents, as to the most suitable way of doing this) as well as transferring the safeguarding/child protection file. In the case of the alleged perpetrator, where appropriate, this will also include potential risks to other children and staff. See Section 6. Responding to concerns about a child's welfare - record keeping.

**Any suspicion or allegations that a child has been sexually abused or is likely to sexually abuse another child (or adult) or where there are concerns about any other form of abuse, a referral must be made immediately to local authority children's social care and where appropriate, the police**

## Section 8: Safer recruitment and selection of staff

The school uses best practice and has adopted robust recruitment procedures as outlined in Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025) to deter and prevent people who are suitable to working with children from applying, securing employment or volunteering opportunities in the school. We apply all appropriate measures for our staff, including volunteers, agency and thirdparty staff (supply staff) trainees/student teachers, governors, and contractors. This forms a vital part of the whole school approach to safeguarding and is an essential part of creating a safe environment for our learners.

Those involved with the recruitment and employment of our staff have received appropriate safer recruitment training and at least one person who conducts an interview has completed safer recruitment training.

Safer practice in recruitment means thinking about and including issues to do with child protection and safeguarding children at every stage of the process from advertising, job descriptions/person specifications, application forms, shortlisting, employment history and references, selection and pre-appointment vetting checks.

Everyone who works in the school, including volunteers and school governors will have appropriate Disclosure and Barring (DBS) and teacher status, teacher and teacher prohibition checks or where appropriate GTCE sanctions and restrictions. Governors/proprietors will also require section 128 checks – however, all Glebe’s governors have full DBS checks.

Other checks that may be necessary for staff, volunteers, and others:

- **Individuals who have lived or worked outside the UK** – will undergo the same checks as all other staff in the school and further checks deemed appropriate to ensure suitability
- **Agency and third-party staff (supply staff)** - the school will obtain written notification from any agency or third party organisation provider that they have carried out checks on an individual who will be working at the school that we would otherwise perform.
- **Contractors** - where the school uses contractors to provide services the contract will set out their safeguarding requirements.
- **Trainee/ student teachers** – applicants salaried by the school will undergo all necessary checks by the school. The initial teacher training provider will carry out necessary checks on fee funded trainee teachers and will provide written confirmation that these have been carried out and judged suitable to work with children.
- **Volunteers** - the school will ensure volunteers are appropriately supervised as outlined in statutory guidance on supervising the activities of workers and volunteers with children. In addition, risk assessments will be undertaken, and professional judgment/ experience used when deciding whether to obtain an enhanced DBS certificate for any volunteer not engaged in regulated activity. The details of the risk assessment will be recorded.

The school maintains a single central record of pre-appointment checks consistent with Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025).

See the school recruitment and selection policy and statement for volunteers.

### Visitors

The school premises provide a safe learning environment with secure access. We recognise there are different types of visitors, those in a professional capacity, children’s relatives or others visiting for school activities or visitors via a third party and have processes in place to ensure they are suitable, are checked and monitored as appropriate.

We recognise the importance of allowing access for local authority children’s social care to conduct, or to consider whether to conduct an assessment and that staff from other partner agencies may need to visit to see a child or young person to either safeguard or promote their

welfare. To support our decision making about appropriate checks regarding any professional visitor we use government guidance KCSIE 2025 and <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguardingchild-protection-schools/school-visitors>. See school security and visitors policy.

### **External speakers/visitors**

The school may ask external speakers or visitors to work with children or provide assemblies on subjects such as online safety, relationships/relationships and sex education and health education. On these occasions there will be an assessment of the educational value, the age appropriateness of what is going to be delivered and whether relevant checks will be required, and an assessment made of what will be appropriate supervision. There will also be an agreement made in advance of the session/s on how a safeguarding report should be dealt with by an external visitor.

### **Alternative provision**

The school continues to be responsible for any learner placed with an alternative provision provider. Learners in alternative provision often have complex needs and are vulnerable to additional risk of harm. We will ensure that the provider meets the needs of the learner and obtain written confirmation from the provider that appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out on their staff and individuals working for the provider. The school also has arrangements in place to ensure attendance is monitored and that there are effective safeguarding arrangements within the provision.

