



MOORLANDS SCHOOL

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Members of the public – 0113 2223301

CSWS Emergency Duty Team (out of hours): 0113 535 0600

childrensEDT@leeds.gov.uk

Education Safeguarding Team: 0113 3789685 estconsultation@leeds.gov.uk

LADO Contacts:

Tel: 0113 3789687.

2 Great George Street, Leeds LS2 8BA LADO@leeds.gov.uk

Any incidents causing serious harm should also be reported to the police from the outset, using the 101 number, as should any other crime that has been committed.

Leeds Children's Social Work Service – 0113 760336

Leeds PREVENT 0113 535 0810 Prevent@leeds.gov.uk

**DfE Prevent Helpline and Mailbox for non-urgent advice for staff and governors –
020 7340 7264 / counter-extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk**

Other useful numbers may be:

Childline 08001111

NSPCC Whistleblowing helpline 0800 028 0285

LADO Contacts:

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2 Great George Street, Leeds LS2 8BA LADO@leeds.gov.uk

Moorlands School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors to share this commitment.

All staff refers to all adults, volunteers (including governors) or students on placement, working in any capacity in the school or in activities organised by the school which brings them in to contact with pupils of the school.

Child Protection refers to the multi-agency arrangements to identify and protect children who are or may be at risk of or suffering significant harm.

Safeguarding refers to the protection, safety and promotion of the welfare of all pupils including when in off-site provision or activities and using ICT. This includes the building of resilience and awareness of risk through the formal and informal curriculum.

Child is any pupil under the age of 18.

Glossary

- DSL Designated Safeguarding Lead
- DDSL Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- SENDCo Special Education Needs and Disabilities Coordinator

- DT Designated Teacher for Looked After and previously Looked After Children.
- PSHE Personal, social, health and economic
- RSE Relationships and Sex Education
- CSWS Childrens' Social Work Services
- KCSiE Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE, September 2023.)

Visitors to school

All visitors must sign in on arrival and collect a visitor's lanyard and a School Information Leaflet which outlines Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures in school and how to report any concerns regarding a child/young person or another adult in school. Visitor lanyards must be worn at all times when in school. All visitors must sign in. Staff must ensure that visitors to school are supervised as appropriate and the requisite pre-employment checks have been completed as referenced in Part 3 of KCSiE. All contractors must follow the school's signing in arrangements as set out in contractual commissioning agreements.

Part One: Policy for schools

1. Aims

1.1 Moorlands school aims to ensure that:

- Appropriate action is taken in a timely manner to safeguard and promote children's welfare
- All staff are aware of their statutory responsibilities with respect to safeguarding, identifying children in need of early help, at risk of harm or those that have been harmed.
- Staff are properly trained in recognising and reporting safeguarding issues
- A culture of vigilance is created and maintained to ensure that we will also act in the best interests of children to protect them online and offline.
- Systems for reporting abuse are well promoted, easily understood and easily accessible for children

1.2 The Governing Body and staff of Moorlands School take as our first priority the responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of our pupils, to minimise risk and to work together with other agencies to ensure rigorous arrangements are in place within our school to identify, assess and support those children who are suffering harm and to keep them safe and secure whilst in our care.

1.3 The responsibilities set out in this policy apply (as appropriate) to all members of the school community including pupils, staff, governors, visitors/contractors, supply staff, volunteers and trainees working within the school. It is fully incorporated into the whole school ethos and is underpinned throughout the teaching of the curriculum, within PSHE and within the safety of the physical environment provided for the pupils.

2. Legislation and statutory guidance

2.1 This policy is based on the Department for Education's statutory guidance, [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023](#), and [Working Together to Safeguard Children \(WTTSC 2023\)](#), and the [Governance Handbook](#). We comply with this guidance and the procedures set out by Leeds Safeguarding Children partnership.

2.2 This policy is also based on the following legislation and guidance:

Part 3 of the schedule to the [Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#), which places a duty on academies and independent schools to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school

[The Children Act 1989](#) (and [2004 amendment](#)), which provides a framework for the care and protection of children

Section 5B(11) of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003, as inserted by section 74 of the [Serious Crime Act 2015](#), which places a statutory duty on teachers to report to the police where they discover that female genital mutilation (FGM) appears to have been carried out on a girl under 18

[Statutory guidance on FGM](#), which sets out responsibilities with regards to safeguarding and supporting girls affected by FGM

[The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974](#), which outlines when people with criminal convictions can work with children

Schedule 4 of the [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006](#), which defines what 'regulated activity' is in relation to children

Statutory [Guidance on the Prevent duty](#), which explains schools' duties under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 with respect to protecting people from the risk of radicalisation and extremism

Guidance for safer working practice for those working with children and young people in education settings (GSWP) (Safer Recruitment Consortium Feb 2022) <https://c-cluster-110.uploads.documents.cimpress.io/v1/uploads/d71d6fd8-b99e-4327-b8fd-1ac968b768a4~110/original?tenant=vbu-digital>

[Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people \(Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport and UK Council\)](#)

[Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(DfE, 2021b\)](#)

[Children Missing Education – Statutory guidance for local authorities \(DfE September 2016\)](#)

[When to call the police – Guidance for schools and colleges \(NPCC – 2020\)](#)

1.1 Schools and colleges are under a statutory duty to cooperate with the published LSCP

arrangements. The policy conforms to locally agreed inter-agency procedures and has been ratified by the LSCP Education Reference Group. It is available to all interested parties on our

website and on request from the main school office. It should be read in conjunction with other relevant policies and procedures and KCSiE 2023.

The [Childcare \(Disqualification\) Regulations 2018](#) and [Childcare Act 2006](#), which set out who is disqualified from working with children

This policy also meets requirements relating to safeguarding and welfare in the [Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. \(DfE 2021\)](#)

This policy should also be read in conjunction with the school's Online Safety Policy, The Acceptable Use Policies for Staff, Students and Visitors which set out the acceptable use of ICT, including the use of 3/4G devices on school site.

2. Definitions

3.1 Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children means:

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

Child protection is part of this definition and refers to activities undertaken to prevent children suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

Appendix 1 explains the different types and indicators of abuse.

Children includes everyone under the age of 18.

3. Equality Statement

3.1 Some children have an increased risk of abuse, and additional barriers can exist for some children with respect to recognising or disclosing it. We are committed to anti-discriminatory practice and recognise children's diverse circumstances. We ensure that all children have the same protection, regardless of any barriers they may face.

3.2 We give special consideration to children who:

- Have special educational needs or disabilities or health conditions
- Are young carers
- May experience discrimination due to their race, ethnicity, disability, religion, gender identification, sex or sexual orientation
- Have English as an additional language
- Are known to be living in difficult situations – for example, temporary accommodation or where there are issues such as substance abuse or domestic violence
- Are at risk of FGM, sexual exploitation, or radicalization
- Are Asylum seekers

- Are at risk due to their own or family members mental health needs
- Are absent from education
- Whose parent/carer has expressed an intention to remove them from school to be home educated
- Children who are in care, previously looked after or any children not growing up with their birth family (this covers private fostering and all kinship arrangements)

4. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 Safeguarding and child protection is everyone's responsibility. This policy applies to all staff (including those not directly employed by the school), volunteers, contractors and governors in the school.

- Our policy and procedures also apply to extended school and off-site activities. All staff are expected to read this policy as part of their induction arrangements as well as the documents referenced in section 5.2 (All staff) below and any updates therein.
- All staff will read and understand Part 1 and Annex B of the Department for Education's statutory safeguarding guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education, and review this guidance at least annually.

4.2 All staff will be aware of:

- Our systems which support safeguarding, including reading and understanding their professional responsibilities as outlined in Guidance for Safer Working Practice 2022 understanding the role of the designated safeguarding lead (DSL), reading and understanding the behaviour policy, and their safeguarding responses to children who go missing from education during the school day or otherwise and reading and understanding the school's online safety policy.
- The early help process and their role in it, including being alert to emerging problems that may warrant Early Help intervention, particularly those identified in Part 1 of KCSiE.
- All staff should be reporting emerging problems that may warrant early help intervention to Sharon Wheelhouse/Wendy Cooper by the end of each day via CPOMS and/or a conversation.
- That children's behaviours can be indicative of their emotional wellbeing and can be linked to mental health. (see separate Mental Health policy). They should be aware of behaviours that may communicate that poor wellbeing can be an indicator of factors such as abuse, neglect or exploitation. Staff should understand the children's experiences such as abuse, neglect and adverse childhood experiences can impact on children's mental health, behavior and education.
- The process for making referrals to local authority children's social work service (CSWS) and for statutory assessments that may follow a referral, including the role they might be expected to play. Fig 1: Summary of in-school procedures to follow where there are concerns about a child (Page 16) illustrates the procedure to follow if you have concerns about a child's welfare. Wherever possible, speak to the Sharon Wheelhouse, Wendy Cooper or in their absence, Jacqueline Atkinson first to agree a course of action. In the absence of a DSL or head teacher being available, staff must not delay in directly contacting children's social work duty and advice team or the police if they believe a child is at immediate risk of significant harm. Anyone can make a referral. It does not require parental consent to make a referral to a statutory agency but Moorlands School would seek to work in partnership with parents unless we felt this would put the child in immediate danger. If concerned we would record without consent using Article 6/9.
- We work in partnership with other agencies in the best interests of the children. Requests for

service to CSWS Duty and Advice team should (wherever possible) be made by the Safeguarding Designated Staff, to the CSWS advice and duty team (0113 3760336). Where a child already has a child protection social worker, the school will immediately contact the social worker involved or in their absence, the team manager of the child protection social worker.

- What to do if they identify a safeguarding issue or a child tells them they are being abused or neglected, including specific issues such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), and how to maintain an appropriate level of confidentiality while liaising with relevant professionals.
- In school procedures for recording any cause for concerns and passing information on to DSLs via CPOMS.
- Staff record incidents under specific headings alerting the safeguarding team.
- The signs of different types of abuse and neglect, as well as specific safeguarding issues, such as child sexual exploitation (CSE), child criminal exploitation (CCE), FGM and radicalisation, child on child sexual abuse, honour based violence and serious and violent crime. All staff to be aware safeguarding incidents/behaviours can occur outside school or be associated with outside factors. CSE and CCE are forms of abuse and both occur where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance in power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into sexual or criminal activity.
- Children absent from education or missing/absconding during the school day can also be a sign of a range of safeguarding concerns including sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or child criminal exploitation.
- Children may not feel ready or know how to tell someone that they are being abused, exploited, neglected and/or they may not recognize their experiences as harmful. Moorlands School aims to support children with this through the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme, and a comprehensive PSHCE programme.
- Appendix 1 details different kinds of abuse.
- Appendix 2 provides guidance to staff on how to respond to children who report abuse.
- The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and deputy designated staff.

5.3.1 Our DSL is Sharon Wheelhouse and DDSL is Wendy Cooper. The DSL takes lead responsibility for child protection and wider safeguarding (including online safety alongside Arron Marshall) and understanding the filtering and monitoring systems which are in place. [Meeting digital and technology standards in schools and colleges - Filtering and monitoring standards for schools and colleges - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- The optimal scenario is to have a trained DSL or DDSL available on site. Where this is not possible (e.g. due to self-isolating), a trained DSL or DDSL will be available to be contacted via phone or online video – for example when working from home.
- During term time, the DSL will be available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concern. Where a trained DSL (or deputy) is not on site, in addition to the above, a senior leader will assume responsibility for coordinating safeguarding on site.
- During term time out of school hours contact:
Sharon Wheelhouse: sharon.wheelhouse@moorlands-school.co.uk
Wendy Cooper: wendy.cooper@moorlands-school.co.uk

- When the DSL is absent, the deputy Wendy Cooper, Head of Early Years, will act as cover.
- If the DSL and deputy are not available, Jacqueline Atkinson, Headteacher, will act as cover. jacqueline.atkinson@moorlands-school.co.uk

- The DSL will be given the time, training, resources and support to:

- Provide advice and support to other staff on child welfare and child protection matters
- Take part in strategy discussions and inter-agency meetings and/or support other staff to do so

Contribute to the assessment of children by providing as much information as possible as part of the referral process to help social care assessments consider contexts outside the home and enable a contextual approach to harm.

- Refer suspected cases, as appropriate, to the relevant body (children's social care duty and advice team, Channel programme, Disclosure and barring service, Teaching regulation Agency and/or police), and support staff to comply with their mandatory reporting duties in cases where FGM has been identified.

- Sharon Wheelhouse will ensure that all staff involved in direct case work of vulnerable children, where there are child protection concerns/issues, have access to regular safeguarding supervision. (Ref: LCC Framework for Supervision (2021))

- The DSL will also keep the Head teacher informed of any issues, and liaise with local authority officers and relevant professionals for child protection concerns as appropriate.

