



Safeguarding Policy Including Child Protection

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1. Safeguarding Statement 2023 - 'Safeguarding is Everyone's Business'

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children.

We make every effort to provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried, believing they will be effectively listened to.

The purpose of this policy is to provide staff, volunteers and Governors/Proprietors/Management Committee with the framework they need in order to keep children safe and secure in our setting. The policy also informs parents and carers how we will safeguard their children whilst they are in our care.

a) Key Personnel

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is: Mrs Kathryn Dray (DHT)
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Deputy DSL is: Miss Vicky Swann (DHT)
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The Chair of Governors is: Ms Rebecca Jennings
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b) Terminology

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge
- Protecting children from maltreatment, whether that is within or outside the home, including online
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
- Making sure 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 a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

Early help is support for children of all ages that improves a family's resilience and outcomes or reduces the chance of a problem getting worse.

The local safeguarding partnership has three partners:

1. Chief Executive of Surrey County Council (Children's Services)
2. Chief Executives of Surrey Heartlands and Frimley Integrated Care Boards, and
3. The Chief Constable of Surrey Police

Staff refers to all those working for or on behalf of the school, full or part time, temporary or permanent, in either a paid or voluntary capacity. This includes, but is not limited to, employed staff, contractors, volunteers, governors/trustees, supply staff and self-employed staff.

Child(ren) includes everyone under the age of 18. On the whole, this will apply to pupils of our setting; however, the policy will extend to visiting children and students from other establishments

Parents refers to birth parents and other adults who are in a parenting role, for example stepparents, foster carers and adoptive parents.

Social Care refers to Children's Services in the area in which the child is resident, unless a child is a Child Looked After then this will be the Children's Services in their home authority.

MAP refers to the Surrey Multi-Agency Partnership.

C-SPA refers to the Children's Single Point of Access.

DSL where appropriate also refers to Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

Child looked after (CLA) used internally in Surrey County Council rather than looked after child (used in statutory guidance)

2. Introduction

- a) This policy has been developed in accordance with the principles established by the Children Acts 1989 and 2004; the Education Act 2002 (as amended), the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, the Non-Maintained Special Schools (England) Regulations 2015 and the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (as amended).
- b) All action taken by Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery will be in accordance with: Statutory, national, and local guidance – this includes:
 - i. [Working Together to Safeguard Children \(2023\)](#) which sets out the multi-agency working arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and protect them from harm; in addition, it sets out the statutory roles and responsibilities of settings.
 - ii. ['What to do if you are Worried a Child is Being Abused' 2015 - Advice for Practitioners](#)
 - iii. [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(KCSIE, 2025\)](#) is statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE) which all schools and colleges must have regard to when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
 - iv. [Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework \(2021\)](#) is statutory guidance which sets standards that school and childcare providers must meet for the learning, development, and care of children from birth to 5 years in Ofsted registered settings.
 - v. [Local Guidance from the Local Safeguarding Partnership: Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership \(SSCP\) including SSCP Procedures.](#)
- c) This policy applies to all members of staff and Governors in the setting.

3. Guidance and documents referred to in this policy:

- a) [Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership protocols, guidance and procedures](#)
- b) [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023](#)
- c) [Keeping Children Safe In Education 2025](#)
- d) [Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 \(updated 2019\)](#)
- e) [FGM Act 2003 Mandatory Reporting Guidance 2015 \(updated January 2020\)](#)
- f) ['What to do if you are worried a child is being abused' 2015](#)
- g) [Teachers' standards](#)
- h) [Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners](#)
- i) [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- j) [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework](#)
- k) SCC Safeguarding Children Missing Education (CME) and Educated Other Than at School (EOTaS) – available on [Surrey Education Services \(Education Safeguarding Team Resources Hub\)](#)
- l) SCC Touch and The Use Of Physical Intervention When Working With Children And Young People – available on [Surrey Education Services \(Education Safeguarding Team Resources Hub\)](#)

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- i. Recruitment
- ii. Whistleblowing
- iii. Staff Code of Conduct and Governor Code of Conduct
- iv. Behaviour
- v. Computing Including Online Safety
- vi. Attendance
- vii. Health and Safety

4. Equalities Statement

- a) With regards to safeguarding we will consider our duties under the [Equality Act 2010](#) and our general and specific duties under the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#). General duties include:
 - i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
 - iii) Foster good relations across all protected characteristics between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
- b) Details of our specific duties are published under Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery Equality Policy and measurable objectives. These are available on our website <https://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/>
- c) Staff are aware of the additional barriers to recognising abuse and neglect in children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This will be in line with our Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy <https://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=SEND&pid=36>
- d) Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery also adheres to the principles of and promotes anti-oppressive practice in line of the [United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child](#) and the [Human Rights Act 1998](#).

5. Policy Aims

- a) To provide staff with the framework to promote and safeguard the wellbeing of children and in doing so ensure they meet their statutory responsibilities.
- b) To ensure consistent good practice across the setting and ensure that safeguarding follows a whole setting approach.
- c) Clarifying safeguarding expectations for members of the setting's community, staff, Governing body, children, and their families.
- d) Contributing to the establishment of a safe, resilient, and robust safeguarding culture in the setting built on shared values; that children are treated with respect and dignity, taught to treat each other and staff with respect, feel safe, have a voice and are listened to.
- e) Supporting contextual safeguarding practice recognising that the setting's site can be a location where harm can occur.
- f) Setting expectations for developing knowledge and skills within the setting's community (staff, children, parents/carers) to the signs and indicators of safeguarding issues and how to respond to them.
- g) Early identification of need for vulnerable learners and provision of proportionate interventions to promote their welfare and safety.
- h) Working in partnership with children, parents/carers, and other agencies in the Surrey Safeguarding Children's Partnership.

6. Policy Principles and Values

- a) The welfare of the child is paramount
- b) Maintain an attitude of "It could happen here"
- c) Maintain a "zero-tolerance" approach to sexual violence and sexual harassment.
- d) Children have a right to feel safe and secure, they cannot learn effectively unless they do so.
- e) All children have a right to be protected from harm and abuse.
- f) All staff have a role in the prevention of harm and abuse and an equal responsibility to act immediately on any suspicion or disclosure that may indicate a child is at risk of harm, either in the setting or in the community, taking into account contextual safeguarding, in accordance with statutory guidance.
- g) Whilst the setting will work openly with parents/carers as far as possible, it reserves the right to contact social care or the police, without notifying parents/carers if this is believed to be in the child's best interests.
- h) We will always act in the best interests of the child and ensure that our decisions around safeguarding take a child-centred and coordinated approach.
- i) The school has a clear process in place, that is shared with and followed by all members of the school community, when there is a safeguarding concern.
- j) Our staff are well trained to recognise the signs of abuse, neglect and exploitation, such that they understand what their responsibilities are and how they should respond when they identify a concern.
- k) We keep track of children known or thought to be at risk of harm.
- l) We communicate well with all those involved when there is a concern about a child, including parents/carers, other children, staff and agencies. This includes sharing information quickly and appropriately with external agencies, such as the police and children's services, to get children the support and help they need in good time.