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

Our school safeguarding arrangements will apply to all activities provided by the school under the direct supervision of school staff. Where activities are provided by another body, the governing body/trustees/proprietor will seek assurance that the provider has appropriate safeguarding/child protection policies in place and ensure arrangements are in place to liaise with the school where appropriate. This applies regardless of whether or not the children who attend any of these services or activities are children on the school roll/attend the college. Safeguarding requirements are included in all lease/hire agreements.

## **Section 9: What staff should do if they have a safeguarding concern or an allegation about another member of staff or concerns about safeguarding practices within the school/ college**

As part of our whole school approach to safeguarding there are processes in place for continuous vigilance, maintaining an environment that deters and prevents abuse and challenges inappropriate behaviour. Our culture and environment support staff to discuss matters that concern them in the workplace and, where appropriate, outside the workplace which may have implications for the welfare and safety of children.

**All** concerns and or allegations about adults working in or on behalf of the school (including supply teachers, contractors, and volunteers) will be reported, recorded, and dealt with promptly and appropriately.

By doing so everyone in the school will:

- Create and embed a culture of openness, trust, and transparency
- Help to identify concerning, problematic or inappropriate behaviour at an early stage
- Minimise risk of abuse
- Ensure that school staff are clear about professional boundaries and act within these, in accordance with the ethos and value of the school.

The school recognise there are two levels of allegation/concern

1. Allegations that **may** meet the harms threshold
2. Allegations/concerns that **do not** meet the harms threshold, also known as 'low level concerns'

Our response to concerns/allegations is consistent with the DDSCP Safeguarding Children Allegations against Staff, Carers and Volunteers procedure.

<https://derbyshirescp.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/allegations-against-staff-carers-andvolunteers?search=allegations%20against%20staff>

### **1. Allegations that may meet the harms threshold**

This is where an allegation might indicate that a person would pose a risk of harm if they continue to work in their present position, or in any capacity with children in a school or college. Where it is alleged that anyone working in the establishment, including supply teachers, contractors and volunteers has:

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

This includes any behaviour that may have happened outside school and is known as transferable risk.

### **If you have concerns about another staff member**

Staff who are concerned about the conduct of a colleague (including supply staff, contractors, and volunteers) must remember that the welfare of the child is paramount.

All concerns of poor practice or concerns about a child's welfare brought about by the behaviour of colleagues should be reported without delay to the headteacher/principal. Where there are concerns allegations about the headteacher/principal this should be referred to the chair of governors/chair of the management committee/proprietor. In a situation where there is a conflict of interest in reporting the matter to the headteacher/principal this should be reported directly to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO). The member of staff should make a record which will include time, date, place of incident, persons present, what was witnessed, what was said etc; this should then be signed and dated.

### **Looking after the welfare of the child**

Where a child has been harmed, or there is an immediate risk of harm to a child or if the situation is an emergency, local authority children's social care should be contacted and where appropriate the police. It is the designated safeguarding lead's responsibility to ensure the child is not at risk and refer cases of suspected abuse to children's social care.

For further information about how concerns which may meet the harms threshold will be investigated, recorded and managed, including non-recent allegations by a child and referrals to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) see *Glebe Junior School* staff behaviour (code of conduct) policy, which incorporates low-level concerns, managing allegations against staff and whistleblowing.

### **2. Concerns that do not meet the harm threshold**

Allegation/concerns that do not meet the harms threshold are referred to as 'low-level concerns'. A low-level concern does not mean it is insignificant, rather that the behaviour towards the child does not meet the harm threshold as outlined above.

A low-level concern is any concern, no matter how small, that an adult working in or on behalf of the school may have acted in a way that is:

- Inconsistent with the staff behaviour (code of conduct) policy, including inappropriate conduct outside of work, or
- Does not meet the harm threshold or is not serious enough to consider a referral to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

The behaviour can exist on a wide spectrum. Further information about distinguishing expected and appropriate behaviour from concerning, problematic or inappropriate behaviour can be found in the school staff behaviour (code of conduct) policy.