The DSL is responsible for responding to domestic abuse notifications from the local authority and providing support to children and their families as appropriate

- The school will ensure representation at appropriate inter-agency meetings such as Initial and Review Child Protection Conferences, and Planning and Core Group meetings, as well as Family Support Meeting

- Provide reports as required for meetings. If school is unable to attend a meeting, a written report will be sent. Reports will, wherever possible, be shared with parents/carers at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

- Where a child in school is subject to an inter-agency child protection plan or any multi-agency risk management plan, the DSL will contribute to the preparation, implementation and review of the plan as appropriate.

- The designated safeguarding lead and any deputies should liaise with the three safeguarding partners and work with other agencies in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023), NPCC (2020). When to call the police (NPCC 2020) should help designated safeguarding leads understand when they should consider calling the police and what to expect when they do.

- Promote the educational outcomes of children with a social worker and other children deemed vulnerable. It is essential therefore that the DSL works in close collaboration with the SENDCO as children who are in need of help and protection must also have their learning needs prioritised in planning to ensure education is a protective factor and not only by way of regular attendance at school.

The full responsibilities of the DSL are set out in Annex C of KCSIE – Role of the designated safeguarding lead. All designated safeguarding leads and deputy safeguarding leads must read and comply with this.

5.4 The governing board

The proprietor of Moorlands school is the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST). MIST operates with proper regard to the needs to safeguard the welfare of all children and adults in their schools and all those who work directly for the Trust in either employed or volunteer capacities. MIST trustees have the ultimate legal responsibility for these Schools. In order to exercise these duties effectively, MIST makes extensive delegation to the School Governing Bodies. But MIST does not divest itself of legal responsibility for any action taken arising from this delegated authority. The MIST safeguarding and child protection policy and other documents can be found [here](#)

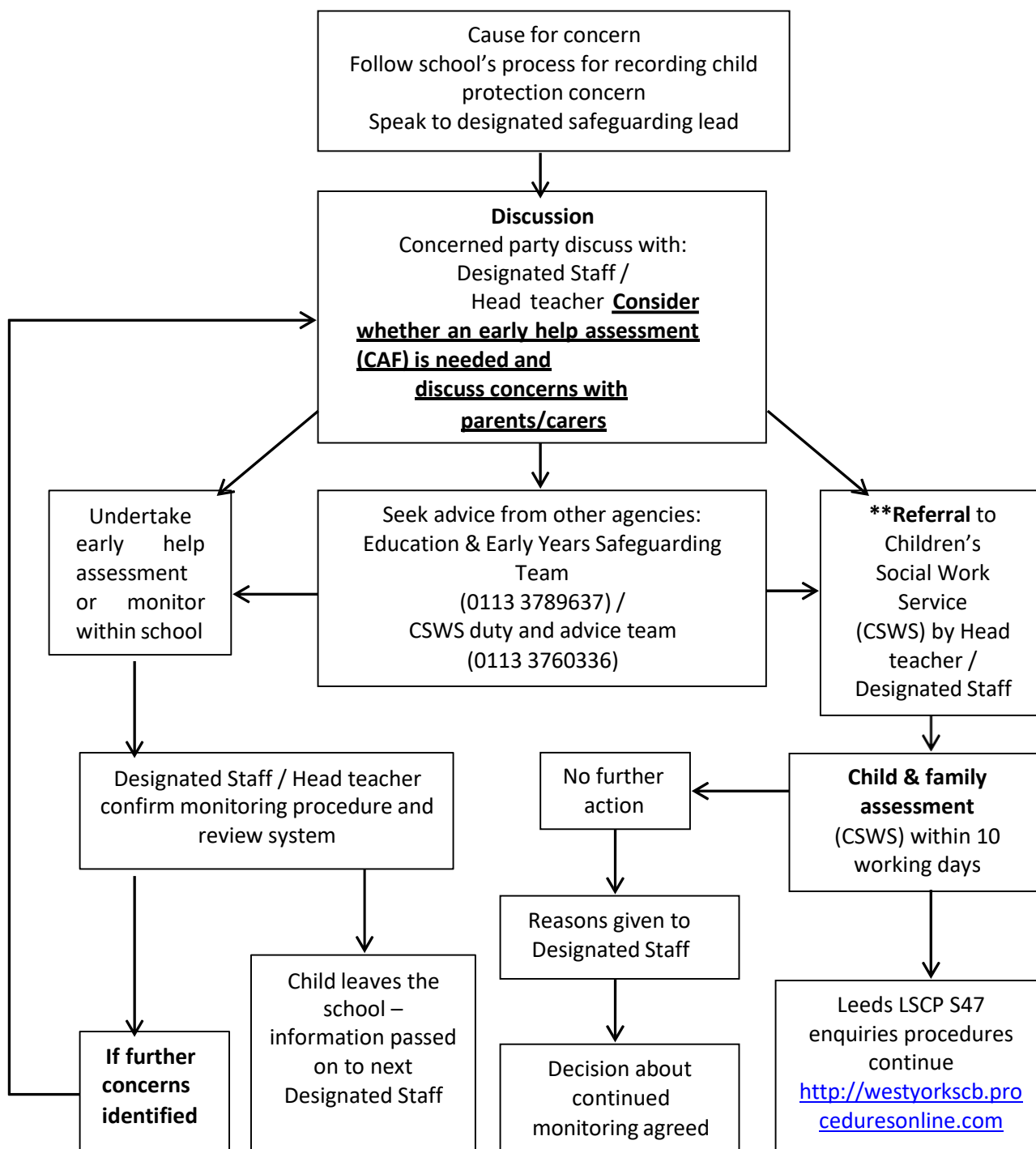
- The governing board will approve this policy at each review, and hold the head teacher to account for its implementation and any actions/recommendations made by the Local Authority in respect to strengthening the school's safeguarding arrangements.
- The governing body and proprietors will create a strong culture of safeguarding in school in order to ensure that safeguarding and child protection are at the forefront and underpin all aspects of policy and procedure development.
- The governing body will complete the LA safeguarding and child protection briefing on their strategic roles and responsibilities every three years including online safety training. The governing board will ensure that all policies, procedures and training are effective and comply with the law at all times. The governing body will ensure that all staff undergo safeguarding and child protection training, including online safety training providing an understanding of the expectations and applicable roles and responsibilities in relation to filtering and monitoring.
- The governing board will appoint a lead governor to monitor the effectiveness of this policy and other related safeguarding policies ie online safety, whistleblowing, behavior etc in conjunction with the full governing board. Staff governors cannot also be the lead governor with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. Lead governors should access the LA designated safeguarding governor training every three years including online safety training.
- In the event that safeguarding concerns or an allegation of abuse is made against the head teacher, the chair of governors will act as the 'case manager'. See also 10.2
- The governing body will ensure that the school has robust IT filtering and monitoring systems in place and should be informed in part, by the risk assessment required by the Prevent Duty in order to limit children's exposure to online risks. The governing body should consider the number and age range of children, those who are potentially at greater risk of harm and how often they access the IT system.
- The governing body, along with the school's senior leadership team, are responsible for satisfying themselves and obtaining written assurances from any relevant school lettings and alternative/off site providers and provisions that their safeguarding arrangements are secure and in keeping with KCSIE. This includes ensuring that the provision has effective safeguarding policy/procedures/training in place for all staff. The provision follows safer recruitment processes and have clear allegation management processes Moorlands School use the following alternative or off-site providers and have written evidence of safeguarding arrangements:

- PE partners, Rugby tots, Tennistots, Kingswood, Boggle Hole, Carlton Lodge residential centres, Yorkshire Dales Bushcraft, Danceworks, Phelan Drama and McEachern Hockey.
- The governing board will supply information as requested by the LSCP and the local authority safeguarding team.
- The full responsibilities of the trustees and governing body are set out in Part Two of KCSiE
- The management of safeguarding. All governors should read Part Two and Annex C of KCSiE in order to ensure that the school is fully compliant with their statutory safeguarding responsibilities.

5.5 The head teacher

- The head teacher is responsible for the implementation of this policy, including:
 - Ensuring that staff (including temporary and supply staff) and volunteers are informed of this policy as part of their induction
 - Communicating this policy to parents when their child joins the school and via the school website
 - Ensuring that the roles and responsibilities of the DSL/DDSL as referenced in Annex C of KCSiE (2023) are reflected in their job description.
 - Ensuring that the DSL has appropriate time, training and resources, and that there is always adequate cover if the DSL is absent
 - Ensuring that they complete the one day LA course for head teachers on safeguarding and child protection and ensuring that all staff undertake appropriate safeguarding and child protection training and update these every three years
 - Acting as the 'case manager' in the event of an allegation of abuse made against another member of staff, supply staff or volunteer, where appropriate.
 - Ensuring the relevant staffing ratios are met, where applicable.
 - Making sure each child in the EYFS is assigned a key person and statutory staff/child ratios are met.

Fig 1: Summary of in-school procedures to follow where there are concerns about a child



** If unhappy about the outcome of the referral to Children's Services Social Care, please refer to: Leeds LSCP Local Protocol: Concerns Resolution.
<http://www.leedsLSCP.org.uk/LSCP/media/Images/Concern-Resolution.pdf>

6 Confidentiality and Information Sharing

6.1 Confidentiality is an issue that needs to be understood by all those working with children, particularly in the context of safeguarding.

6.2 Moorlands School recognises that the only purpose of confidentiality in this respect is to benefit the child. Staff/volunteers and visitors to school should never promise a child that they will not tell anyone about an allegation/ report of abuse, and must pass any cause for concerns immediately to a designated safeguarding lead.

6.3 Confidentiality is addressed throughout this policy with respect to record- keeping, dealing with reports of abuse, allegations of abuse against staff, information sharing and working with parents.

6.4 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.

6.5 Information sharing

6.5.1 Timely information sharing is essential for effective safeguarding. Information. Moorlands School will share safeguarding information as appropriate in keeping with the principles outlined in the government guidance document, [Information sharing: Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers \(DfE 2018\)](#). This guidance has been produced to support practitioners in the decisions they take to share information, which reduces the risk of harm to children and young people and promotes their well-being.

6.5.2 All staff must have due regard for the relevant data protection principles which allow them to share (in the context of their role) and withhold personal information as provided for in the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR

6.5.3 In order to promote positive educational outcomes for vulnerable children, including children with social workers information that can help to support positive outcomes being achieved will be shared with colleagues in school that are not DSL's or DDSL's as appropriate.

6.5.4 If staff are in any doubt about sharing information they must speak to the designated staff or the headteacher.

6.6 Working with parents and other agencies to protect children

6.6.1 Parents/carers should be aware of our in-school procedures in respect to taking any reasonable action to safeguard the welfare of its pupils. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be suffering significant harm, ill treatment or neglect or other forms of harm, staff will follow the procedures for responding to suspected cases of child abuse outlined in this policy document, follow the Leeds Safeguarding Partnership (LSCP) procedures and contact CSWS Duty and Advice team to discuss their concerns.

6.6.2 In keeping with KCSIE, we will endeavour wherever possible to obtain at least two emergency contacts for every child in the school in case of emergencies, and in case there are welfare concerns at the home in general, we will discuss concerns with parents/carers before approaching other agencies and will seek to inform parents/carers and receive their consent when making a referral to another agency. Appropriate staff will approach parents/carers after consultation with Sharon Wheelhouse/Wendy Cooper. The exception to this rule will be in situations where a member of staff has reasonable cause to believe that informing parents/carers of a referral to another agency may increase the risk of significant harm to the child.

6.6.3 Parents/carers are informed about our Safeguarding & Child Protection policy through Moorlands School website. A safeguarding & child protection statement is prominent in the school reception area along with named designated staff. Visitors are informed about safeguarding procedures via a leaflet given upon arrival to school. The [Visiting Speakers](#) policy details the procedures for arranging visiting speakers/workshops.

6.6.4 Where a parent/carer has expressed their intention to remove a child from school with a view to educating at home, the school will, working in partnership with the LA and other key professionals invite parents/carers to a meeting where possible. Ideally, this would be before a final decision has been made, to ensure the parents/carers have considered what is in the best interests of the child. This is especially important where a child has SEND, is vulnerable, and/or has a social worker.

6.7 Multi-agency work

6.7.1 We will co-operate with CSWS in accordance with the requirements of the Children Act and allow access to child and child protection records for them to conduct section 17 or section 47 assessments.

6.7.2 In the best interests of our pupils, we will work with all relevant professionals and agencies as required to safeguarding children and promote their welfare.

7 Opportunities to teach safeguarding

Our role in the prevention of abuse:

We will identify and provide opportunities for children to develop skills, concepts, attitudes and knowledge to promote their safety and well-being.

7.1.1 Opportunities to teach safeguarding as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum

7.1.2 We will ensure that children are taught about safeguarding, including online safety, and recognise that a one size fits all approach may not be appropriate for all children, and a more personalised or contextualised approach for more vulnerable children, victims of abuse and some SEND children may be needed.