7. Supporting Children

- a) Our setting provides a safe place and stability in the lives of children who have been abused or who are at risk of harm. The setting recognises that a child who is abused or witnesses abuse and/or violence may feel helpless and humiliated, may blame themselves, and find it difficult to develop and maintain a sense of self-worth. Research shows that the behaviour of a child in these circumstances may range from that which is perceived to be normal to aggressive or withdrawn.

- i. We will promote a caring, safe and positive environment within the setting.
 - ii. We will encourage self-esteem and self-assertiveness, through the curriculum and through positive relationships within the setting community.
 - iii. We will ensure children are taught to understand and manage risk through Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education and Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education through all aspects of setting life, including staying safe online.
 - iv. We will respond sympathetically to any requests for time out to deal with distress and/or anxiety.
 - v. We will offer details of helplines, counselling, or other avenues of external support.
 - vi. We will liaise and work in partnership with other support services and agencies involved in early help and the safeguarding of children.
 - vii. We will notify social care without delay if there is an immediate risk of significant harm.
 - viii. We will provide continuing support to children about whom there have concerns and who leave the setting by ensuring that information is shared confidentially with the child's new setting. The setting will ensure records are forwarded as a matter of priority and within statutory timescale.
- b) The designated safeguarding lead will consider if it would be appropriate to share any additional information with the new school in advance of a child leaving to help them put in place the right support to safeguard this child and to help the child thrive in the school or college. For example, information that would allow the new school to continue supporting children who have had a social worker and been victims of abuse and have that support in place for when the child arrives.
- c) Our setting recognises it plays a significant part in the prevention of harm to our children by providing children with good lines of communication with trusted adults, supportive friends and an ethos of protection.
- d) Our setting will:
- i. Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel safe and secure, are encouraged to talk and are always listened to.
 - ii. Include regular consultations with children e.g. through questionnaires, participation in anti-bullying activity, asking children to report whether they feel safe in the setting.
 - iii. Ensure that all children know they can access a trained adult in the setting whom they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty.
 - iv. Include safeguarding across the curriculum, including PSHE opportunities which equip children with the skills they need to keep themselves and other safe, including online and to know to whom they should turn to for help. It is also recognised that effective education will be tailored to the specific needs and vulnerabilities of individual children, including children who are victims of abuse, and children with special education needs or disabilities.
 - v. Provide preventative education by creating a culture of zero tolerance for sexism, misogyny/ Misandry, homophobia, biphobia and sexual violence and sexual harassment.

- vi. Ensure all staff are aware of the setting's guidance for their use of mobile technology and have discussed safeguarding issues around the use of mobile technologies and their associated risks.

8. Professional expectations, roles, and responsibilities

a) The setting will ensure that:

- i. Details of the DSL and DDSL are available in the website, around school on noticeboards and as a part of the signing in process.
- ii. The setting operates safer recruitment procedures in line with KCSIE 2025 which includes statutory checks on the suitability of staff to work with children.
- iii. Prior to interview, we will ask candidates to provide details of any on-line presence. There are two broad areas that we are looking for; safeguarding concerns and general reputational issues. Therefore our search will focus on the following broad categories; extremism, discrimination, drug misuse, hate speech, violent images, nudity, toxic language, swearing or profanity.
- iv. All staff receive information about the setting safeguarding arrangements, the setting's safeguarding statement, staff behaviour policy (code of conduct), Safeguarding and Child Protection policy, the role and names of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and their deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL), and [Keeping children safe in education \(2025\)](#), part 1 or the condensed version of it in annex A (dependent on their role). This applies to the Governing body/Proprietor/Management Committee in relation to part 2 of the same guidance.
- v. All staff receive safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety) at induction in line with advice from [SSCP](#). Training is regularly updated as required, and at least annually to continue to provide them with relevant skills and knowledge to safeguard children effectively.
- vi. All members of staff are trained in and receive regular updates in online safety and reporting concerns.
- vii. All members of staff maintain a zero-tolerance approach to sexual violence and sexual harassment.
- viii. All staff and Governors have regular safeguarding and child protection awareness training, updated by the DSL as appropriate, to maintain their understanding of the signs and indicators of abuse.
- ix. The Safeguarding Policy is made available via the website and a paper copy is available upon request for parents/carers.
- x. All parents/carers are made aware of the responsibilities of staff members with regard to safeguarding and child protection procedures
- xi. Provide a coordinated offer of early help when additional needs of children are identified and contribute to early help arrangements and inter-agency working and plans.
- xii. The setting's Lettings Policy will seek to ensure the suitability of adults working with children on the setting site at any time and ensure that any groups who use the setting's premises have Safeguarding and Child Protection policies and procedures in place.

- xiii. Community users organising activities for children are aware of the setting's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, guidelines and procedures.
- xiv. The name of the designated members of staff for safeguarding and child protection, the DSL and DDSL(s), are clearly advertised in the setting via the electronic sign in system.
- xv. Any visitor in regulated activity (See Appendix 2) will require a Letter of Assurance (see Appendix 6) prior to the first visit. Photo Identification will then be checked and confirmed on the first visit.
- xvi. Planned OFSTED inspectors and OFSTED quality assurance staff will fall under the blue lanyard system (see appendix 7) as long as the Photo ID has been checked and confirmed.

9. All Staff will:

- a) Maintain an attitude of "It could happen here" with regards to safeguarding.
- b) Understand that safeguarding is "everyone's responsibility".
- c) Maintain a "zero-tolerance" approach to sexual violence and sexual harassment.
- d) Read and understand Part 1 of statutory guidance KCSIE (2023). Those working directly with children will also read Annex B.
- e) In addition to this all staff will be aware of the systems in place which support safeguarding including reading this Safeguarding Policy; the Behaviour Policy; the Staff Code of Conduct; safeguarding response to children who go missing from education; and the role of the DSL.
- f) Know who and how to contact the DSL and DDSL and the Chair of Governors.
- g) Be aware of indicators of abuse and neglect understanding that children can be at risk of harm inside and outside of the setting, inside and outside of home and online. Exercising professional curiosity and knowing what to look for is vital for the early identification of abuse and neglect so that staff are able to identify cases of children who may be in need of help or protection.
- h) Be able to identify vulnerable learners and take action to keep them safe. Information or concerns about learners will be shared with the DSL where it includes those:
 - i. who may need a social worker and may be experiencing abuse or neglect
 - ii. requiring mental health support
 - iii. may benefit from early help
 - iv. where there is a radicalisation concern. Extremism is the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental British values. Radicalisation is the process of a person legitimising support for, or use of, terrorist violence.
 - v. where a crime may have been committed
- i) Provide a safe environment in which children can learn.
- j) Follow School Walking to and From School Alone Protocol:
 - i. All children up to the start of Year 6 must be dropped off and collected by a responsible person who is at least 16 years old.
 - ii. There is no set age when children are ready to walk to school or home on their own. It very much depends on their maturity, confidence and the any hazards between home and school. Parents/carers need to decide whether their child is ready for this responsibility.