Staff should share low-level concerns in confidence with *the Headteacher in the first instance or other DSL if the Head is not available*.

Low-level concerns about the headteacher/principal should be reported to the chair of governors.

Staff are also encouraged to self-refer where they have found themselves in a situation which could be misinterpreted, might appear compromising to others and/or on reflection they believe they have behaved in a way that they consider falls below the expected professional standards.

The headteacher/principal will be the decision maker in respect of all low-level concerns; however this may be undertaken in collaboration with the designated safeguarding lead.

Reports about supply staff or contractors will be notified to their employers.

All low-level concerns will be recorded in writing to include details of the concern, the context and the action taken. For further information about the procedure for recording and responding to low-level concerns see school staff behaviour (code of conduct) policy.

**Concerns about safeguarding practices within the school**

All staff are encouraged to raise concerns about poor or unsafe practice and potential failures in the school safeguarding regime. These concerns will be taken seriously by the senior leadership team.

For information about how to raise concerns with the senior leadership team or other channels See staff behaviour (code of conduct) policy, which incorporates the “whistleblowing” or allegations against staff routes available to all staff.

## Appendix 1. Types of Child Abuse

- **Physical Abuse** - may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning/scalding, drowning, suffocating, or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer fabricates the symptoms of, or deliberately induces, illness in a child.
- **Emotional Abuse** - is the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to children that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. It may include not giving the child opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say or how they communicate. It may feature age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children. These may include interactions that are beyond the child's developmental capability, as well as overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning, or preventing the child participating in normal social interaction. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another. It may involve serious bullying (including cyber bullying), causing children frequently to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of children. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, though it may occur alone.
- **Sexual Abuse** and child sexual abuse within the family (CSIF) involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may involve physical contact or non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, or grooming a child in preparation for abuse (including via the internet). Sexual abuse is not solely perpetrated by adult males; women can also commit acts of sexual abuse, as can other children.
- **Neglect** is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. It may include a failure to:
  - Provide adequate food, clothing, and shelter.
  - Protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger.
  - Ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate caregivers); or
  - Ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment.
  - Respond to a child's basic emotional needs
- **Bullying** and forms of bullying on and off line including prejudice based and Cyber Bullying is also abusive which will include at least one, if not two, three or all four, of the defined categories of abuse.

## Appendix 2. Indicators of Child Abuse

### Physical Abuse

Most children will collect cuts and bruises and injuries, and these should always be interpreted in the context of the child's medical / social history, developmental stage and the explanation given. Most accidental bruises are seen over bony parts of the body, e.g. elbows, knees, shins, and are often on the front of the body. Some children, however, will have bruising that is more than likely inflicted rather than accidental.

Important indicators of physical abuse are bruises or injuries that are either unexplained or inconsistent with the explanation given; these can often be visible on the 'soft' parts of the body where accidental injuries are unlikely, e.g. cheeks, abdomen, back and buttocks. A delay in seeking medical treatment when it is obviously necessary is also a cause for concern. The physical signs of abuse may include:

- Unexplained bruising, marks, or injuries on any part of the body
- Multiple bruises- in clusters, often on the upper arm, outside of the thigh
- Cigarette burns
- Human bite marks
- Broken bones
- Scalds, with upward splash marks.
- Multiple burns with a clearly demarcated edge.

Changes in behaviour that can also indicate physical abuse:

- Fear of parents being approached for an explanation
- Aggressive behaviour or severe temper outbursts
- Flinching when approached or touched
- Reluctance to get changed, for example in hot weather
- Depression
- Withdrawn behaviour
- Running away from home.

### Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse can be difficult to identify as there are often no outward physical signs. Indications may be a developmental delay due to a failure to thrive and grow, however, children who appear well-cared for may nevertheless be emotionally abused by being taunted, put down or belittled. They may receive little or no love, affection or attention from their parents or carers. Emotional abuse can also take the form of children not being allowed to mix or play with other children.