7.1.3 Relevant issues will be addressed through the PSHE curriculum, including self-esteem, emotional literacy, assertiveness, power, relationship and sex education, online safety, online bullying, an understanding that abuse can take place wholly on line, sexting, child sexual exploitation (CSE/CCE), sharing nudes and semi-nudes, female genital mutilation (FGM), preventing radicalisation, child on child abuse, consent, online safety and anti-bullying, unhealthy and abusive family relationships. Schools can seek advice on the PSHE curriculum from the Health & Wellbeing Service (schoolwellbeing@leeds.gov.uk).

7.1.4 Relevant issues will be addressed through other areas of the curriculum through circle time, assemblies, the buddy and prefect systems and Student Voice and the RSE curriculum.

7.2 Other areas of work

7.2.1 Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy cannot be separated from the general ethos of the school which is to ensure that children are treated with respect and dignity, feel safe, and are listened to.

7.2.2 Moorland's online safety policy is reflective of the requirements set out in KCSIE 2023 in regards to content, contact, conduct and commerce. The school's online safety policy is aligned to the school behaviour policy and reflects our approach to issues of online safety that empowers us to protect and educate the whole school community in their use of technology and establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in and escalate any incident where appropriate

8 Our role in supporting children

We will offer appropriate support to individual children who have experienced abuse or who have abused others.

8.1 In cases where children have experienced abuse/abused others, the DSL should ensure that appropriate support is offered. An individual support plan will be devised, implemented and reviewed regularly should the pupil (victim, perpetrator, or other child affected) require additional pastoral support/intervention. This plan will detail areas of support, who will be involved (class teacher, chosen adult, key worker) and the child's wishes and feelings. A copy of the individual support plan will be kept on CPOMS.

For children who have sexually harmed or may have sexually harmed peers, a RAMP will be completed that includes safety and support planning.

9 Children with special educational needs, disabilities or health issues

9.1 Moorlands School recognises that while all children have a right to be safe, some children *may* be more vulnerable to abuse e.g. those with a disability or special educational need, mental health issues or those living with domestic violence or drug/alcohol abusing parents, parents mental health issues, learning disabilities, children who are in care or previously looked after, children having adverse childhood experiences etc. Additional barriers can exist when recognising abuse and neglect in this group, including:

- Assumptions that indicators of possible abuse such as behaviour, mood and injury relate to the child's condition without further exploration
- Pupils being more prone to peer group isolation or bullying (including prejudice-based bullying) than other pupils
- The potential for pupils with SEN, disabilities or certain health conditions being disproportionately impacted by behaviours such as bullying, without outwardly showing any signs
- Communication barriers and difficulties in managing or reporting these challenges

9.2 When the school is considering excluding, either for a fixed term period or permanently, a vulnerable pupil and/or a pupil who has social care involvement and/or additional needs is either subject to a S47 Child Protection plan/child in need plan or there are/have previously been child protection concerns, we will undertake an informed (multi- agency where other professionals are involved) risk-assessment prior to making the decision to exclude. Schools would be advised to speak to the named social worker for the child where the exclusion will be to the home to ensure that any risk is assessed and speak to Area Inclusion Partnership for support if required. Schools should note advice in the [DFE Exclusions Guidance September 2017](#) Section 3. In situations that a looked after child is at risk of exclusion the school will notify the Virtual School. In the event of a one-off serious incident resulting in an immediate decision to permanently exclude, the risk assessment must be completed prior to convening a meeting of the governing board.

9.3 All staff have a role in preventing impairment of children's mental health/emotional wellbeing including promoting positive mental health and identifying where students are struggling with their Mental Health. We regularly communicate messages to students regarding wellbeing and the promotion of positive mental health strategies through the curriculum, PSHCE and Form Time. Further support can be obtained from the Health & Wellbeing Service (schoolwellbeing@leeds.gov.uk).

9.4 Concerns regarding a student's mental health/emotional wellbeing should be reported to a member of the school the safeguarding team in keeping with the school's safeguarding reporting arrangement so that students can be offered appropriate support, this may include local or national online services where appropriate. In addition, the school are able to make referrals to a wide range of external services to secure additional appropriate support for students.

10 Children at risk of specific forms of abuse

Moorlands School follows the Leeds LSCP (www.leedsLSCP.org.uk) online locally agreed multi-agency procedures, in circumstances where children are at risk of or specific forms of abuse as outlined in Part 1 and Annex of B KCSIE.

11 Remote Learning and Remote Welfare

11.2 If children are being asked to learn online at home, for example because of the coronavirus pandemic, schools and colleges should follow advice from the DfE on safeguarding and remote education (DfE, 2021b). In addition to following the Guidance for Safer Working Practice (Safer Recruitment Consortium, 2019) and the supporting COVID Addendum for Guidance for Safer Working Practice (Safer Recruitment Consortium, 2020)

11.3 Where children are remote learning and the DSL/DDSL has identified a child to be vulnerable, on the edge of social care support, or who would normally receive pastoral-type support in school, we will ensure that a robust communication plan is in place for that child or young person. The communication plans can include remotecontact, phone contact, door-step visits. Other individualised contact methods should be considered and recorded. Details of this plan must be recorded, as should a record of contact made.

11.4 We recognise that school is a protective factor for children and situations such as periods of national lockdown can affect the mental health of pupils and their parents/carers. Staff will be aware of these issues and have due regard for them in setting expectations of pupils' work where they are at home.

12 Female Genital Mutilation: The Mandatory Reporting Duty

12.2 The Department for Education's Keeping Children Safe in Education explains that FGM comprises "all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs".

12.3 FGM is illegal in the UK and a form of child abuse with long-lasting, harmful consequences. It is also known as 'female genital cutting', 'circumcision' or 'initiation'.

12.4 **Any teacher** who discovers that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out on a **pupil under 18** must immediately (in consultation with the DSL) report this to the police, personally. This is a statutory duty, and teachers will face disciplinary sanctions for failing to meet it.

12.5 The duty above does not apply in cases where a pupil is *at risk* of FGM or FGM is suspected but is not known to have been carried out. Staff must not examine pupils.

12.6 **Any other member of staff** who discovers that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out on a **pupil under 18** must speak to the DSL and follow our local safeguarding procedures.

12.7 **Any member of staff** who suspects a pupil is *at risk* of FGM must speak to the DSL and follow our [local safeguarding children's partnership procedures](#).

13 Radicalisation

13.2 Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism. Terrorism is an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious damage to property; or seriously interferes or disrupts an electronic system. The use or threat must be designed to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is made for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause.

13.3 If staff are concerned about a change in the behaviour of an individual or see something that concerns them (**this could be a colleague too**) they must seek advice appropriately with the DSL who must contact the Education Safeguarding Team or the Prevent Education Officer – 07891 273720 for further advice (see appendix 14).

13.4 Schools and colleges are expected to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology. This means being able to demonstrate both a general understanding of the risks affecting children and young people in the area and a specific understanding of how to identify individual children who may be at risk of radicalisation and what to do to support them. The Education Safeguarding Team and the Prevent team can advise and identify local referral pathways.

13.5 Effective early help relies on all staff to be vigilant and aware of the nature of the risk for children and young people, and what support may be available. Moorlands school will ensure that as far as possible all front-line staff will undertake Prevent awareness training (e.g. Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent [WRAP]).

13.6 Responding to concerns about radicalisation

Channel

13.6 Channel is a voluntary, confidential support programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to prevent people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. Prevent referrals may be passed to a multi-agency Channel panel which will discuss the individual referred to determine whether they are vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and consider the appropriate support required. A representative from the school may be asked to attend the Channel panel with help with this assessment. An individual's engagement with the programme is entirely voluntary at all stages.

14 Child on child abuse

14.2 We recognise that children are capable of abusing their peers and that child on child abuse can manifest in many different ways, including bullying, cyber bullying, criminal and sexual exploitation, sexual harassment and violence and sharing of nudes and semi-nudes, up skirting (taking a picture under a person's clothing without them knowing, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks to obtain sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress or alarm) It is made very clear to all staff the importance of challenging abusive behaviours, this type of abuse should always be treated seriously, and never just as banter, part of growing up and our school has a zero tolerance approach to such attitudes and behaviours.

14.3 We recognize that it is more likely that girls will be victims and boys the perpetrators, but we will take all allegations of child on child abuse seriously and recognize it is unacceptable.

14.4 We will take steps to minimise the risk of child-on-child abuse by ensuring students recognise behaviour that is not appropriate and understand how to stay safe and challenge and report unwanted behaviours. (Anti-bullying week, child friendly anti-bullying leaflets, Ask Buddy Team etc). We will also regularly review the school site and school activities to further minimise the risk of child-on-child abuse occurring.

14.5 We recognise that abuse can often go unreported or be reported latterly. We will encourage and support students to report child-on -child abuse to trusted adults in school or the NSPCC helpline.

14.6 Most cases of pupils hurting other pupils will be dealt with under our school's behaviour policy, but this child protection and safeguarding policy will apply to any allegations that raise safeguarding concerns.

14.7 All concerns around child on child abuse will be taken seriously, reported, investigated, recorded on CPOMS and managed in line with the child protection procedures outlined in this policy. Our school will ensure that at least one member of the school's safeguarding team has completed the 1 day AIM Project training on understanding and managing harmful sexual behaviour in education settings <https://aimproject.org.uk/product/understanding-managing-hsb-in-education-settings/> Sharon Wheelhouse is responsible for providing support to all children involved in incidents of peer on peer sexual abuse. Where incidents of child-on-child abuse involve children attending another school setting we will liaise with the relevant DSL/DO at the setting to ensure appropriate information is shared.

14.8 We recognise that sexual violence and/or sexual harassment can happen anywhere including educational settings. Where concerns of sexual violence or sexual harassment are witnessed, disclosed or reported to the school (including those that have happened outside of

school or online) the concern will be taken seriously. We recognise that sexual violence and harassment exist on a continuum and may overlap; they can occur online and face to face (both physical and verbal) and are never acceptable. In responding to such concerns, the DSL/DDSLL must (where appropriate) always complete an AIM (Assessment, Intervention, Moving On) checklist and contact the Duty and Advice team if appropriate **and follow the principles set out in Part 5 of KCSiE and the [DfE guidance on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment \(2021\)](#).**

14.9 We will ensure that the needs of children who may have/have sexually harmed others will be considered separately from the needs of those who have/may have been subject to sexual harm. Children who have/may have sexually harmed others will be responded to in a way that meets their needs as well as protecting others within the school community through a multi-agency risk assessment management plan (RAMP). Where appropriate there must be a coordinated multi-agency approach to risk assessment which will include involvement of parent/carers, social care, health, police and youth justice (where appropriate). From a best practice perspective the RAMP should be independently chaired. Further support and advice on AIM Checklists and/or undertaking a RAMP can be obtained from the Education Safeguarding Team.

14.10 We will ensure that all children who may have/have been sexually harmed will be taken seriously and that they will be supported and kept safe. Where appropriate support plans will be put in place for children subjected to sexual harm.

14.11 We will ensure that all children who may have/have been sexually harmed will be taken seriously and that they will be supported and kept safe

14.12 In cases where allegations of sexual violence and/or harassment are found to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the DSL will consider whether the child or person who has made the allegation is in need of support or may have been abused by someone else. In cases where the report is found to be deliberately invented or malicious the school will consider whether it is appropriate to take any disciplinary action in keeping with the school's behaviour management policy

14.13 Where child exploitation (ie; criminal, sexual, trafficking, modern day slavery etc..), or the risk of it, is suspected, frontline practitioners must notify the designated member of staff for child protection, in line with the child protection policy reporting systems.

14.14 The DSL must complete the child exploitation response checklist for partners, and refer to the table at the end of the tool to help decide how to proceed. A copy of the completed tool must be kept in the child's child protection records for future reference. The DSL can also refer a pupil to the monthly Multi-agency Child Exploitation (MACE) meeting, if it is felt that the criteria for referral is met and a discussion is warranted, information should be emailed to chs.mace@leeds.gov.uk. Information provided should include: name; date of birth; what the risks are; what has been put in place to lessen the risk; and the plan that the child is subject to. Referrals will be triaged and if selected, the social worker, team manager or other relevant practitioner involved will be invited to attend the MACE meeting for a short discussion.

14.15 If the child /young person already has an allocated social worker, the DSL must contact them (or their team manager) to discuss any concerns about child exploitation. Where children may currently be looked after or previously looked after the DSL should also notify the Designated Teacher for children looked after.

14.16 A copy of the child exploitation risk identification tool for partners (see [Appendix 7](https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/Practitioners/Child-Exploitation-and-Children-Missing-from-Home/County-Lines)) for partners can be obtained from the LSCP Website: <https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/Practitioners/Child-Exploitation-and-Children-Missing-from-Home/County-Lines>

14.17 We will ensure the school works in partnership with parents / carers and other agencies as appropriate. This includes facilitating return to home interviews as requested.