- iii. If a parent decides that a child in Year 6 is able to arrive and/or leave the school unsupervised, then they must complete a 'Walking to and from school alone' form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCG6n3-Yit3ds4qICatHdhV0MrDO74hPiS-tyLNaMztMXLoQ/viewform>
 - iv. By completing the 'Walking to and from school alone' form, parents/carers are agreeing that school is not responsible for any child's actions or their whereabouts beyond the lower West Gate and the East Gate.
 - v. Parents/ carers will be prompted to complete the form at the Y6 Open Morning and again via email.
 - vi. Updates to parent/ carer permissions will be shared to the teacher with an updated class summary.
 - vii. If your Y6 child does not have permission to walk home alone, they will not be released from school alone under any circumstances. If you wish to give permission for them to walk home alone on a specific day due to unforeseen circumstances, please email parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk to give written permission. In emergency situations, the child may be released following verbal permission given to a member of staff, by a parent/carer.
 - viii. Any non-typical changes to the going home arrangements should be emailed in advance by 12.45pm: parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk
- k) Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk and are listened to.
- l) Ensure children know that there are adults in the setting who they can approach if they are worried or have concerns.
- m) All staff are aware that mental health problems can, in some cases, be an indicator that a child has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse, neglect or exploitation.
- n) Ensure only appropriately trained professionals attempt to make a diagnosis of a mental health problem. Staff, however, are well placed to observe children day-to-day and identify those whose behaviour suggests that they may be experiencing a mental health problem or be at risk of developing one.
- o) Take immediate action if they have a mental health concern about a child that is also a safeguarding concern, following our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and procedures.
- Useful links:
 - [Mindworks Surrey](#)
 - [Surrey Young Suicide Prevention Toolkit](#)
 - [The Surrey Self-Harm Protocol](#)
 - [Install - R;pple Suicide Prevention](#)
- p) Plan opportunities within the curriculum for children to develop the skills they need to assess and manage risk appropriately and keep themselves safe.
- q) Attend training in order to be aware of and alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and exploitation.
- r) Know how to respond to a child who discloses harm or abuse following training of 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2023), and 'What to do if you are worried a child is being abused' (2015).
- s) Record their concerns if they are worried that a child is being abused and report these to the DSL immediately that day. If the DSL is not contactable immediately a DDSL should be informed.

- t) Be prepared to refer directly to the Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPA), and the Police if appropriate, if there is a risk of significant harm and the DSL or their DDSL is not available.
- u) Follow the allegations procedures, as set out in this policy and KCSIE 2022, if the disclosure is an allegation against a member of staff, supply staff, volunteer or contactor.
- v) Report low-level concerns (as defined in KCSIE 2023) about any member of staff/supply staff/volunteer or contractor (in line with [Surrey LADO guidance](#)).
- w) Provide support for children subject to early help, child in need or child protection and be involved where appropriate, in the implementation of individual plans to further safeguard vulnerable learners and understand their academic progress and attainment and maintain a culture of high aspirations for this cohort.
- x) A member of staff who is approached by a child should listen positively and try to reassure them. They cannot promise complete confidentiality and should explain that they need to pass information to other professionals to help keep the child and/or other children safe. The degree of confidentiality should always be governed by the need to protect the child.
- y) Notify the DSL or their DDSL of any child on a child protection plan or child in need plan who has unexplained absence.
- z) Understand early help and be prepared to identify and support children who may benefit from early help. Liaise with other agencies that support children and provide early help.
- aa) Be aware that children may not feel ready or know how to someone they are being abused, exploited, or neglected, and/or they may does not recognise these experiences as harmful. This could be due to their vulnerability, disability and/or sexual orientation or language barriers.
- bb) Be mindful that the Teacher Standards states that teachers should safeguard children's wellbeing and maintain public trust in the teaching profession as part of their professional duties.

10. The Headteacher:

In addition to the role and responsibilities of all staff the Headteacher will ensure that:

- a) The setting fully contributes to inter-agency working in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023) guidance.
- b) The Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and procedures are implemented and followed by all staff.
- c) That the setting has appropriate policies in place that make it clear that sexual harassment, online sexual abuse and sexual violence (including sexualised language) is unacceptable, with appropriate sanctions and support in place.
- d) That the setting's staff have appropriate knowledge of KCSiE and associated annual updates and annual Prevent refresher training.
- e) That all children are supported to report concerns about harmful sexual behaviour freely. That concerns are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately, and children are confident that this is case. Comprehensive records of all allegations are kept and the compliance spreadsheet is kept updated.

- f) All staff are aware of the role of the DSL, including the identity of the DSL and any DDSLs.
- g) Sufficient time, training, support, funding, resources, including cover arrangements where necessary, is allocated to the DSL to carry out their role effectively, including the provision of advice and support to setting staff on safeguarding and child protection matters, to take part in strategy discussions/meetings and other inter-agency meetings and/or support other staff to do so; and to contribute to the assessment of children.
- h) Opportunities are provided for a co-ordinated offer of early help when additional needs of children are identified.
- i) That DDSLs are trained to the same standard as the DSL and the role is explicit in their job description.
- j) Adequate and appropriate DSL cover arrangements are in place for any out of hours/out of term activities.
- k) Where there is a safeguarding concern that the child's wishes and feelings are taken into account when determining what action to take and what services to provide.
- l) Child-centred systems and processes are in place for children to express their views and give feedback.
- m) All staff feel able to raise concerns about poor or unsafe practice and that such concerns are handled sensitively and in accordance with the whistle-blowing procedures.
- n) Children are provided with opportunities throughout the curriculum to learn about safeguarding, including keeping themselves safe online
- o) That allegations or concerns against staff and other adults are dealt with in accordance with guidance from the DfE, SSCP and Surrey County Council (SCC).
- p) Liaise with the "case manager" and Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for child protection concerns in cases which concern a member of staff/supply staff/contractor or a volunteer.
- q) Visitors are appropriately supervised or escorted, where necessary. Visitors wear lanyards in accordance with Appendix 7. In some cases, the Headteacher may deem that lanyards are not practical or necessary for example for Parent / Carer Teacher Consultations, school performances or some PTA events.
- r) That statutory requirements are met to make a referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service and additionally in the case of teaching staff the Teacher Regulation Agency where they think an individual has engaged in conduct that harmed (or is likely to harm) a child; or if the person otherwise poses a risk of harm to a child.
- s) Record low level concerns in cases which concern a member of staff/supply staff/contractor or a volunteer. The record should include details of the concern, the context in which the concern arose, and action taken. The name of the individual sharing their concerns should also be noted, if the individual wishes to remain anonymous then that will be respected as far as reasonably possible.
- t) They become the 'case manager' when an allegation is raised about a member of staff and make the final decision regarding all low-level concerns.