Changes in behaviour which can indicate emotional abuse include:

- Neurotic behaviour e.g. sulking, hair twisting, rocking
- Being unable to play
- Fear of making mistakes
- Sudden speech difficulties
- Self-harm
- Fear of parent being approached regarding their behaviour
- Developmental delay in terms of emotional progress.

## Sexual Abuse

It is recognised that there is underreporting of sexual abuse within the family. School / College all staff and volunteers should play a crucial role in identifying / reporting any concerns that they may have through, for example, the observation and play of younger children and understanding the indicators of behaviour in older children which may be underlining of such abuse.

All Staff and volunteers should be aware that adults, who may be men, women, or other children, who use children to meet their own sexual, needs abuse both girls and boys of all ages. Indications of sexual abuse may be physical or from the child's behaviour. In all cases, children who tell about sexual abuse do so because they want it to stop. It is important, therefore, that they are listened to and taken seriously.

The physical signs of sexual abuse may include:

- Pain or itching in the genital area
- Bruising or bleeding near genital area
- Sexually transmitted disease
- Vaginal discharge or infection
- Stomach pains
- Discomfort when walking or sitting down
- Pregnancy.

Changes in behaviour which can also indicate sexual abuse include:

- Sudden or unexplained changes in behaviour e.g. becoming aggressive or withdrawn
- Fear of being left with a specific person or group of people
- Having nightmares
- Running away from home
- Sexual knowledge which is beyond their age, or developmental level
- Sexual drawings or language
- Bedwetting
- Eating problems such as overeating or anorexia

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- Self-harm or mutilation, sometimes leading to suicide attempts
- Saying they have secrets they cannot tell anyone about
- Substance or drug abuse
- Suddenly having unexplained sources of money
- Not allowed to have friends (particularly in adolescence)
- Acting in a sexually explicit way towards adults.

## Neglect

It can be difficult to recognise Neglect, however its effects can be long term and damaging for children.

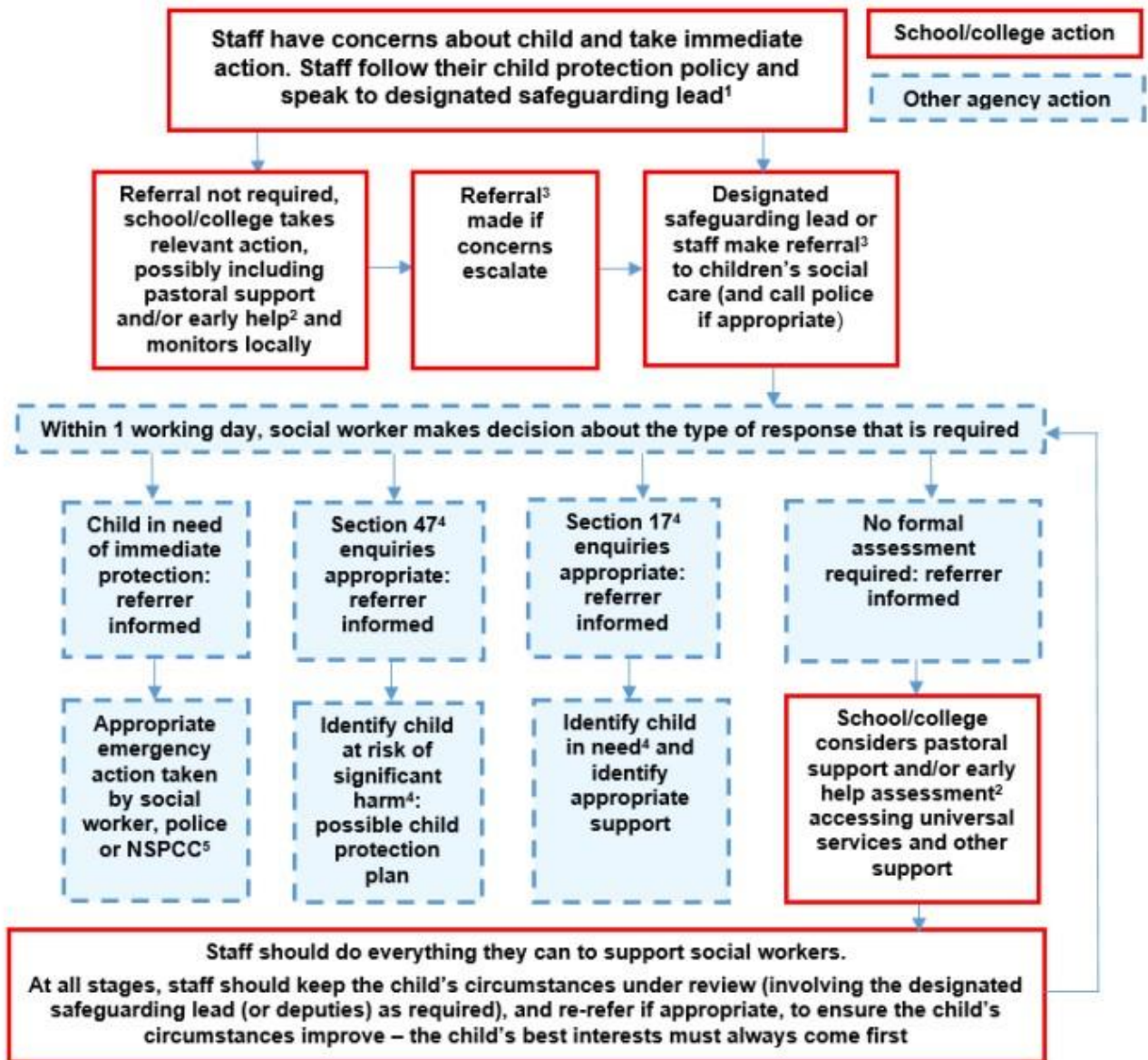
The physical signs of neglect may include:

- Being constantly dirty or 'smelly'.
- Constant hunger, sometimes stealing food from other children.
- Losing weight or being constantly underweight.
- Inappropriate or dirty clothing.

Neglect may be indicated by changes in behaviour which may include:

- Mentioning being left alone or unsupervised.
- Not having many friends.
- Complaining of being tired all the time.
- Not requesting medical assistance and/or failing to attend appointments.

### Appendix 3. Safeguarding Flowchart



<sup>1</sup> In cases which also involve a concern or an allegation of abuse against a staff member, see Part four of this guidance.

<sup>2</sup> Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges at any point in a child's life. Where a child would benefit from co-ordinated early help, an early help inter-agency assessment should be arranged. Chapter one of [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) provides detailed guidance on the early help process.

<sup>3</sup> Referrals should follow the process set out in the local threshold document and local protocol for assessment. Chapter one of [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#).

<sup>4</sup> Under the Children Act 1989, local authorities are required to provide services for children in need for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting their welfare. Children in need may be assessed under section 17 of the Children Act 1989. Under section 47 of the Children Act 1989, where a local authority has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, it has a duty to make enquiries to decide whether to take action to safeguard or promote the child's welfare. Full details are in Chapter one of [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#).

<sup>5</sup> This could include applying for an Emergency Protection Order (EPO).

*Taken from [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 pg 24, DfE](#),*