15 Sharing nudes and semi-nudes

Staff responsibilities when responding to an incident

15.1 If any adult in school is made aware of an incident involving the consensual or non-consensual sharing of nude or semi-nude images/videos (also known as 'sexting' or 'youth produced sexual imagery'), they must report it to the DSL immediately.

They must not:

15.2 View, copy, print, share, store or save the imagery yourself, or ask a pupil to share or download it (if you have already viewed the imagery by accident, you must report this to the DSL)

15.3 Delete the imagery or ask the pupil to delete it

15.4 Ask the pupil(s) who are involved in the incident to disclose information regarding the imagery (this is the DSL's responsibility)

15.5 Share information about the incident with other members of staff, the pupil(s) it involves or their, or other, parents and/or carers

15.6 Say or do anything to blame or shame any young people involved

DSL Responsibilities

15.1 Following a report of an incident, the DSL will hold an initial review meeting with appropriate school staff – this may include the staff member who reported the incident and the safeguarding or leadership team that deals with safeguarding concerns. This meeting will consider the initial evidence and aim to determine:

15.2 Whether there is an immediate risk to pupil(s)

15.3 If a referral needs to be made to the police and/or children's social care

15.4 If it is necessary to view the image(s) in order to safeguard the young person (in most cases, images or videos should not be viewed)

15.5 What further information is required to decide on the best response

15.6 Whether the image(s) has been shared widely and via what services and/or platforms (this may be unknown)

15.7 Whether immediate action should be taken to delete or remove images or videos from devices or online services

15.8 Any relevant facts about the pupils involved which would influence risk assessment

15.9 If there is a need to contact another school, college, setting or individual

15.10 Whether to contact parents or carers of the pupils involved (in most cases parents/carers should be involved)

15.11 The DSL will make an immediate referral to police and/or children's social care if:

15.12 The incident involves an adult

15.13 There is reason to believe that a young person has been coerced, blackmailed or groomed, or if there are concerns about their capacity to

consent (for example, owing to special educational needs)

15.14 What the DSL knows about the images or videos suggests the content depicts sexual acts which are unusual for the young person's developmental stage, or are violent

15.15 The imagery involves sexual acts and any pupil in the images or videos is under 13

15.16 The DSL has reason to believe a pupil is at immediate risk of harm owing to the sharing of nudes and semi-nudes (for example, the young person is presenting as suicidal or self-harming)

15 Children who are absent from education

16.1 A child who is absent as well as missing from education is a potential indicator of abuse or neglect. Where a child is reported to be missing from education **we will comply with our statutory duty to inform the local authority of any pupil who falls within the reporting notification requirements outlined in [Children Missing Education – Statutory guidance for local authorities \(DfE September 2016\)](#) and follow the Leeds Children's Services LA procedure and contact: cme@leeds.gov.uk. Tel: 0113 3789686.**

16.2 Children who are absent, abscond or go missing during the school day are vulnerable and at potential risk of abuse, neglect, CSE or CCE including involvement in county lines. School and college staff members must follow the school's or college's procedures for dealing with children who are absent/ go missing, particularly on repeat occasions, to help identify the risk of abuse and neglect including sexual abuse or exploitation and to help prevent the risks of their going missing in future.

17 A Safer School Culture

The governing board will ensure that the following appropriate policies and procedures are in place and shared with staff at the point of induction in order for appropriate action to be taken in a timely manner to safeguard and promote children's welfare:

- [Whistle Blowing](#)/Confidential reporting policies (guidance to staff and volunteers on how they can raise concerns and receive appropriate feedback on action taken when staff have concerns about any adult's behaviour)
- School's procedures for managing children who are missing from education
- Guidance on Safer Working Practices
- Safeguarding and Child Protection policy (including online safety).
- School behaviour policy
- The names, roles and responsibilities of the DSL and DDSL

17.1 Safer Recruitment, selection and pre-employment vetting

Moorlands School pays full regard and commitment to following the safer recruitment, selection and pre-employment vetting procedures as outlined in part three of KCSiE The school

will maintain a single central record which demonstrates the relevant vetting checks required including: a barred list check, DBS check at the correct level, identity, qualifications, prohibition order and right to work in the UK. (see Part 3 of KCSiE).

All recruitment materials will include reference to the school's commitment to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of pupils.

The school will ensure that all recruitment panels include at least one person that has undertaken the safer recruitment consortium, safer recruitment training as recommended by the Local Authority/Leeds LSCP.

For individuals who have lived or worked outside the UK, in addition to the same checks as all other staff, the school will complete any additional checks required to satisfy themselves that the individual is suitable to work with children. This may include obtaining a letter from the professional regulatory authority in the country (countries) in which the candidate has worked confirming that they have not imposed any sanctions or restrictions, and /or that they are aware of any reason why they are unsuitable to teach where possible.

The school/ will ensure that written risk assessments are undertaken in situations where information provided on DBS certificates necessitates so. Written risk assessments must be undertaken for all volunteers not engaging in regulated activity. Advice and support for carrying out risk assessments can be accessed through the school's HR Advisor/Provider/Contact or the Education Safeguarding Team.

The school will inform shortlisted candidates that online searches may be done as part of due diligence checks.

Copies of documents used to verify the successful candidate's identity, right to work and required qualifications should be kept in their personnel file.

17.2 Managing allegations or safeguarding concerns against a member of staff or person in school procedures.

These procedures must be followed in any case in which it is alleged that a member of staff (including supply staff), governor, visiting professional, contractor or volunteer has:

17.2.1 Behaved in a way that has harmed a child or may have harmed a child

17.2.2 Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child

17.2.3 Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates s/he may pose a risk of harm to children

17.2.4 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 of school that might make the individual unsuitable to work with children. This is known as transferable risk.)

17.2.5 Inappropriate behaviour by staff or person in school/volunteers could take the following forms:

Physical, for example intentional use of force as a punishment, slapping, use of objects to hit with, throwing objects or rough physical handling.

- Emotional, for example intimidation, belittling, scapegoating, sarcasm, lack of respect for children's

rights, and attitudes which discriminate on the grounds of race, gender, sex, disability or sexuality.

- Sexual, for example sexualized behaviour towards pupils, grooming, sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape, sending inappropriate messages through social media and other technologies.
- Neglect which may include failing to act to protect a child or children, failing to seek medical attention or failure to carry out appropriate/proper risk assessment etc.
- All adults working in school have a duty to disclose to the head teacher or Chair of governors as appropriate, where their relationships and associations both within and outside of the workplace (including online) may have implications for safeguarding children in school.

17.2.6A safeguarding complaint that meets the above criteria must be reported to the Head teacher (“case manager”) immediately. In our school the named case manager is Jacqueline Atkinson. They will follow the processes outlined in this section. If the complaint involves the Headteacher, the chair of governors will be informed. ([Complaints policy](#))

17.2.7 Where the Headteacher determines that a safeguarding allegation does not meet the harm threshold in line with the criteria above they will refer the matter to be managed by a designated manager with appropriate safeguarding training.

17.2.8 All staff must fully understand that any adult behaviours that deviate from the Guidance for Safer Working Practice, including inappropriate conduct outside of work are a concern, even if they are low-level (see low level concerns policy). Low-level concerns are concerns that do not meet the harm test/allegations threshold. Examples of such behaviour include:

- *Being over familiar with children*
- *Having favourites*
- *Taking photographs of children on their mobile phone*
- *Engaging with a child on a one-to-one basis in a secluded area or behind a closed door; or*
- *Using inappropriate sexualised, intimidating or offensive language.*
- *Humiliating pupils*

Schools may receive an allegation relating to an incident that happened when an individual or organisation was using their school premises for the purposes of running activities for children (*e.g., Community groups, sports associations or service providers that run extra-curricular activities*). As with any safeguarding allegation, schools should follow their safeguarding policies and procedures, including informing the LADO

17.2.9 The case manager should ensure that the child is not at risk and where appropriate ensure that the child is referred to the local authority Duty and Advice team as referenced in Part 1 of KCSIE.

The case manager should gather as much information about the alleged incident as necessary in order to establish whether there is substance to the allegation. In situations where the case manager determines that the harm test has not been met the case manager must ensure that there is a clear record of the incident, include any actions (including whether any HR advice

had been sought and actioned) taken to address the concern raised. This record must be kept confidential, stored securely and comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR (2018). Records of low level concerns will be reviewed so that any patterns of recurring low level concerns can be identified and responded to appropriately, this may include a referral to the LADO where repeated behaviours indicate an individual may not be suitable to work with children.

All low level concern records will be kept until the staff member leaves Moorlands School at which point a decision will be made on whether records need to be kept.

17.2.10 In situations where the case manager has sufficient information to suggest that the harm test/allegations threshold has been met, the case manager must use the local authority designated officer (LADO) notification form in order to assess the level of concern, **prior to contacting the LADO**. As part of this initial consideration, the case manager should consult with their school's HR Advisor/provider/contact or in the case of a supply member of staff the supply agency safeguarding lead/senior manager. The completed LADO notification form must be sent to lado@leeds.gov.uk **within one working day of the allegation being made**. This will assist the case manager and HR/supply agency senior manager in consultation with the LADO to decide on the most appropriate course of action. This includes when to inform the member of staff of the concerns raised. Parents or carers of the child or children involved should be told about the allegation as soon as possible if they do not already know of it.

The Headteacher will inform MIST General secretary of any LADO referrals.

The case manager must not carry out an investigation or directly interview any child/ witness/ or the individual whom the concern relates too, until the above process has been duly completed and relevant partners have been consulted. However, statements of any alleged incidents of harm should be obtained as appropriate at the earliest opportunity in order to establish facts from relevant individuals.

17.2.10 A multi-agency allegations management meeting may be arranged to look at the complaint in its widest context. The case manager must attend this meeting, which will be arranged by the LADO. All issues must be recorded and the outcome reached must be noted to ensure closure.

17.2.11 In many cases it may be appropriate to provide further training and support to staff/volunteers and ensure that they are clear about the expectations for their conduct.

17.2.12 In more serious cases, allegations may be investigated under the formal disciplinary procedures and, where allegations are upheld, formal warnings issued as well as specific training and support. In cases where children/young people may be at further risk and/or evidence/witnesses may be compromised and/or the allegations are so serious that they may, if upheld, constitute gross misconduct, suspension of the member of staff/volunteer may be appropriate and should be considered in line with the school's Disciplinary Policy. Such misconduct, will be referred to the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA).

17.2.13 Any staff/volunteers who are dismissed by the school for gross misconduct or cumulative misconduct relating to safeguarding of children/young people will be referred to the DBS for consideration of barring.

Similarly, where the school has a reasonable belief that the member of staff/volunteer would have been dismissed by the school had they been employed at the time of the conclusion of investigations, they will be referred to the DBS. The school will keep written records of all of the above.

17.2.13 In serious cases, the Headteacher and/or Chair of Governors will discuss with MIST General Secretary whether the threshold has been met for a serious incident notification to the charity Commission.

- **LADO Contacts: Claire Ford or Jo Peak Tel: 01133789687**
- **Advice can also be sought from Deborah Jobson – Team Manager Education Safeguarding Team 0113 3789475**

17.2.14 Where a staff member feels unable to raise an issue with their employer or feels that their genuine concerns are not being addressed, staff can contact any of the professionals named in the above paragraph, in addition to other whistleblowing channels eg the LADO which may be open to them.

17.2.15 The MIST whistleblowing policy can be found [here](#)

- The NSPCC whistleblowing helpline is available for staff who do not feel able to raise concerns regarding child protection failures internally. Staff can call: 0800 028 0285 – line is available from 8:00am to 8:00pm, Monday to Friday and Email: help@nspcc.org.uk.

18.3 Training and Support

18.3.1 All staff members will be made aware of systems within our school that support safeguarding and these will be explained to them as part of our [Staff Induction](#), [Staff Code of Conduct](#) and the [IT Acceptable Use](#) policies.. This includes: Moorlands safeguarding/child protection policy; the school's safer working practice document, the school's whistleblowing procedures, child missing in education procedures plus online safety training. KCSIE Part 1 and Annex A are given to all staff with a requirement to respond and demonstrate understanding. All staff understand the rules relating to safer internet use for staff and use of mobile phones, as set out in the IT Acceptable Use policy, with particular regard being given to regulations regarding internet and mobile phone usage within the Early Years as explained in [Moorlands EYFS Mobile Phone policy](#).

18.3.2 We recognise the stressful and traumatic nature of child protection work. Support is available for any member of staff from Sharon Wheelhouse and Wendy Cooper. Access to regular and timely supervision is an essential form of support for all designated safeguarding staff. Children's Services Education Safeguarding team are also potentially available for advice and support (Tel: 0113 3789685).