- u) In the Early Years, there are enough staff per child (staff ratios) and each child is assigned a key person.

11. The Designated Safeguarding Lead:

In addition to the role and responsibilities of all staff the DSL will:

- a) Hold the lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety and understanding the filtering and monitoring systems in place) in the setting, this responsibility is not able to be delegated.
- b) Liaise with the Surrey Country Council [add other local authorities as appropriate] and work in partnership with other agencies in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023).
- c) Where necessary contact Surrey's Child Protection Consultation Line for advice and support (0300 470 9100 option 3).
- d) Manage and submit a Request for Support Form for a child if there are concerns about suspected harm or abuse, to the C-SPA, and act as a point of contact and support for setting staff. Requests for support should be sent securely by email to cspa@surreycc.gov.uk using the [Request for Support Form](#) urgent referrals should be made by telephone 0300 470 9100 or 0331 435554).
- e) Report concerns that a child may be at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, use the [Prevent referral form](#) to refer cases by e-mail to preventreferrals@surrey.pnn.police.uk . If the matter is urgent then Police must be contacted by dialling 999. In cases where further advice from the Police is sought dial 101 or 01483 632982 and ask to speak to the Prevent Supervisor for Surrey. The DfE has also set up a dedicated telephone helpline for staff and Governors/Proprietors/management committees to raise concerns around Prevent (020 7340 7264).
- f) Emergency Duty Team (EDT)
 - i. Emergency Duty Team (EDT), provides an emergency social care service for urgent situations which are out of normal office hours. If your call is not answered, please do leave a message and your contact details for someone to get back to you.
 - ii. EDT is available 5pm-9am, Monday – Friday, Weekends 24 hours a day.
 - iii. Phone: 01483 517898
 - iv. Email: edt.ssd@surreycc.gov.uk
- g) Refer cases where a crime may have been committed to the Police as required. NB: NPCC- [When to call the police](#) should help DSLs understand when they should consider calling the Police and what to expect when they do.
- h) Follow relevant DfE guidance and KCSIE 2023 on 'Child on Child abuse' when a concern is raised that there is an allegation of a child abusing another child within the setting.
- i) When there has been a report of sexual violence, make an immediate risk and needs assessment. Additionally, where there has been a report of sexual harassment, the need for a risk assessment should be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be put in place as required.
- j) Be available during term time (during setting hours) for staff in setting to discuss any safeguarding concerns.

- k) Act as a source of support and expertise in carrying out safeguarding duties for the whole settings community.
- l) Ensure that the names of the DSL and DDSL, are clearly advertised, with a statement explaining the setting's role in referring and monitoring cases of suspected abuse.
- m) Encourage and promote a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, amongst all staff.
- n) Access training and support to ensure they have the knowledge and skills required to carry out the role.
- o) Have a secure working knowledge of SSCP procedures and understand the assessment process for providing early help and statutory intervention, in line with Surrey's [Continuum of Need Indicators](#).
- p) Have a clear understanding of access and referral to the local early help offer and will support and advise members of staff where early help intervention is appropriate.
- q) Have a working knowledge of how Surrey Country Council conduct an initial child protection case conference and a child protection review conference and be able to attend and contribute to these effectively when required to do so.
- r) Understand the lasting impact that adversity and trauma can have, including on the children's behaviour, mental health and wellbeing, and what is needed in responding to this in promoting educational outcomes.
- s) Understand and support the settings delivery with regards to the requirements of the Prevent duty and provide advice and guidance to staff on protecting children from radicalisation.
- t) Liaise with setting staff (especially pastoral support, behaviour leads, settings health colleagues and the SENDCO) on matters of safety and safeguarding and consult Surrey's Continuum of Need Indicators to inform decision making and liaison with relevant agencies.
- u) Be alert to the specific needs of children in need, those with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and young carers.
- v) Understand the risks associated with online activity and be confident that they have the up-to-date knowledge and capability to keep children safe whilst they are online at the setting; in particular understand the additional risks that children with SEND face online and the associated and appropriate support they require.
- w) DSL training should be updated at least every two years and their knowledge and skills refreshed at regular intervals but at least annually.
- x) Work with the Headteacher and relevant strategic leads, taking lead responsibility for promoting educational outcomes by knowing the welfare, safeguarding and child protection issues that children in need are experiencing, or have experienced, and identifying the impact that these issues might be having on children's attendance, engagement and achievement at the setting.
- y) Keep up to date, detailed, accurate records (either written or using appropriate secure online software), that include all concerns about a child even if there is no need to make an immediate referral and record the rationale for decisions made and action taken.

- z) Ensure that an indication of the existence of the additional safeguarding/child protection file is marked on the child's main file record.
- aa) Ensure that when a child transfers setting (including in-year), their safeguarding/child protection file is passed to the new setting as soon as possible, and within 5 days for an in-year transfer or within the first 5 days of the start of a new term. This should be transferred separately from the main pupil file, ensuring secure transit, and confirmation of receipt should be obtained.
- bb) If the transit method requires that a copy of the safeguarding/child protection file is retained until such a time that the new setting acknowledges receipt of the original file, the copy should be securely destroyed on confirmation of receipt.
- cc) Ensure that where a child transfers to a setting and is on a child protection plan, child in need plan or is a child looked after, their information is passed to the new setting immediately and that the child's social worker is informed. In addition, consideration should be given to a multi-agency settings transition meeting if the case is complex or on-going.
- dd) Ensure that all appropriate staff members have a working knowledge and understanding of their role in case conferences, core groups and other multi-agency planning meetings, to ensure that they attend and are able to effectively contribute when required to do so; where a report is required, this should be shared with the parents prior to the meeting.
- ee) Report to the Headteacher any significant issues for example, use of [Surrey's FaST Resolution Process](#) enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and Police investigations. This should include being aware of the requirement for children to have an Appropriate Adult. Further information can be found in the [Statutory guidance - PACE Code C 2019](#).
- ff) Ensure that the case holding social worker is informed of any child currently with a child protection plan who is absent without explanation.
- gg) Organise safeguarding and child protection induction, regularly updated training and a minimum of annual updates (including online safety) for all setting staff, keep a record of attendance and address any absences.
- hh) Ensure each member of staff has access to, and understands, the settings Safeguarding and Child Protection policy procedures, especially new and part-time staff.
- ii) Ensure that in collaboration with the setting leadership and Governors, the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is reviewed annually, and the procedures and implementation are updated and reviewed regularly.
- jj) Ensure that the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available publicly and that parents/carers know that referrals about suspected abuse or neglect may be made and the role of the setting in this.
- kk) Promote supportive engagement with parents and/or carers in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including where families may be facing challenging circumstances.
- ll) Help promote educational outcomes by sharing the information about the welfare, safeguarding and child protection issues that children who have or have had a social worker are experiencing with teachers and leadership staff.
- mm) Establish and maintain links with the SSCP to make sure staff are aware of training opportunities and the latest policies on local safeguarding arrangements.