## **Appendix 4. The Seven Golden Rules to Sharing Information**

1. Remember that the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), Data Protection Act 2018 and human rights law are not barriers to justified information sharing, but provide a framework to ensure that personal information about living individuals is shared appropriately.
2. Be open and honest with the individual (and/or their family where appropriate) from the outset about why, what, how and with whom information will, or could be shared, and seek their agreement, unless it is unsafe or inappropriate to do so.
3. Seek advice from other practitioners, or your information governance lead, if you are in any doubt about sharing the information concerned, without disclosing the identity of the individual where possible.
4. Where possible, share information with consent, and where possible, respect the wishes of those who do not consent to having their information shared. Under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 you may share information without consent if, in your judgement, there is a lawful basis to do so, such as where safety may be at risk. You will need to base your judgement on the facts of the case. When you are sharing or requesting personal information from someone, be clear of the basis upon which you are doing so. Where you do not have consent, be mindful that an individual might not expect information to be shared.
5. Consider safety and well-being: base your information sharing decisions on considerations of the safety and well-being of the individual and others who may be affected by their actions.
6. Necessary, proportionate, relevant, adequate, accurate, timely and secure: ensure that the information you share is necessary for the purpose for which you are sharing it, is shared only with those individuals who need to have it, is accurate and up-to-date, is shared in a timely fashion, and is shared securely (see principles).

7. Keep a record of your decision and the reasons for it – whether it is to share information or not. If you decide to share, then record what you have shared, with whom and for what purpose.

*Taken from [Information Sharing: advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers \(May 2024\)](#) HM Government*

## Appendix 5. Safeguarding and Child Protection Recording

*(Please note: this appendix has been developed and published for schools by the [Derbyshire Data Protection Hub](#))*

### Introduction

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) found that proper creation, maintenance and long-term retention of records is an important part of supporting victims of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) and bringing perpetrators to justice. This is because victims and survivors may take decades to come to terms with what has happened to them and potentially to decide to take action to report a crime.

The IICSA Inquiry recommended that records relating to CSA should be retained for 75 years. It also recommended that the UK government directs the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to introduce a Code of Practice on retention of and access to records known to relate to child sexual abuse. The Inquiry report stated that such a code should set out that institutions should have:

- retention policies that reflect the importance of such records to victims and survivors, and that they may take decades to seek to access such records;
- clear and accessible procedures for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse to access such records;
- policies, procedures and training for staff responding to requests to ensure that they recognise the long-term impact of child sexual abuse and engage with the applicant with empathy.

A Code of Practice has not yet been published, but [School name] is committed to ensuring practices at the school are reflective of IICSA recommendations.

### **Statement of Intent**

Glebe Junior School is aware that creation, maintenance and retention of child protection, safeguarding and CSA records must be carried out with the understanding that access to records may be required many decades after records are created.

This document should be read in conjunction with the school's / Trust's Record Retention Policy. [Note to schools- you should review and update your Retention Policy if it still refers to no record deletion whilst the IICSA inquiry is ongoing].

How to record safeguarding/child protection concerns.

Given these very long retention periods, [school name] will ensure that safeguarding, child protection and CSA records are written in such a way as to be intelligible in the future and without any additional knowledge of the school, its staff, pupils or systems. Staff will be trained in good practice.

Our records will:

- Be written by the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Deputy (DDSL) or other suitably trained staff [delete / amend as required]
- Identify the author by name and role
- Make clear it where the person who is recording the information is not the person who has seen or heard the issue, and identify all relevant parties by name and role
- Use full names (not initials) of staff, other adults and parents/family members (full name in this context means first and surname)
- Ensure staff roles / job titles are included
- Ensure family relationships are clear
- Use full name (not initials) of child whose record this is
- Use full name (not initials) of any other child involved and ensure a mirror record is on their file, if appropriate
- Not use initials when recording names
- Where individuals have the same or similar names, ensure there is a distinguishing factor, eg middle name, job title, DoB etc
- Ensure all spelling, punctuation and grammar is correct.
- Use appropriate language to describe events, not slang, shorthand, local terminology or asterixis.
- Ensure quotes are properly identified as such and attributed to their owner
- Be objective and avoid opinion. If opinion is necessary, ensure it is identified as such and attributed to its owner.

### **How records are stored**

Glebe Junior School use MyConcern to record and store child protection and safeguarding records.

This method was risk assessed in conjunction with our Data Protection Officer using a Data Protection Impact Assessment to determine the nature, scope and context of the data processing. This is subject to regular review.

We inform our pupils, families and staff that we process their personal data for this purpose via our Privacy Notices which are published on the school website.

Any related physical first hand notes / recordings will be also be securely retained.