18.3.3 Designated Safeguarding staff must have attended the 3-day Children's Services Education child protection training course, and the Leeds LSCP multi-agency Working Together to Safeguard Children and Young People training. They will attend refresher training at least every two years. In addition, the DSL is provided with regular training/briefings via MIST.

The DSL will undertake Prevent Awareness Training (e.g. Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent [WRAP]) to enable them to provide advice and support to other members of staff on protecting children from the risk of radicalisation.

18.3.4 The school will ensure all staff including temporary and volunteers receive induction and updated INSET appropriate to their roles and responsibilities, especially staff new to the school. All staff will access child protection training (including online safety). All staff will access refresher training at least every three years and regular safeguarding and child protection updates (for example, via email, e-bulletins, staff meetings), as required, but at least annually, to provide them with relevant skills and knowledge to safeguard children effectively. Training will include briefings on how to manage a report of child-on-child sexual violence or harassment and on the government's anti-radicalisation strategy, PREVENT, to enable staff to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and to challenge extremist ideas. Access to training can be via the Children's Services Education Safeguarding Team and the LSCP.

18.3.5 Contractors who are provided through a private finance Initiative (PFI) or similar contract must also access safeguarding training that reflects the LSCP locally agreed protocols and referral pathways.

18.3.6 The Head teacher will attend appropriate safeguarding training at least every three years.

18.3.7 Governors, including the nominated Governor will attend specific training for their role, updated at least every three years.

18.3.8 Any training accessed through third party/independent providers must reflect the LSCP protocols and the LSCP minimum standards checklist. This training should be recorded by the school on a separate database.

18.3.9 The Head teacher and at least one member of the governing body, that is not a staff governor, must complete the national safer recruitment training and refresh this training every five years.

19 Child Protection Records

19.1 The responsibility to maintain, process, share, transfer and store child protection and safeguarding records in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the GDPR principles is the responsibility of the DSL and DDSL. Child protection and safeguarding records will be held securely, with access being restricted to the DSL, the deputy, head teacher and in cases of Early Help, Wendy Cooper for the Early Years and Sharon Wheelhouse for Years 1-6. For further information please see [Early Help Assessments](#). The following information must be kept securely with restricted access, whether paper or electronic:

19.1.1 Chronology - (summary of significant events and the actions and involvement of the school/college)

19.1.2 A clear and comprehensive summary of the concern

19.1.3 Details of how the concern was followed up and resolved

19.1.4 A note of any action taken, decisions reached and the outcome.

19.1.5 19.1.4 All completed child protection cause for concern records

19.1.6 Any child protection information received from the child's previous educational establishment

19.1.5 Records of discussions, telephone calls and meetings with colleagues and other agencies or services

19.1.6 Professional consultations

19.1.7 Letters and emails sent and received relating to child protection matters

19.1.8 Referral forms sent to CSWS, other external agencies or education-based services

19.1.9 Minutes or notes of meetings, e.g. child protection conferences, core group meetings, etc., copied to the file of each child in the family, as appropriate

19.1.10 Formal plans for, or linked to, the child e.g. child protection plans, Early Help (previously known as CAF's), risk assessments etc

19.1.11 A copy of any support plan for the pupil concerned (see Appendix 5)

19.1.12 Where a pupil leaves their existing provision, Moorlands will ensure that the child protection file is transferred securely and separately from the main pupil file to the receiving school/educational establishment (where this is known) as soon as possible and within 5 school days. A copy of the chronology must be retained for audit purposes.

19.1.13 Where there is an existing risk management plan/assessment in place for behaviours that are deemed potentially harmful to the pupil or others (i.e. self-harming or harmful sexualised behaviour), this information must be shared with the destination provision prior to the pupil starting so that appropriate care and control measures can be put in place to mitigate the potential of any risk of further harm occurring. The DSL should also consider if it would be appropriate to share any information with the new school or college in advance of a child leaving, for example prior to a transfer programme.

19.1.14 Where a child leaves a school before statutory school leaving age, the child protection file must be transferred to the new school or college. There is no need to keep written or electronic copies of the child protection records, therefore these must be deleted from electronic systems once the successful transfer has been confirmed. The exception to this rule will be in any of the following instances:

19.1.15 Where the destination school is not known (*the original records will be retained by Moorlands School*)

19.1.16 Where the child has not attended the nominated school (*the original records should be retained by Moorlands School*)

19.1.17 There is any on-going legal action (*the original file should be retained by Moorlands School and a copy sent*)

19.1.18 Where a child moves to a different school outside of the Leeds authority a copy of the child protection record will be retained for reference.

19.1.19 Pupil records should be transferred in a secure manner, for example, through secure electronic file transfer or by hand. When hand-delivering pupil records, a list of the names of those pupils whose records are being transferred and the name of the school/college they are being transferred to must be made and a signature obtained from the receiving school/college as proof of receipt. When sending records through secure electronic file transfer, a delivery and read receipt of the transfer must be retained for audit purposes.

19.1.20 If a pupil moves from our school, child protection records will be forwarded onto the named DSL at the new school, with due regard to their confidential nature. Good practice suggests that this should always be done with a face to face handover between designated staff or a verbal conversation is had over the telephone if a face to face handover is not possible. A signed receipt of file transfer or an electronic delivery and read receipt must be obtained for audit purposes by the delivering school.

19.1.21 If sending by post, children records should be sent "Special Delivery". A note of the special delivery number should also be made to enable the records to be tracked and traced via Royal Mail.

19.1.22 For audit purposes a note of all pupil records transferred or received should be kept in either paper or electronic format. This will include the child's name, date of birth, where and to whom the records have been sent, and the date sent and/or received. A copy of the child protection chronology will also be retained for audit purposes and kept securely.

19.1.23 If a pupil is permanently excluded and moves to an alternative or specialist provision, child protection records will be forwarded onto the relevant organisation following the above procedure for delivery of the records.

19.1.24 If a parent chooses to electively home educate (EHE) their child, please contact the EHE team on ehe@leeds.gov.uk or 0113 3785028 for information on where the child protection record must be sent.

19.1.25 When a DSL member of staff resigns their post or no longer has child protection responsibility, there should be a full face to face handover/exchange of information with the new post holder.

19.1.26 In exceptional circumstances when a face to face handover is unfeasible, it is the responsibility of the head teacher to ensure that the new post holder is fully conversant with all procedures and case files.

19.1.27 All DSLs receiving current (live) files or closed files must keep all contents enclosed and not remove any material.

19.1.28 All receipts confirming file transfer must be kept in accordance with the recommended retention periods. For further information refer to the archiving section.

20 Archiving

20.1 The school that the pupil attended until statutory school leaving age (or the school where the pupil completed sixth form studies) is responsible for retaining any child protection records they may hold. The recommended retention period is 35 years from closure when there has been a referral to CSWS. If no referral has been made to CSWS, the child protection record should be retained until the child's 25th birthday, after which point the file will be destroyed confidentially/deleted from our electronic system. The decision of how and where to store child protection files must be made by the school via the governing body. Due to sensitivity of the information, the records should continue to be held in a secure area with limited access e.g. designated officer or head teacher. The DSL is responsible for ensuring that all CP files are archived in accordance with the timescales referenced above. The DSL is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate timeframes for archiving and destroying child protection records referenced above are set on electronic systems accordingly for each pupil.

20.2 Safeguarding records which contain information about allegations of sexual abuse will be retained for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), for the term of the inquiry.

20.3 Children's and parents' access to child protection files

20.3.1 Under Data Protection legislation (General Data Protection Regulation & Data Protection Act 2018) a pupil or their nominated representative have a number of legal rights in respect of information relating to them. These rights include the right to access and the right to rectification of inaccurate data. Therefore it is important to remember that all information should be accurately recorded, objective in nature and expressed in a professional manner.

20.3.2 Any child who has a child protection file has a right to request access to it. However, neither the child nor the parent has an automatic right to see all the information held in child protection records. Information can be withheld if disclosure:

20.3.3 could cause serious harm or is likely to cause serious harm to the physical or mental health or condition of the child or another person; or

20.3.4 could reveal that the child or another person has been a subject of or may be at risk of child abuse, and the disclosure is not in the best interests of the child; or

20.3.5 is likely to prejudice an on-going criminal investigation; or

20.2.6 information about the child also relates to another person who could be identified from it or the information has been given by another person who could be identified as the source, unless the person has consented to the disclosure or the person providing the information is an employee of the establishment or the Local Authority.

20.2.7 It is best practice to make reports available to the child or their parents unless the exceptions described above apply. If an application is made to see the whole record, advice can be sought from the Leeds Adults, Health and Children's Information Governance Hub. Contact email: IMG.AC@leeds.gov.uk Telephone: 0113 3784251.

20.2.8 The establishment's report to the child protection conference will, (wherever possible), be shared with the child, if old enough, and parent at least two days before the conference.

20.4 Safe Destruction of the pupil record

20.4.1 Where records have been identified for destruction, they should be disposed of securely at the end of the academic year (or as soon as practical before that time). Records which have been identified for destruction should be confidentially destroyed. This is because they will either contain personal or sensitive information, which is subject to the requirements of Data Protection legislation or they will contain information which is confidential to school or the Local Education Authority. Information should be shredded (or deleted as appropriate) prior to disposal or confidential disposal can be arranged through private contractors. For audit purposes the school should maintain a list of records which have been destroyed and who authorised their destruction. This can be kept securely in either paper or an electronic format.

20.5 Safeguarding responsibilities for pupils in transition

20.5.1 In the event that a pupil transitions full-time from Moorlands School into a high school setting before the end of their academic school year 6, the high school must place a pupil on their admissions register on the first day that the pupil attends and submit a new starter form to the local authority admissions team. Once the pupil is registered at the new school, the previous school can remove the pupil from their register. All safeguarding responsibilities, including attendance management, for the pupil will transfer to the head teacher and/or the senior designated safeguarding lead of the secondary setting. All child protection files and risk assessments will be transferred in keeping with the guidance outlined in section 11 of this policy – Child Protection Records.

Appendix 1: Definitions and indicators of abuse

Reference: Working Together to Safeguard Children (DfE 2023). See also KCSiE Part one and Annex B.

Neglect: 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. Neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:

20.4.2.1 Provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment);

20.4.2.2 Protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger;

20.4.2.3 Ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers)

20.4.2.4 Ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment

21 It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

22 Examples which may indicate neglect (it is not designed to be used as a checklist):

22.4.2.1 Hunger

22.4.2.2 Tiredness or listlessness

22.4.2.3 Child dirty or unkempt

22.4.2.4 Poorly or inappropriately clad for the weather

22.4.2.5 Poor school attendance or often late for school

22.4.2.6 Poor concentration

22.4.2.7 Affection or attention seeking behaviour

22.4.2.8 Untreated illnesses/injuries

22.4.2.9 Pallid complexion

22.4.2.10 Stealing or scavenging compulsively

22.4.2.11 Failure to achieve developmental milestones, for example growth, weight

22.4.2.12 Failure to develop intellectually or socially

22.4.2.13 Neurotic behaviour

Physical abuse: Physical abuse may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or 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.

Examples which may indicate physical abuse (not to be used as a checklist):

22.4.2.14 Patterns of bruising; inconsistent account of how bruising or injuries occurred

22.4.2.15 Finger, hand or nail marks, black eyes

22.4.2.16 Bite marks

22.4.2.17 Round burn marks, burns and scalds

22.4.2.18 Lacerations, wealds

22.4.2.19 Fractures

22.4.2.20 Bald patches

22.4.2.21 Symptoms of drug or alcohol intoxication or poisoning

22.4.2.22 Unaccountable covering of limbs, even in hot weather

22.4.2.23 Fear of going home or parents being contacted

22.4.2.24 Fear of medical help

22.4.2.25 Fear of changing for PE

22.4.2.26 Inexplicable fear of adults or over-compliance

22.4.2.27 Violence or aggression towards others including bullying

22.4.2.28 Isolation from peers

Sexual abuse: 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, including assault by penetration (for example rape or oral sex) or non-penetrative acts such as masturbation, kissing, rubbing and touching outside of clothing. They may also include 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. Sexual abuse can take place online, and technology can be used to facilitate offline abuse. Sexual abuse is not solely perpetrated by adult males.

Women can also commit acts of sexual abuse, as can other children. The sexual abuse of children by other children is a specific safeguarding issue in education and all staff should be aware of it and of their school's policy and procedures for dealing with it.