- nn) Contribute to and provide, with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors/Proprietor/ Management Committee, the biennial (s157 s175) Statutory Audit for Safeguarding Arrangements and Termly Safeguarding Data Collections via The Virtual College – ENABLE to Surrey County Council.
- oo) To limit children's exposure to online risks, we have strong and effective filtering and monitoring systems, following the government's [Meeting digital and technology standards in schools and colleges](#) guidance. We will also follow the government's [Plan technology for your school](#) guidance to self-assess against the filtering and monitoring standards and receive personalised recommendations on how to meet them. We will make sure that:
 - i. Staff know about the systems in place and how to escalate concerns.
 - ii. There are annual reviews of the systems, or more frequently if there is a significant change or issue.
 - iii. Our governing body reviews the systems with the DSL, IT staff and service providers, to find out what more can be done to keep children safe.
 - iv. The systems are effective for the age range of children and consider children potentially at greater risk of harm.
 - v. When we block online content, it does not impact teaching and learning.
 - vi. Filtering works across all devices including mobile devices and smart technology

12. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead(s):

In addition to the role and responsibilities of all staff the DDSL will:

- a) Be trained to the same standard as the DSL and the role is explicit in their job description.
- b) Provide support and capacity to the DSL in carrying out delegated activities of the DSL; however, the lead responsibility of the DSL cannot be delegated.
- c) In the absence of the DSL, carry out the activities necessary to ensure the ongoing safety and protection of children. In the event of the long-term absence of the DSL the DDSL will assume all of the functions of the DSL.
- d) The DHT and DDSL will ensure a rota is in place for all DSLs to ensure DSL duties are covered during the school holidays.

13. The Governing Body

All members of The Governing Body understand and fulfil their responsibilities to ensure that:

- a) There is a whole setting approach to safeguarding, involving everyone in the setting and ensuring that safeguarding, and child protection are at the forefront and underpin all relevant aspects of process and policy development.
- b) A nominated governor for safeguarding is identified.
- c) Governing Bodies should ensure that all members receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection (including online) training at induction. This training should equip them with the knowledge to provide strategic challenge to test and assure themselves that the safeguarding policies and procedures in place in the setting are effective and support the delivery of a robust whole setting approach to safeguarding. Training should be regularly updated.
- d) The child's wishes and feelings are considered when determining what action to take and what services to provide.

- e) The setting has effective safeguarding policies and procedures including a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, a Staff Behaviour Policy or Code of Conduct, a Behaviour Policy and a response to children who go missing from education.
- f) Policies are consistent with SSCP and statutory requirements, are reviewed annually (as a minimum) and updated if needed, so that it is kept up to date with safeguarding issues as they emerge and evolve, including lessons learnt and that the Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is available on the setting website.
- g) The SSCP is informed in line with local requirements about the discharge of duties via the Biennial (s 157 s 175) Statutory Audit for Safeguarding Arrangements and Termly Safeguarding Data Collections via [PHEW](#) to Surrey County Council.
- h) Ensure recruitment, selection and induction follow safer recruitment practice including all appropriate checks.
- i) Staff have been trained appropriately and this is updated in line with guidance and all staff have read KCSIE (2023) part 1 and Annex B. Additionally, there are mechanisms in place to assist staff in understanding and discharging their roles and responsibilities as set out in the guidance.
- j) Ensure that, as part of the requirement for staff to undergo regular updated safeguarding training, including online safety and the requirement to ensure children are taught about safeguarding, is integrated, aligned, and considered as part of the whole setting safeguarding approach and wider staff training and curriculum planning.
- k) Consider the above training requirements, Governing bodies should have regard to the Teachers' Standards which set out the expectation that all teachers manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe educational environment and requires teachers to have a clear understanding of the needs of all children.
- l) All staff including temporary staff/supply staff, volunteers and contractors are provided with the names and photos of the DSL and DDSL during their sign in procedure. Supply teachers are also given an Information booklet which includes safeguarding key information.
- m) Take a proportionate risk-based approach to the level of information that is provided to temporary staff, volunteers and contractors.
- n) The setting has procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against staff (including the Headteacher), volunteers and against other children and that a referral is made to the DBS and/or the Teaching Regulation Agency (as applicable) if a person in regulated activity (see appendix 2) has been dismissed or removed due to safeguarding concerns or would have, had they not resigned.
- o) Policies and processes are in place to deal with concerns (including allegations) which do not meet the harm threshold or low-level concerns as defined in KCSIE 2025.
- p) A member of the leadership and management team (LMT) has been appointed by the Governing Body as the DSL who will take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection and that the role is explicit in the role holder's job description.
- q) That on appointment, the DSL and DDSL undertake interagency training (SSCP Foundation Modules 1 and 2) with 'Refresher' training at least every two years as well as attending DSL network events, to refresh knowledge and skills.

- r) Children are taught about safeguarding (including online safety) as part of a broad and balanced curriculum covering relevant issues through PSHE and RSE.
- s) Alongside the setting Governors will regularly review the effectiveness of filtering and monitoring systems in place to safeguard children online.
- t) Ensure that the LMT and relevant staff have an awareness and understanding of the provisions in place and manage them effectively and know how to escalate concerns when identified.
- u) The setting will comply with DfE and the Surrey County Council Policy Guidance for Safeguarding Children Missing Education and Education Other Than at School.
- v) Clear systems and processes are in place for identifying possible mental health concerns, including routes to escalate and clear referral and accountability systems.
- w) Ensure that safeguarding and child protection files are maintained as set out in KCSIE 2025 Annex C.
- x) Enhanced DBS checks (without barred list checks unless the governor is also a volunteer at the setting) are in place for all Governors.
- y) Ensure section 128 checks are undertaken as defined in KCSIE 2025.
- z) Ensure where Governing Bodies hire or rent out school facilities/premises to organisations or individuals (for example to community groups, sports associations, and service providers to run community or extra-curricular activities) they should ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to keep children safe.

14. Confidentiality, Sharing and Withholding Information

- a) All matters relating to safeguarding and child protection will be treated as confidential and only shared as per the ['Information Sharing Advice for Practitioners' \(DfE 2018\) guidance](#). The setting will refer to the guidance in the [Data protection: toolkit for schools](#) to support setting with data protection activity, including compliance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- b) Information will be shared with staff within the setting who 'need to know'.
- c) Relevant staff have due regard to GDPR principles which allow them to share (and withhold) information.
- d) All staff must be aware that they have a professional responsibility to share information with other agencies in order to safeguard children and that the [Data Protection Act 1998](#) and GDPR are not a barrier to sharing information where a failure to do so would place a child at risk of harm. There is a lawful basis for child protection concerns to be shared with agencies who have a statutory duty for child protection.
- e) All staff will always endeavour to gain parent/carers consent to refer a child to social care unless to do so could put the child at greater risk of harm or impede a criminal investigation.