### **The transfer of pupil safeguarding records**

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 states that “where children leave the school or college, the designated safeguarding lead should ensure their child protection file is transferred to the new school or college as soon as possible, and within 5 days for an in-year transfer or within the first 5 days of the start of a new term to allow the new school or college to have support in place for when the child arrives. The designated safeguarding lead should ensure secure transit, and confirmation of receipt should be obtained. For schools, this should be transferred separately from the main pupil file.”

When a child leaves [name of school], all pupil records, including safeguarding, child protection and CSA records will be transferred in a secure manner, to the child’s new school. The legal basis and time scale for this can be found in The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005, parental consent is not required.

All copies of data held by the school that the child has departed will then be deleted or retained in line with the retention policy, including all paper records and data stored electronically. A record will be kept for tracking and auditing purposes only.

Schools may retain some minimal ‘skeleton’ data about pupils’ admission, departure and next destination (where known) in order to respond to any requests for information about these pupils and for the school’s historical archive. Where we intend to create and maintain these records, this will be noted on the retention policy. In some instances, we may have a legitimate interest in retaining a copy of more detailed pupil records for a longer time period. If we do retain pupil records, we will justify this retention and document the reasons for doing so, and will carry out a Data Protection Impact Assessment where required.

Responsibility for maintaining the pupil record, including retaining records relating to Child Protection, Safeguarding and CSA passes to the ‘last known school’.

The school is the final or last known school if:

- secondary phase and the pupil left at 16 years old or for post-16 or independent education, or;
- at any point the pupil left for elective home education, they are missing from education, or have left the UK, or have died.

Tertiary colleges are not included in this definition, therefore the school will retain the record. However, the college must receive a copy of the child protection file, as per the requirements of KCSiE above.

### **Retention of Records relating to Staff**

Glebe Junior School retains staff records in line with the school Record Retention Policy. Where staff records pertain to CSA they will be retained for up to 75 years, subject to review, as set out in the Policy.

As stated above regarding the long-term retention of minimal pupil records, we may wish to retain very basic 'skeleton' records about staff that have worked in the school/trust beyond the normal retention of the whole personnel/HR file. This information may include the staff name, role, contract start and end dates and evidence of Single Central Record checks. This may be useful when we need to respond to requests for information from/regarding staff, in the event of it being needed for litigation or other legal purpose and as part of our historical archive. If we intend to create and maintain these records, this will be noted on the retention policy.

## Appendix 6. The Role of the Designated Person for Safeguarding

Glebe Junior School makes every effort to ensure that pupils are provided with a safe and secure learning environment. This means ensuring that children are not put in any position where they are vulnerable to abuse or neglect. We enforce a school safeguarding policy for permanent and temporary staff members, volunteers and all school visitors.

It is our duty to ensure that our school pupils are provided with the highest protection whilst in our care *and, as far as is possible, during their time outside school*. As part of our safeguarding policy we appoint a designated senior person (DSP) (Ms Chelsea Williams), to oversee the child protection and safeguarding provision in our school. The designated person is a member of the senior leadership team.

When the senior person is absent or unavailable, the deputy designated person takes up their responsibilities. At Glebe Junior School this person is; Mrs Vicky Spender.

It is the duty of the school to ensure that the training and professional development of the DSP and deputy DSP is ongoing, in order to enable them to deal effectively with changing child welfare concerns and the extra responsibilities that the job requires. This means being able to identify possible abuse, and knowing the right level of action to take, depending on the individual situation and circumstances.

The school will ensure that the DSP attends relevant new or refresher training throughout their time in this role to make sure that they are up to date with all statutory policy and legislation and in the best position to deal with concerns, incidents and allegations, as well as feed back to the rest of the school staff, including school governors, on updated safeguarding provisions and policies, and any available support resources.