Examples which may indicate sexual abuse (it is not designed to be used as a checklist):

- 22.4.2.29 Sexually explicit play or behaviour or age-inappropriate knowledge
- 22.4.2.30 Anal or vaginal discharge, soreness or scratching
- 22.4.2.31 Reluctance to go home
- 22.4.2.32 Inability to concentrate, tiredness
- 22.4.2.33 Refusal to communicate.
- 22.4.2.34 Thrush, Persistent complaints of stomach disorders or pains
- 22.4.2.35 Eating disorders, for example anorexia nervosa and bulimia
- 22.4.2.36 Attention seeking behaviour, self-mutilation, substance abuse
- 22.4.2.37 Aggressive behaviour including sexual harassment or molestation
- 22.4.2.38 Unusually compliant
- 22.4.2.39 Regressive behaviour, Enuresis, soiling
- 22.4.2.40 Frequent or open masturbation, touching others inappropriately
- 22.4.2.41 Depression, withdrawal, isolation from peer group
- 22.4.2.42 Reluctance to undress for PE or swimming
- 22.4.2.43 Bruises, scratches in genital area

Emotional abuse: 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 in participating in normal social interaction. It may also 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

Examples which may indicate emotional abuse (it is not designed to be used as a checklist):

- 22.4.2.44 Over-reaction to mistakes, continual self-deprecation
- 22.4.2.45 Delayed physical, mental, emotional development
- 22.4.2.46 Sudden speech or sensory disorders
- 22.4.2.47 Inappropriate emotional responses, fantasies
- 22.4.2.48 Neurotic behaviour: rocking, banging head, regression, tics and twitches
- 22.4.2.49 Self-harming, drug or solvent abuse
- 22.4.2.50 Fear of parents being contacted
- 22.4.2.51 Running away / Going missing
- 22.4.2.52 Compulsive stealing
- 22.4.2.53 Masturbation, Appetite disorders - anorexia nervosa, bulimia
- 22.4.2.54 Soiling, smearing feces, enuresis

22.4.2.55 N.B.: Some situations where children stop communication suddenly (known as "traumatic mutism") may indicate maltreatment

Domestic abuse: Domestic abuse is when somebody in the family may abuse or neglect a child either by inflicting harm, or by failing to act to prevent harm. Harm can include ill treatment that is not physical as well as the impact of witnessing ill treatment of others. This can be particularly relevant in relation to the impact on children of all forms of

domestic abuse, including where they see, hear, or experience its effects.

Child Sexual Exploitation: Child sexual exploitation is a form 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 (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual

activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.

Reference: Child Sexual Exploitation. *Definition and a guide for practitioners, local leaders and decision makers working to protect children from child sexual exploitation* (DfE 2017)

All staff should ensure they are aware of and respond to wider safeguarding issues outlined in KCSiE 2023 Annex B, this includes further information on:

22.4.2.56 Child abduction and community safety incidents

22.4.2.57 Children and the court system

22.4.2.58 Children who are absent from education

22.4.2.59 Children with family members in prison

22.4.2.60 Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

22.4.2.61 County lines

22.4.2.62 Modern Slavery and the National Referral Mechanism

22.4.2.63 Cybercrime

22.4.2.64 Domestic abuse

22.4.2.65 Homelessness

22.4.2.66 So-called 'honour-based' abuse (including Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage)

22.4.2.67 Preventing radicalisation (including the Prevent duty and Channel)

22.4.2.68 Peer on peer/ child on child abuse

22.4.2.69 Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges (including Upskirting)

Responses from parents

Research and experience indicates that the following responses from parents may suggest a cause for concern across all four categories:

- An unexpected delay in seeking treatment that is obviously needed
- An unawareness or denial of any injury, pain or loss of function (for example, a fractured limb)
- Incompatible explanations offered, several different explanations or the child is said to have acted in a way that is inappropriate to her/his age and development
- Reluctance to give information or failure to mention other known relevant injuries
- Frequent presentation of minor injuries
- Unrealistic expectations or constant complaints about the child
- Alcohol misuse or other drug/substance misuse
- Parents request removal of the child from home
- Violence between adults in the household

Children with special educational needs and disabilities

When working with children with disabilities, practitioners need to be aware that additional possible indicators of abuse and/or neglect may also include:

- A bruise in a site that might not be of concern on an ambulant child such as the shin, might be of concern on a non-mobile child. The LSCP have a multi-agency protocol to support professionals in making informed judgements for bruising in non-independently mobile children.

<https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/LSCP/media/Images/pdfs/Multi-agency-Bruising-Protocol-for-Children-Not-Independently-Mobile-V4.pdf>

- Not getting enough help with feeding leading to malnourishment
- Poor toileting arrangements
- Lack of stimulation
- Unjustified and/or excessive use of restraint
- Rough handling, extreme behaviour modification e.g. deprivation of liquid medication, food or clothing, disabling wheelchair batteries
- Unwillingness to try to learn a child's means of communication
- Ill-fitting equipment e.g. callipers, sleep boards, inappropriate splinting;
- Misappropriation of a child's finances
- Invasive procedures

Appendix 2 Responding to children who report abuse.

All reports of abuse must be recorded to and responded to.

When a child tells me about abuse s/he has suffered, what must I remember?

- Stay calm
 - Do not transmit shock, anger or embarrassment.
 - Reassure the child. Tell her/him you are pleased that s/he is speaking to you.
 - Never enter into a pact of secrecy with the child. Assure her/him that you will try to help but let the child know that you will have to tell other people in order to do this. State who this will be and why.
 - Tell her/him that you believe them. Children very rarely lie about abuse; but s/he may have tried to tell others and not been heard or believed.
 - Tell the child that it is not her/his fault.
 - Encourage the child to talk but do not ask "leading questions" or press for information.
 - Listen and remember.
 - Check that you have understood correctly what the child is trying to tell you.
 - Praise the child for telling you. Communicate that s/he has a right to be safe and protected.
 - Do not tell the child that what s/he experienced is dirty, naughty or bad.
 - Do not take photographs or make videos of any injuries reported by a child.
 - It is inappropriate to make any comments about the alleged offender.
 - Be aware that the child may retract what s/he has told you. It is essential to record all you have heard.
 - At the end of the conversation, tell the child again who you are going to tell and why that person or those people need to know.
 - As soon as you can afterwards, make a detailed record of the conversation using the child's own language. Include any questions you may have asked. Do not add any opinions or interpretations.
 - NB It is not education staff's role to investigate reports of abuse. Their role is to observe that something may be wrong, ask about it, listen, be available and respond appropriately.
- **Immediately afterwards**
 - You must not deal with this yourself. All reports of abuse must be recorded and responded to in keeping with the professional roles and responsibilities outlined in Fig 1: Summary of in-

school procedures to follow where there are concerns about a child (Page 11)

- NB It is not education staff's role to investigate reports of abuse. Their role is to observe that something may be wrong, ask about it, listen, be available and respond appropriately.

Appendix 3



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Child Protection Chronology of Key Events

Guidance Notes: What was our involvement with this child and family?
Construct a comprehensive chronology of involvement by the agency and/or professional(s) in contact with the child and family over the period of time set out in the review’s terms of reference. Briefly summarise decisions reached, the services offered and/or provided to the child (ren) and family, and other action taken.

Name of child.....Class / Tutor group.....

Date	Event CFC/Meeting/Tel ephone Call/Email/Revie w	Outcome

Appendix 4 (Replaced by CPOMS but maintained for past incidents)



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Child Protection Cause for Concern Form

Note: Please do not interpret what is seen or heard; simply record the facts. After completing the form, pass it immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Sharon Wheelhouse.

Name of child..... Class / Tutor group.....

Name of staff member completing form.....

Day..... Date..... Time..... Place.....
(of observed behaviour / discussion / disclosure/report of abuse)

Nature of incident/concern including relevant background (Record child's word verbatim and any wishes and feelings expressed).

For: Designated Safeguarding Lead Officer Use

Name: _____ Date: _____ Time _____

Action Taken	By whom	Outcome
Discuss with child Ensure the child's wishes and feelings are ascertained where appropriate and fully recorded.		
Monitoring sheet		
Check behaviour database, for recent incidents, that might be significant to inform assessment		
Contact parents Please tick Telephone Call _____ Meeting: _____ Email : Refer as appropriate (i.e CSWS, cluster,		

family support etc..)		
Other (Please specify)		

Appendix 5 SMART Plan

Example: Overview of Pupil Support/SMART Plan

Child Protecti on Pupil Support Informat ion	Name of Pupil:		
Plan			
Current Care/livi ng arrange ments			
Support needs identifie d			
	Support/Intervention		
Type of support/ interven tion	Provider	s t a r t	E n d D a t e
	Agencies Involved		

Name of professional	Agency	E m a i l	T e l e p h o n e

Welcome to Moorlands School. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and require all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY

How do I handle a child disclosing that he/she is being harmed?

Although the likelihood of this is small, it is important to know what to do as children rarely lie about such matters.

- Stay calm, do not transmit shock, anger or embarrassment;
- Reassure the child but do not make promises that might not be possible to keep;
- Tell the child who you will tell (DSL) and why – to get help;
- Do not interrogate or ask leading questions;
- Listen and remember;
- Praise the child for telling you;
- Do not make comments about the alleged perpetrator;
- As soon as possible record all the details of the conversation using the child's own language, do not add your opinions.

You must not deal with this yourself.

Clear indications of abuse must be reported to **Children's Social Services** without delay by the DSL/DDSL/Headteacher/Staff

Visitors

All visitors will sign in at reception and wear a visitor's badge at all times. Please sign out and hand your badge back in upon departure. If you become concerned about:

- Comments made by a child;
- Marks or bruising on a child;
- A child's behavior or demeanor;
- Staff conduct towards a child;

Please report these concerns to a member of staff or reception who will pass these concerns on to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Moorlands School

Visitor and Safeguarding Information

E-mail: info@moorlands-school.co.uk

Tel: 0113 2785286



- **Mobile phones:** due to risks posed directly and indirectly to children, the use of camera phones is banned in school;
- **Fire and Emergency:** In the event of an alarm sounding, please evacuate by the nearest fire exit and assemble by the entrance gate;
- **First Aid:** staff will direct you to a first aider if required;
- **Accidents or incidents:** please report these to your host or reception;
- **Parking:** This is available in the school carpark, disabled parking available upon request;
- **Toilets:** Visitor toilets are located in the entrance to Early Years or on the ground floor corridor. Please do not use pupil toilets.
- **Behaviour:** A high standard of behavior is expected, abusive or threatening behavior will not be tolerated.

Keeping Everyone Safe

- Maintain a professional approach wherever and whenever you have contact with pupils;
- Unprofessional contact with pupils eg through social media, may leave you vulnerable to an allegation of abuse;
- Avoid being alone and isolated with a pupil;
- You should only work with a pupil on a 1:1 basis if appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out such as enhanced DBS;
- If you are working with a pupil on his/her own, always ensure the door is left open or you are visible to others.

Moorlands School Safeguarding Contacts

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sharon Wheelhouse

Sharon.wheelhouse@moorlands-school.co.uk

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Miss Wendy Cooper

Headteacher: Miss Jacqueline Atkinson

Chair of Governors: Mrs Gill Wilson

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Sue Witricks

Appendix 7 Recruitment and Selection checklist

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT CHECKLIST

Name: _____ Job Title: _____ School: _____

Start Date: _____ Teacher No: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Job Title: _____ School: _____

Start Date: _____ Teacher No: _____ Date of Birth: _____

ACTION		TICK AND DATE		SIGNATURE
Self-Disclosure Form		Date Sent:	Date Received:	
Two references requested				
Two written references received		1. 2.		
Reference Authenticity		1. 2.		
Right to Work (Passport) & Identity Check				
Qualification Check (where relevant)				
Interview Record / Employment History Check (including gaps) Check activity during Covid-19.				
Barred List Check (List 99)				
DBS Check for Regulated Activity Date sent online application email: Date HR submitted online:		Date HR viewed Online: Cert No: Issue Date: Date seen hard copy certificate: Signed to agree to join Update Service:		
DBS Update Service		Date Checked:		
Overseas/EEA Check		For Overseas check only: Letter of professional standing from regulating authority		
TRA (previously NCTL) Prohibition from Teaching (Teaching Staff or former Teaching staff only)	QTS Check			
Prohibition on Participation in Management (S128) (for mgmt role, or previously in mgmt role)				
Staff Disqualification Declaration (Under 8's only)			Training videos sent:	
Offer Letter		Date Sent:	Date Received:	
Personnel Forms incl Health Form, Employee Form		Date Sent:	Date Received:	
Contract of Employment		Date Sent:	Date Received:	
Policies (KCSIE and Policy Acceptance Sheet)		Date Sent:	Date Received:	
Staff Handbook (Teachers online, Support Staff – hard copy sent)				
Email request for Safeguarding training		Date Sent to AMC:		
Risk Assessment				
Statutory Induction for Teachers				
ADDED TO SCR		ADDED TO iSAMS		PHOTO TAKEN