15. Reporting and responding to safeguarding concerns

The following procedures apply to all staff working in the setting and will be covered in training to enable staff to understand their role and responsibility.

- a) The aim of the procedures is to provide a robust framework which enables staff to take appropriate action when they are concerned that a child is being harmed or abused or is at risk of harm or abuse.
- b) The prime concern at all stages must be the interests and safety of the child. Where there is a conflict of interest between the child and an adult, the interests of the child must be paramount.
- c) All staff are aware that very young children and those with disabilities, special needs or with language delay may be more likely to communicate concerns with behaviours rather than words. Additionally, staff will question the cause of knocks and bumps in children who have limited mobility.
- d) If a member of staff suspects abuse, spots signs or indicators of abuse, or they have a disclosure of abuse made to them they must:
 - i. Make an initial record of the information related to the concern as soon as possible using the Expression of Concern Form (paper copies are available in the staffroom) which includes details of:
 - Date
 - Time
 - Place
 - Who was present
 - Context
 - Details of disclosure/concern (using the child's words)
 - Demeanour/non-verbal behaviours of the child
 - Any injuries (using a body map to record these)
 - Rationale for decision making
 - Actions taken
 - ii. Report it to the DSL immediately.
- e) The DSL will consider if there is a requirement for immediate medical intervention, however urgent medical attention should not be delayed if the DSL is not immediately available.
- f) The records must be signed and dated by the author.
- g) In the absence of the DSL or DDSL, staff must be prepared to refer directly to C-SPA (and the Police if appropriate) if there is the potential for immediate significant harm or contact the consultation line at the C-SPA for support and advice. (0300 470 9100)

16. Following a report of concerns the DSL must:

- a) Using the Continuum of Support for Children and Families in Surrey Support Matrix to decide whether or not there are sufficient grounds for suspecting harm, in which case a request for support must be made to the C-SPA and the Police if it is appropriate.
- b) The setting should try to discuss any concerns about a child's welfare with the parent/carer and where possible obtain their agreement before making a referral to the C-SPA. However, this should only be done when:
 - i. It will not place the child at increased risk.
 - ii. Sexual/organised abuse is suspected.
 - iii. The fabrication of an illness is suspected.
 - iv. The discussion could impede a Police investigation or Social Work enquiry.

- c) Where there are doubts or reservations about involving the child's family, the DSL should clarify with the C-SPA or the Police whether the parents/carers should be told about the referral and, if so, when and by whom. This is important in cases where the Police may need to conduct a criminal investigation. The child's views should also be considered.
- d) Concerns about a child or a disclosure should be discussed with the DSL who will help decide whether a referral to children's services is appropriate. The DSL and deputy are aware of [the Continuum of Support for Children and Families in Surrey and Continuum of Support Indicators](#) which will be used to inform their response to any safeguarding concern. If a referral is needed, then the DSL should make it. However, anyone, including children, can make a referral and if for any reason a staff member thinks a referral is appropriate and one hasn't been made, they can and should consider making a referral themselves. Where referrals are not made by the DSL, the DSL should be informed as soon as possible.
- e) If it is suspected that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, harm or abuse the DSL must contact the C-SPA. If the DSL feels unsure about whether a referral is necessary, they can phone the C-SPA consultation line to discuss concerns.
- f) When a child needs urgent medical attention and there is suspicion of abuse the DSL should take the child to the accident and emergency unit at the nearest hospital, having first notified the C-SPA. The DSL should seek advice about what action the C-SPA will take and about informing the parents/carers, remembering that parents/carers should normally be informed that a child requires urgent hospital attention.
- g) The exception to this process will be in those cases of known FGM where there is a [mandatory reporting duty](#) for the teacher to report directly to the Police where they either:
 - i. Are informed by a girl under 18 that an act of FGM has been carried out on her; or
 - ii. Observe physical signs which appear to show that an act of FGM has been carried out on a girl under 18 and they have no reason to believe that the act was necessary for the girl's physical or mental health or for the purposes connected with labour or birth.

The DSL/DDSL should also be made aware.

- h) Early help is support for children of all ages that improves a family's resilience and outcomes or reduces the chance of a problem getting worse. At Stamford Green, we are keen to provide support to families as soon as a problem becomes visible. If an early help assessment is appropriate, the DSL or a deputy will lead on working together with other agencies and set up an inter-agency assessment, as appropriate. Staff may be required to support other agencies and professionals in an early help assessment, in some cases acting as the lead practitioner.
- i) Our DSL and/or DDSL use the [Helping families early - Surrey County Council](#) information to explore emerging needs and – with consent from the child or family, complete an Early Help Assessment to ensure all identified needs are supported by the appropriate agencies. The partnership's Early-Help-Strategy-2024-2027 sets out their aims for how professionals work effectively together to provide early help.
- j) If early help support is appropriate, it will be kept under constant review. A referral to children's services may be required if the child's situation doesn't appear to be improving. The DSL is aware of the local escalation policy and procedures.

17. Dealing with safeguarding concerns

All staff:

- a) We recognise that it takes a lot of courage for a child to disclose they are being harmed. Staff know that:
- i. Children may not feel ready or know how to tell someone they are being harmed.
 - ii. The child may not realise what is happening to them is harmful.
 - iii. They may feel embarrassed, humiliated or are being threatened. This could be due to their vulnerability, disability, sexual orientation and/or language barriers.
- b) Our staff know they must show professional curiosity, i.e. explore and try to understand what is happening for a child, rather than take what is being said on face value or making assumptions. We encourage staff to ask the child if they are OK or if they can help in any way. A child who makes a disclosure may have to tell their story more than once, such as to the police and social workers. At Stamford Green, we know how important it is that a child's first experience of talking to a trusted adult about a worry is a positive one.
- c) A member of staff who is approached by a child should listen positively and try to reassure them. They cannot promise complete confidentiality and should explain that they need to pass information to other professionals to help keep the child and/or other children safe. The degree of confidentiality should always be governed by the need to protect the child.
- d) Additional consideration needs to be given to children with communication difficulties and for those whose preferred language is not English. It is important to communicate with them in a way that is appropriate to their age, understanding and preference.
- e) All staff should know who the DSL is and who to approach if the DSL is unavailable. All staff have the right to make a referral to the C-SPA or Police directly and should do this if, for whatever reason, there are difficulties following the agreed protocol, for example, they are the only adult on the setting premises at the time and have concerns about sending a child home.
- f) Handling a disclosure
- i. Listen to them carefully and believe in what they are saying. Do not be afraid of silence moments.
 - ii. Be careful not to express your own views or feelings and stay calm.
 - iii. Do not investigate. Only ask enough questions to work out if you need to share this matter with the DSL or a deputy. Only ask open questions, such as: How? When? Who? Where?, and open statements, such as "Tell me", "Describe" and "Explain". Otherwise, you may invalidate your and the child's evidence in any later court proceedings.
 - iv. If there are injuries or marks on the child, do not examine the child intimately or take pictures.
 - v. Reassure them that they have done the right thing by telling you. Do not say to the child that you wish they had told you sooner.
 - vi. Do not automatically offer physical touch to comfort the child. Consider what may be comforting for the child, rather than how you prefer to be comforted.
 - vii. Tell the child it is not their fault, and you are taking them seriously.
 - viii. Explain what you will do next. Tell the child that you cannot keep what they have told you a secret and that you will pass this information onto someone who can help.
- g) Guiding principles
- i. Receive
 - ii. Reassure
 - iii. Respond
 - iv. Report
 - v. Record
 - vi. Remember
 - vii. Review (by the DSL)
- h) What happens next?