### **Glebe Junior School's key personnel for safeguarding children:**

**The designated senior person for child protection is** Ms Chelsea Williams.

Contact details: email: [cwilliams@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:cwilliams@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk) Telephone: 01773 811304

**The deputy designated person is** Miss Sophie Titmus

Contact details: email: [stitmus@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:stitmus@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk) Telephone: 01773 811304

**The nominated child protection governor is** Mrs Jan Earnshaw

Contact details: Telephone: 01773 811304

**The headteacher is** Ms Chelsea Williams

Contact details: As above

### **The Purpose of the Role**

The purpose of the designated teacher is to:

- ensure that child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures are correctly in place, all laid out clearly, and are accessible to all staff and parents.
- ensure that that all staff, pupils, and parents are familiar with and understand all aspects of the school's safeguarding provision.
- ensure that the school operates in line with, and the staff are up to date with, all safeguarding legislation and that information, support, and resources on the topic of child protection and safeguarding are readily accessible to all staff, *parents and pupils*
- be a personal advisor to all staff, pupils and parents and to promote their role to ensure that everyone is aware of who they are and how to contact them.
- be the first point of contact for any staff, pupils, or parents who have concerns about a child's welfare.
- notify children's social care if a child with a child protection plan is absent for more than two days without explanation.
- coordinate the school's contribution to child protection plans.
- attend and/or contribute to child protection conferences.
- refer concerns to the relevant external agencies as required by individual circumstances • be a link from the school to external agencies concerning safeguarding and child protection.
- use their specialist skills and training in child protection to support the identification of possible abuse and decide on actions that need to be taken.
- ensure that *all* staff are taking responsibility and following procedure for the safeguarding of the school's pupils.
- help to ensure that allegations against staff, pupils, parents or carers are dealt with according to statutory requirements and guidance, and as set out in the child protection policy.

### **Outcomes of the Role**

- The DSP acts in accordance with the school policy and procedures.

Glebe Safeguarding Policy 25/24 V1 (SWa/RWh)

- The child protection and safeguarding policy is easily accessible to all staff (including temporary), volunteers, parents, pupils and school governors and they are fully aware of how to access it and what it contains.
- Children are aware of the role of the DSP; and when and how to contact them.
- Parents are aware of the school’s process of investigation and its procedure for contacting child protection services when and if required. This is to avoid conflict or allegations of misinformation from parents if this action is taken for any reason.
- There is an open-door policy for staff, pupils, and parents which enables concerns to be raised quickly and confidentially.
- Staff are encouraged to talk to the DSP for any reason, and are given details of contacts to report concerns anonymously (e.g. NSPCC helpline).
- There is an organised training programme for other school staff, including updates on new legislation, safeguarding resources, and what to do if they have a concern.
- All information regarding individual pupils is transferred from feeder schools or to receiving schools during any school transfers. Meetings may be set up between the DSPs from either school to discuss continued provision and child welfare support.
- When a pupil with a child protection plan leaves the school, their information is passed to their new school and the pupil’s social worker is informed.
- There are strong links, regular communication and good understanding between the DSP and external agencies.
- All concerns are recorded, reported and referred as required depending on the DSP’s judgement and in consultation with the LADO.
- There are detailed and accurate records of complaints, concerns, issues, investigations, and outcomes, kept securely.
- All personal information is shared only on a need-to-know basis and is handled and stored according to Data Protection requirements.
- The DSP has regular meetings with the headteacher and named governor in order to monitor and evaluate school safeguarding provision and discuss particular concerns or issues.
- There are open channels of communication between all parties involved in an investigation of an allegation. Parents, social workers *[etc]* are informed in advance of meetings, parents evenings, progress report meetings and action planning meetings; everyone is kept up to date and able to prepare for and attend necessary meetings.

**Chelsea Williams**  
**Headteacher and**  
**Lead Designated Person**

..... **Date:** .....

**Sophie Titmus**

**Deputy Designated Person** ..... **Date:** .....

**Rachel Whelpton**  
**Designated Person** ..... **Date:** .....

**Sam Finlayson**  
**Designated Person** ..... **Date:** .....

**Jessica Stevenson**  
**Designated Person** ..... **Date:** .....

**Jan Earnshaw**  
**Child Protection Governor** ..... **Date:** .....

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