Pre Interview Checklist

Post _____ Date _____

Pre Interview checklist	Initials	Date
Pre-interview:		
Planning - Timetable decided: job specification and description and other documents to be provided to applicants, reviewed and updated as necessary. Application form seeks all relevant information and includes relevant statements about references etc		
Vacancy advertised (where appropriate) Advertisement includes reference to safeguarding policy, that is, statement of commitment to safeguarding and promoting welfare of children and need for successful applicant to be DBS checked		
Applications on receipt - Scrutinised – any discrepancies/anomalies/gaps in employment noted to explore if candidate considered for short-listing		
Short-list prepared by at least two people		
Criminal/Suitability self Disclosure – sent to candidate and returned prior to interview		
References – seeking Sought directly from referee on short-listed candidates; ask recommended specific questions; including reason for leaving; include statement about liability for accuracy		
References – on receipt Must be from a person with relevant authority – if a school must be provided or confirmed by the Head. Contact made with provider of reference to confirm authenticity. Content checked against information on application; scrutinised; any discrepancy/issue of concern noted to take up with referee and/or applicant (at interview if possible) (Digital references must be followed up to ensure the source is legitimate)		
Invitation to interview - Includes all relevant information and instructions and the self-disclosure form.		
Interview arrangements - At least two interviewers; both of whom were involved in the short listing; panel members have authority to appoint; have met and agreed issues and		

questions/assessment criteria/standards		
Interview - Explores applicants' motives for applying, suitability for work with children as well as for the post		
Online checks – Exploring any content publicly available online that might compromise their professional role so this can be discussed with candidates at interview		
Criminal self-disclosure – Completed self-disclosure is seen by the member of the panel who is safer recruitment trained & any relevant information discussed with candidate at interview. Any concerns to be highlighted to HR and HR to will then discuss with candidate at interview.		
Note: identity and qualifications of successful applicant verified on day of interview by scrutiny of appropriate original documents; copies of documents taken and placed on file; where appropriate applicant completed application for DBS disclosure		
Conditional offer of appointment: pre appointment checks. Offer of appointment is made conditional on satisfactory completion of the following pre- appointment checks and, for non-teaching posts, a probationary period		
References before confirmation of appointment: (if not obtained and scrutinised previously) (If received by email – accompanying email to verify authenticity. If not from professional email address, follow up to ensure authenticity)		
Identity (if that could not be verified at interview) Evidence to be kept in HR file.		
Qualifications (if not verified on the day of interview) Evidence to be kept in HR file.		
Permission to work in UK, if required Evidence to be kept in HR file.		
School record sight of DBS certificate - where appropriate satisfactory DBS certificate.		

DBS Barred list check – applicant is not barred from working with Children (this must be completed before the applicant commences work)		
Health – the candidate is medically fit Medical Pre Employment Questionnaire		
Prohibition from Teaching Work Check – For those carrying out teaching work (see below) the teacher has not been included in the prohibition list or interim prohibition list or has a GTCE sanction.		
Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) Check – (for teaching posts in maintained schools) the teacher has obtained QTS or is exempt from the requirement to hold QTS (for teaching posts in FE colleges) the teacher has obtained a Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) or Certificate of Education (Cert. Ed) awarded by a higher education institution.		
Overseas Checks – for individuals who have lived or worked abroad in the last 5 years or have ever taught abroad. For teachers this will include a confirmation of registration with the relevant teaching regulator and/or reference from any education employer.		
Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2018 Letter – for any staff who work in childcare provision or who are directly concerned with the management of such provision as defined in the statutory guidance.		
Statutory Induction Completed (for teachers who obtained QTS after 7 May 1999 and are not employed as NQTs)		
Risk Assessment – for Volunteers a written Risk assessment in relation to undertaking an Enhanced DBS		
Child Protection & Online safety training and other induction such as H&S, Safe Working Practice / code of staff behaviour, etc Including: Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy Safer Working Practice Guidance Whistleblowing procedures KCSiE Part 1 and Annex B or Annexe A only ICT Acceptable Use Policy Online Safety Policy & Guidance Children Missing Education Policy		

Behaviour Policy		
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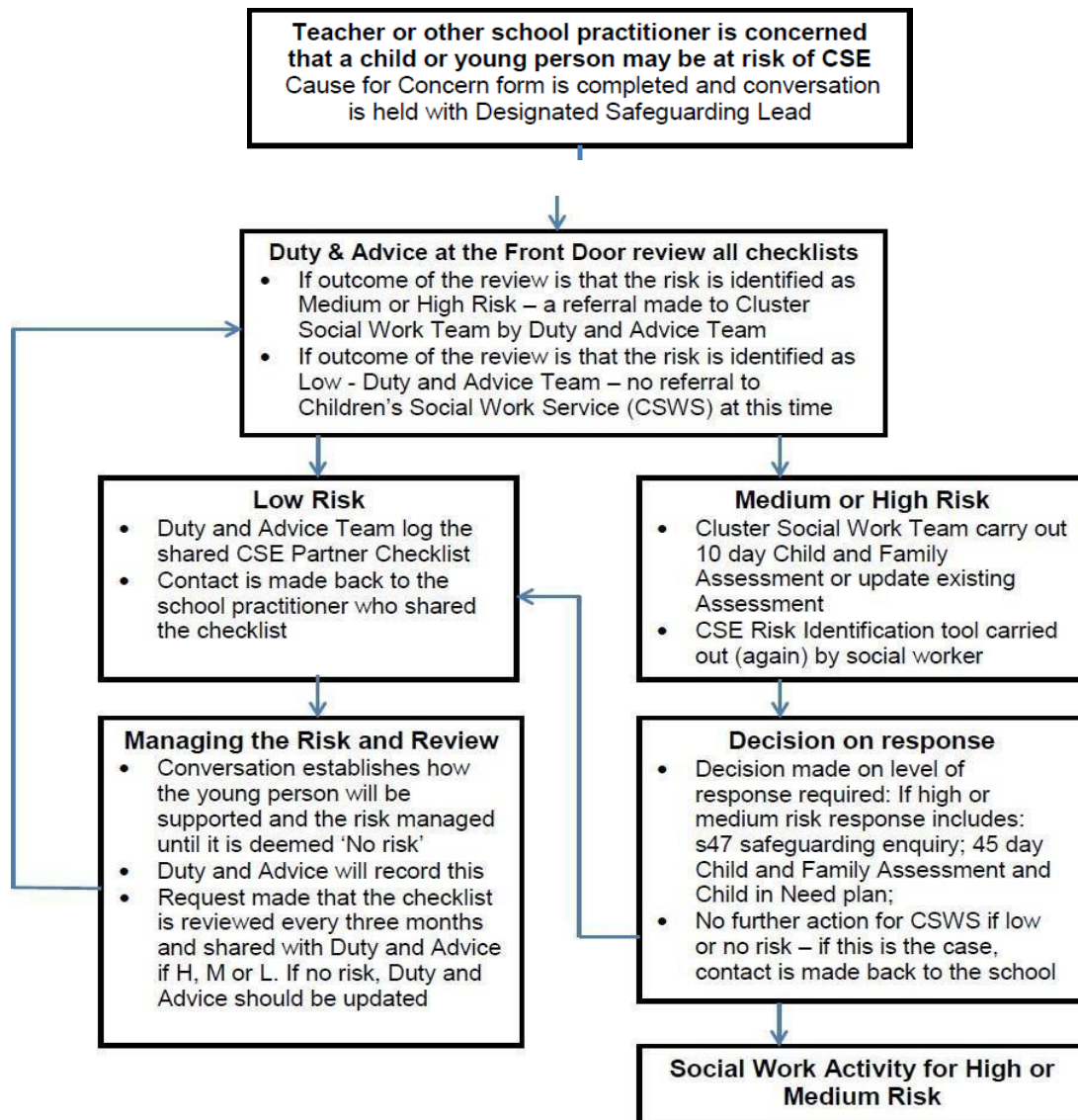
Each of the following activities is teaching work: planning and preparing lessons and courses for pupils, delivering* lessons to pupils; assessing the development, progress and attainment of pupils; and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils.

* “delivering” includes delivering lessons through distance learning or computer aided techniques. The activities specified above are not teaching work for the purposes of the Regulations if the person carrying out the activity does so (other than for the purposes of induction) subject to the direction and supervision of a qualified teacher(2) or other person nominated by the head teacher to provide such direction and supervision.

Appendix 8 Child Exploitation Response Checklist

Responding to identified concerns about Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in schools

Education professionals can also use the [WY Police CSE information report form](#) on the Leeds LSCB website to share any information which could help identify possible perpetrators of CSE, or children at risk of CSE.



Appendix 9 MACE Panel Referral Form

Please submit this form via email to CHS.MACE@leeds.gov.uk

Referrer's Details

Referrer's Name:	
Referrer's Agency:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Date of Referral:	

Child's Details

Name:			
DOB:		Mosaic ID:	
Ethnicity:		Gender:	
Address:		Sibling(s):	
Is the child open to CSWS?	Yes / No	Is the child open to Early Help?	Yes / No
Does the child have a disability or SEN?		Is the child attending an educational provision? <i>(Please state)</i>	Yes / No
What type of educational provision does the child attend? <i>(Please state details of their timetable and attendance)</i>			
What service(s) are currently working with the child?			

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What service(s) are currently working with the child?			
Type of Exploitation: (please tick)	CSE <input type="checkbox"/>	CCE <input type="checkbox"/>	Both CSE & CCE <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the child experienced online abuse? <i>(If yes, please state which online platforms/names)</i>	Yes / No		
Has a Child Exploitation Risk Assessment (Toolkit) been completed? <i>(please tick)</i>	(please delete) Yes / No	Date of last toolkit:	

Assessed Level of Risk:	No Risk Risk <input type="checkbox"/>	Low Risk <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Risk <input type="checkbox"/>	High
VRMP in place?	Yes / No	Has there been an FGC?	Yes / No	
Has a Mapping Meeting taken place?	Yes / No	Is the child part of a peer group of children identified as being at risk of exploitation?	Yes / No	
Has the child been discussed at MACE previously? <i>If so, please provide a summary of previous MACE actions / interventions.</i>				
What is the main presenting issue(s): <i>What is happening right now for the child that you are concerned about in relation to potential exploitation? (e.g., If the child is going missing, how often, where do they go missing to if known, what do <u>missing</u> episodes look like?) Consider what the associated risk(s) are.</i>				

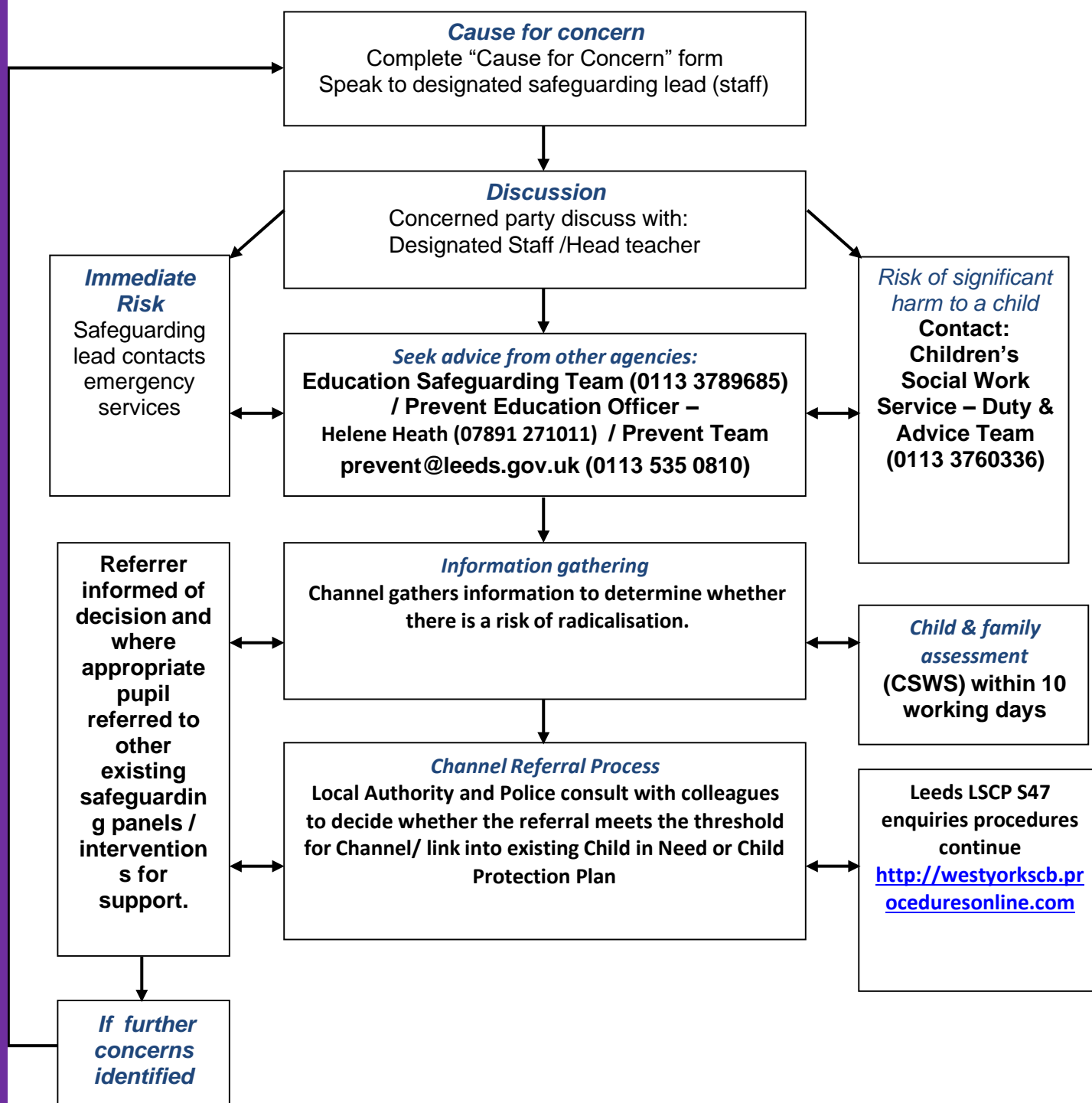
associated risk(s) are: What concern(s) are the presenting issue(s) causing? <i>What are you worried will happen to the child?</i>	
What or who are protective factor(s) in the child's life?	