- i. Write up the conversation as soon as possible.
- ii. Make sure the DSL or a DDSL is aware of the disclosure. If appropriate, contact children's services and/or the police directly and tell the DSL as soon as possible.
- iii. Do not share the disclosure with **anyone else** unless children's services, the police or another relevant agency involved in the safeguarding process tells you to.
- iv. Get support for yourself if you need it.
- v. It is important that concerns are followed up and it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that they are. The member of staff should be informed by the DSL what has happened following a report being made. If they do not receive this information, they should seek it out.
- vi. If they believe that the concern has not been acted upon appropriately, they should inform the Headteacher or Safeguarding Governor or contact the C-SPA for advice.

i) How children can report concerns

In our school, it is essential that children can tell us how they are feeling and know we will take it seriously. We aim to create an environment full of 'reachable moments' which encourages children to feel safe enough to open up about their concerns. Children can confidently report any worries they have about their lives, both in and out of school, by speaking to an adult they trust, or putting a written or an anonymous disclosure in the Better Box.

18. Safeguarding concerns and Allegations made about staff, including supply teachers, volunteer and contractors

a) [Surrey's LADO procedure](#) will be followed where it is alleged that anyone working in the setting that provides education for children under 18 years of age, including supply staff, volunteers and contractors or another adult who works with children has:

- i. Behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child.
- ii. Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child.
- iii. Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates he or she may pose a risk of harm to children.
- iv. Behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children. This includes behaviour that may have happened outside of the setting, that might make an individual unsuitable to work with children, this is known as transferable risk.

b) The setting may also 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 (for example community groups, sports associations, or service providers that run extra-curricular activities).

c) In dealing with allegations or concerns against an adult, staff must without delay:

- i. Report any concerns to the Headteacher immediately.
- ii. If an allegation is made against the Headteacher, the concerns need to be raised with the Chair of Governor as soon as possible. If the Chair of Governor is not available, then the LADO should be contacted directly.
- iii. There may be situations when the Headteacher and/or Chair of Governor will want to involve the Police immediately if the person is deemed to be an immediate risk to children or there is evidence of a possible criminal offence.

- iv. Once an allegation has been received by the Headteacher and/or Chair of Governors, they will contact the LADO (as part of their mandatory duty) on 0300123 1650 option 3 LADO or Email: LADO@surreycc.gov.uk immediately and before taking any action or investigation.
 - v. Following consultation with the LADO inform the parents/carers of the allegation unless there is a good reason not to.
- d) In liaison with the LADO, the setting will determine how to proceed and if necessary, the LADO will refer the matter to Social Care and/or the Police.
- e) If the matter is investigated internally, the LADO will advise the setting to seek guidance in following procedures set out in part 4 of KCSIE (2025) and the SSCP procedures.

19. Low-level concerns

- a) The term low-level concern does not mean that it is insignificant. A low-level concern is any concern – no matter how small, and even if no more than causing a sense of unease or a 'nagging doubt' - that an adult working in or on behalf of the setting may have acted in a way that:
- i. is inconsistent with the staff code of conduct, including inappropriate conduct outside of work and
 - ii. does not meet the harm threshold or is otherwise not serious enough to consider a referral to the LADO.
- b) The purpose of reporting low-level concerns is to create and embed a culture of openness, trust and transparency in which the setting's values and expected behaviour set out in the staff code of conduct are lived, monitored and reinforced constantly by all staff.
- c) The setting creates an environment where staff are encouraged and feel confident to self-refer where they have found themselves in a situation.
- d) Reports should be made to the Headteacher in a timely manner. If the Headteacher has any doubt as to whether the information which has been shared about the individual as a low-level concern in fact meets the harm threshold, they will consult with the LADO.

20. What is child abuse?

- a) The following definitions are taken from Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023). In addition to these definitions, it should be understood that children can also be abused by being sexually exploited, honour-based violence, forced marriage or female genital mutilation. To support the local context, all staff have access to Surrey's [Continuum of Need Indicators](#).

21. Forms of abuse and neglect

- a) **Abuse:** a form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child 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, for example, in relation to the impact on children of all forms of domestic abuse. Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting by those known to them or, more rarely, by others. Abuse can take place wholly online, or technology may be used to facilitate offline abuse. Children may be abused by an adult or adults or by another child or children
- b) **Physical abuse:** a form of abuse which 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

- c) **Emotional abuse:** the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to a child 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 a child's developmental capability as well as overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning or preventing the child from participating in normal social interaction. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another. It may involve serious bullying (including cyberbullying), causing children frequently to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of children. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, although it may occur alone.
- d) **Sexual abuse:** involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving 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.

- e) **Neglect:** 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, for example, as a result of maternal substance abuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to: provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment); protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger; ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers); or ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

The setting use the [Graded Care Profile 2](#) tool to support better identification and intervention in cases of neglect. [Please delete if a member of staff is not trained in the tool]. The Surrey [Neglect Risk Assessment Tool](#) is used to support with the initial identification of neglect.

For further information on indicators of abuse can be accessed via [NSPCC](#).

22. Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in the setting:

Child-on-Child Abuse

- a) Sexual violence and sexual harassment can occur between children of any age and sex. It can occur through a single child or a group of children sexually assaulting or sexually harassing a single child or group of children.
- b) Children who are victims of sexual violence and sexual harassment will find the experience stressful and distressing. This will, in all likelihood, adversely affect their education attainment as well as their emotional well-being. Sexual violence and sexual harassment exist on a continuum and may overlap; they can occur online and offline (both physically and verbally) and are never acceptable. It is important that all victims are reassured that they are being taken seriously and that they will be supported and kept safe.