TO BE COMPLETED INTERNALLY:

Screened By:	Date:	Has the referral been accepted? Yes / No	MACE Panel Date:
If referral not accepted, please state why:			

Appendix 10 Radicalisation Response Checklist

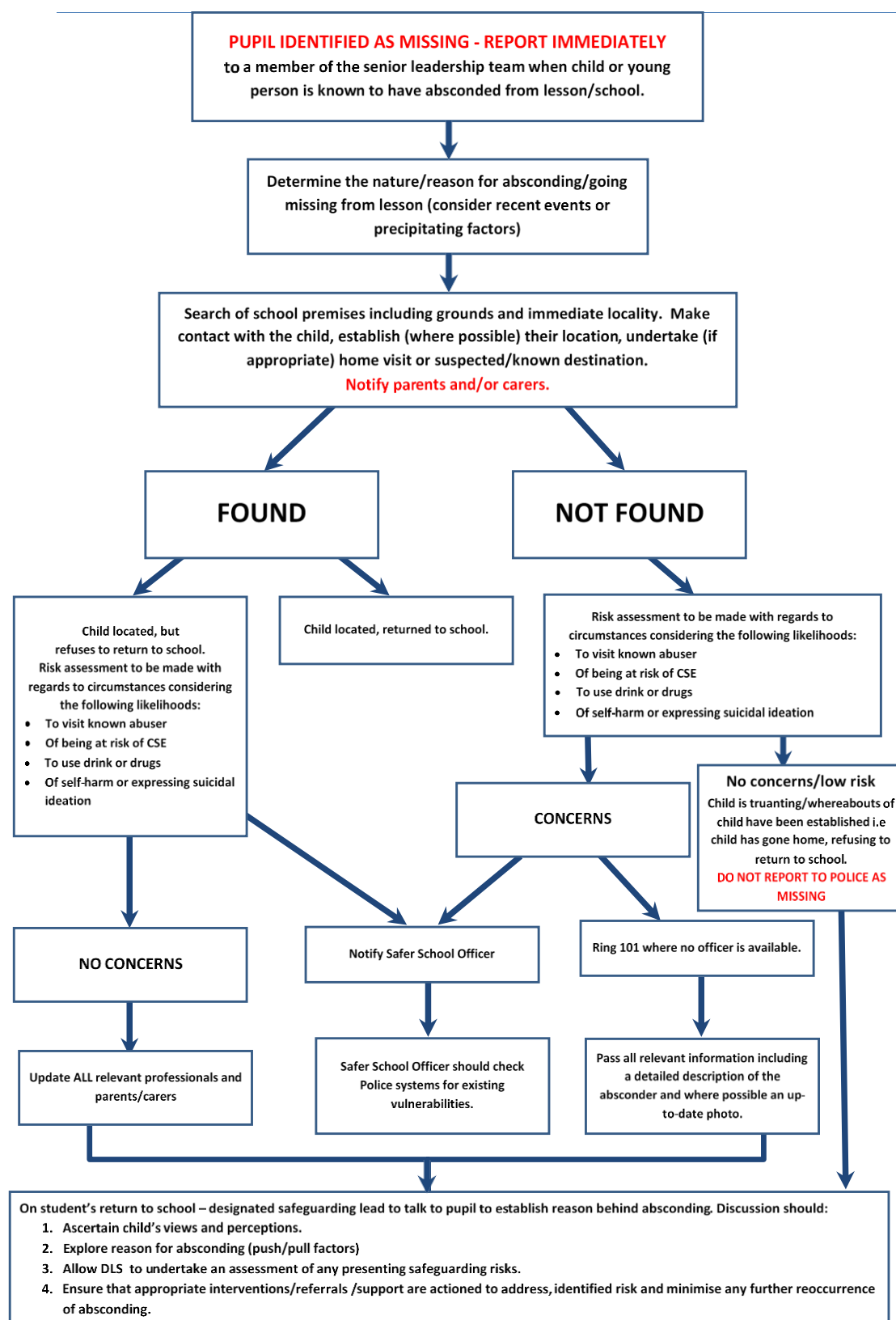
Summary of in-school procedures to follow where there are potential radicalisation concerns about a child/member of staff



Further information and relevant guidance documents referred to, are available from the Prevent team or directly upon request from education.training@leeds.gov.uk.

Appendix 11 Missing from School Response Checklist

Referral pathway for reporting children and young people missing /absconded during the school day





Children's Services
Integrated Safeguarding Unit
Notification to Local Authority Designated Officer
(Managing Allegations)

ALLEGATIONS OR CONCERN ABOUT A PERSON WORKING WITH CHILDREN

This form has been designed to help all agencies working with children record and refer information when it has been alleged that a person who works with children has:

- Behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child;
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child; or
- Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates she or he may pose a risk of harm to children.

**PLEASE PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN AND SEND TO
LADO@leeds.gov.uk WITHIN ONE WORKING DAY**

Date of Notification:	
Date of Alleged Incident:	
Name of Referrer:	
Agency:	
Contact Details:	

Professional's Details :

Name :	D.O.B :	Employment Sector:	Occupation:	Employer:

Home Address :

Child/ren's Details (if applicable):

Name :	D.O.B :	Legal Status i.e. Looked after child (S.31,S.20,LASPO)	Social Worker or Case Worker:	Independent Reviewing Officer:

Address :

Detail of Allegation	Referral Details (to include name of referrer, date, time, detail of allegation and professional (s) involved)
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Child or young person's view	Has the young person's views been sought: Yes/No (to include: when, by whom and detail of interview) If not please specify reason and date when young person will be seen)
Parent or carer's view	Has the parent/carer been notified and their views sought: Yes/No (to include: when, by whom and detail of interview) If not please specify reason)

Have you discussed this concern with the appropriate Line Manager and Human Resources within your organisation?	
What is their view	

Does the professional have children of their own? if known please give names & ages
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Previous concerns of a safeguarding nature:	<i>Please identify (in chronological order) any previous/historical concerns of a safeguarding nature by the professional concerned.</i>
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Does the professional work with children in any other capacity?

Does the professional acknowledge the concern? Please consult with HR if advice is required about talking to the member of staff
<i>What is their view</i>

Do you believe that the individual concerned poses a current risk of significant harm to children and young people in your organisation?
<i>Please explain your rationale for both a Yes or No response.</i>

In your professional opinion what action should be taken in regard to the individual facing the allegation or concern?

If the professional who these concerns are about, is not a member of staff directly employed by your organisation (*i.e. an agency worker*). Have you discussed this concern with the appropriate Line Manager for the organisation concerned? (*If not, please contact the employer and complete the section below, prior to submitting this notification*)

What is their view

Name of employer:

Contact details:

LADO Discussion

Please provide relevant details

Form Completed by:

Contact details:

Information entered on MOSAIC: YES

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NO

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Appendix 13 Prevent Referral Form

REFERRAL PROCESS

REFERRAL PROCESS

Once you have completed this form, please email via secure email arrangements to: prevent@leeds.gov.uk and fimucentral@ctpne.police.uk.

All public sector organisations (including schools) have appropriate email security in place. Please contact prevent@leeds.gov.uk if you wish to refer from outside this sector.

If you have any questions whilst filling in the form, please call: 0113 535 0810 (Leeds City Council Prevent Team) or 0113 395 4141 (Police Prevent Team).

INDIVIDUAL'S BIOGRAPHICAL & CONTACT DETAILS

Forename(s):	
Surname:	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	
Approx. Age (if DoB unknown):	
Gender:	
Known Address(es):	
Nationality / Citizenship:	
Immigration / Asylum Status:	
Primary Language:	
Contact Number(s):	
Email Address(es):	
Any Other Family Details:	

DESCRIBE CONCERNS	In as much detail as possible, please describe the specific concern(s) relevant to Prevent.
<p>FOR EXAMPLE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How / why did the Individual come to your organisation's notice in this instance? • Does it involve a specific event? What happened? Is it a combination of factors? Describe them. • Has the Individual discussed personal travel plans to a warzone or countries with similar concerns? Where? When? How? • Does the Individual have contact with groups or individuals that cause you concern? Who? Why are they concerning? How frequent is this contact? • Is there something about the Individual's mobile phone, internet or social media use that is worrying to you? What exactly? How do you have access to this information? • Has the Individual expressed a desire to cause physical harm, or threatened anyone with violence? Who? When? Can you remember what was said / expressed exactly? • Has the Individual shown a concerning interest in hate crimes, or extremists, or terrorism? Consider <i>any</i> extremist ideology, group or cause, as well as support for "school-shooters" or public-massacres, or murders of public figures. • Please describe any other concerns you may have that are not mentioned here. 	
COMPLEX NEEDS	Is there anything in the Individual's life that you think might be affecting their wellbeing or that might be making them vulnerable in any sense?

PERSON WHO FIRST IDENTIFIED THE CONCERNS	
Do they wish to remain anonymous?	Yes / No
Forename:	Referrers First Name(s)
Surname:	Referrers Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Referrers Role / Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Referrers Relationship To The Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Referrers Telephone Number
Email Address:	Referrers Email Address
PERSON MAKING THIS REFERRAL (if different from above)	
Forename:	Contact First Name(s)
Surname:	Contact Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Contact Role & Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Contact Relationship to the Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Contact Telephone Number
Email Address:	Contact Email Address

RELEVANT DATES

Date the concern first came to light:	When were the concerns first identified?
Date referral made to Prevent:	Date this form was completed & sent off?

FOR EXAMPLE:

- Victim of crime, abuse or bullying.
- Work, financial or housing problems.
- Citizenship, asylum or immigration issues.
- Personal problems, emotional difficulties, relationship problems, family issues, ongoing court proceedings.
- On probation; any erratic, violent, self-destructive or risky behaviours, or alcohol / drug misuse or dependency.
- Expressed feelings of injustice or grievance involving any racial, religious or political issue, or even conspiracy theories.
- Educational issues, developmental or behavioural difficulties, mental ill health (see **Safeguarding Considerations** below).
- Please describe any other need or potential vulnerability you think may be present, but which is not mentioned here.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any further information you think may be relevant, e.g., social media details, military service number, other agencies or professionals working with the Individual, etc..

**REFERRER'S ORGANISATIONAL PREVENT CONTACT (if different from above)**

Forename:	Referrers First Name(s)
Surname:	Referrers Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Referrers Role / Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Referrers Relationship To The Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Referrers Telephone Number
Email Address:	Referrers Email Address

SAFEGUARDING CONSIDERATIONS

Does the Individual have any stated or diagnosed disabilities, disorders or mental health issues?	Yes / No
Please describe, stating whether the concern has been diagnosed.	
Have you discussed this Individual with your organisations Safeguarding / Prevent lead?	Yes / No
What was the result of the discussion?	
Have you informed the Individual that you are making this referral?	Yes / No
What was the response?	
Have you taken any direct action with the Individual since receiving this information?	Yes / No
What was the action & the result?	
Have you discussed your concerns around the Individual with any other agencies?	Yes / No
What was the result of the discussion?	

INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT / EDUCATION DETAILS

Current Occupation & Employer:	Current Occupation(s) & Employer(s)
Previous Occupation(s) & Employer(s):	Previous Occupation(s) & Employer(s)
Current School / College / University:	Current Educational Establishment(s)
Previous School / College / University:	Previous Educational Establishment(s)

THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to make this referral. Information you provide is valuable and will always be assessed.
If there is no Prevent concern but other safeguarding issues are present, this information will be sent to the relevant team or agency to provide the correct support for the individual(s) concerned.