- c) Reports of sexual violence and sexual harassment are extremely complex to manage. It is essential that victims are protected, offered appropriate support and every effort is made to ensure their education is not disrupted. It is also important that other children, adults, and setting staff are supported and protected as appropriate.
- d) Child-on-child abuse is most likely to include, but may not be limited to:
- i. bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying) abuse in intimate personal relationships between children (sometimes known as 'teenage relationship abuse')
 - ii. physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm (this may include an online element which facilitates, threatens and/or encourages physical abuse)
 - iii. sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault; (this may include an online element which facilitates, threatens and/or encourages sexual violence)
 - iv. sexual harassment, such as sexual comments, remarks, jokes and online sexual harassment, which may be standalone or part of a broader pattern of abuse
 - v. causing someone to engage in sexual activity without consent, such as forcing someone to strip, touch themselves sexually, or to engage in sexual activity with a third party
 - vi. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos (also known as sexting or youth produced sexual imagery) [UKCIS guidance: Sharing nudes and semi-nudes advice for education settings.](#)
 - vii. up-skirting, which typically involves taking a picture under a person's clothing without their permission, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks to obtain sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress, or alarm, and
 - viii. initiation/hazing type violence and rituals (this could include activities involving harassment, abuse or humiliation used as a way of initiating a person into a group and may also include an online element).
- e) We believe that all children have a right to attend our setting and learn in a safe environment. Children should be free from harm by adults and other children in Stamford Green.
- f) We recognise that children are capable of abusing other children and their peers and this will be dealt with under our child protection policy and in line with KCSiE (2025).
- g) We are clear that sexual violence and sexual harassment is not acceptable.
- h) We will minimise the risk of child-on-child abuse by:
- i. making clear that there is a zero-tolerance approach to sexual violence and sexual harassment, that it is never acceptable, and it will not be tolerated. It will never be passed off as "banter", "just having a laugh", "a part of growing up" or "boys being boys". We believe that failure to do so can lead to a culture of unacceptable behaviour, an unsafe environment and in worst case scenarios a culture that normalises abuse, leading to children accepting it as normal and not coming forward to report it.
 - ii. recognising, acknowledging, and understanding the scale of harassment and abuse and that even if there are no reports it does not mean it is not happening, it may be the case that it is just not being reported.
 - iii. challenging physical behaviour (potentially criminal in nature) such as grabbing bottoms, breasts and genitalia, pulling down trousers, flicking bras and lifting up skirts. As we believe that dismissing or tolerating such behaviours risks normalising them.
- i) When responding to any incident that comes to your attention:

- i. Report it to your designated safeguarding lead (DSL) or equivalent immediately, using the school's reporting procedures set out in this policy.
 - ii. Never view, copy, print, share, store or save the imagery yourself, or ask a child to share or download – this is illegal.
 - iii. If you have already viewed the imagery by accident (e.g. if a young person has shown it to you before you could ask them not to), report this to the DSL (or equivalent) and seek support.
 - iv. Do not delete the imagery or ask the young person to delete it.
 - v. Do not ask the child/children or young person(s) who are involved in the incident to disclose information regarding the imagery. This is the responsibility of the DSL or a deputy.
 - vi. Do not share information about the incident with other members of staff, the young person(s) it involves or their, or other, parents and/or carers.
 - vii. Do not say or do anything to blame or shame any young people involved.
 - viii. Do explain to them that you need to report it and reassure them that they will receive support and help from the DSL or a deputy.
- j) Staff reserve the right to confiscate a device or equipment in the possession of a child if they have concerns about safety including sharing nudes or semi-nudes in relation to a device.
- k) The DSL will follow the government's [Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people](#) guidance. Once they are aware of an incident, the DSL will hold an initial review meeting with appropriate staff. This may include the staff member(s) who heard the disclosure and the safeguarding or leadership team who deal with safeguarding concerns.
- l) The initial review meeting will consider the initial evidence and aim to establish:
- i. Whether there is an immediate risk to any child or young person.
 - ii. If a referral should be made to the police and/or children's social care.
 - iii. If it is necessary to view the image(s) in order to safeguard the child or young person – in most cases, images or videos should not be viewed.
 - iv. What further information is required to decide on the best response.
 - v. Whether the image(s) has been shared widely and via what services and/or platforms. This may be unknown.
 - vi. Whether immediate action should be taken to delete or remove images or videos from devices or online services.
 - vii. Any relevant facts about the children or young people involved that would influence risk assessment.
 - viii. If there is a need to contact another education school or individual.
 - ix. Whether to contact parents or carers of the children or young people involved – in most cases they should be involved.
- m) The DSL will make an immediate referral to the police and/or children's services if:
- i. The incident involves an adult.
 - ii. There is reason to believe that a child or young person has been coerced, blackmailed or groomed, or there are concerns about their capacity to consent (for example, owing to special educational needs).
 - iii. What they know about the images or videos suggests the content depicts sexual acts that are unusual for the young person's developmental stage, or are violent.
 - iv. The images involves sexual acts and any child in the images or videos is under 13.
 - v. They have reason to believe a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm owing to the sharing of nudes and semi-nudes, for example if they are presenting as suicidal or self-harming.

- vi. They become aware of a computer-generated indecent image of a child, commonly called 'deep fakes' and 'deep nudes' i.e. a digitally manipulated or artificial intelligence-generated nude and semi-nude.
- n) If none of the above applies, we can decide to respond to the incident without involving the police or children's services. We may escalate the incident at any time if further information/concerns are disclosed at a later date. First, the DSL will be confident that they have enough information to assess the risks to any child involved and the risks can be managed within our school's pastoral support, behaviour procedures and, if appropriate, the local network of support.
- o) The DSL or a deputy will contact children's services if any child or young person involved is already known to them. If, because of the investigation, the DSL believes there are wider issues that meet the threshold for children's services' involvement, they will make a referral in line with this policy and local safeguarding procedures.
- p) The DSL or a deputy will make a decision from the following options depending on the level of risk or harm:
 - i. Manage the concern internally providing pastoral support to all those involved.
 - ii. Complete an early help assessment.
 - iii. Make a referral to children's services and/or, where necessary, the police. The DSL may choose to consult children's services to assist them with making a decision.
 - iv. The police will still be informed of any criminal offences. If the child is aged under the criminal age of responsibility, the police will take a welfare approach.
- q) The DSL or a deputy will contact the parents or carers of the children involved at the earliest opportunity and where appropriate. Records will be kept of all concerns, discussions had, decisions made and any outcomes reached. If a criminal offence has been committed or is being investigated, the DSL will work closely with the police to avoid impacting the criminal process while protecting children or following disciplinary procedures.
- r) Where the DSL, children's services or the police decide the concern should be handled by the school internally, we will thoroughly investigate the concern using our behaviour policy and processes. A risk assessment and prevention plan will be completed when a safeguarding risk has been identified. The plan will be monitored and a date set for a follow-up evaluation with everyone concerned. We will support all children involved in the incident, including the child/ren who displayed the behaviour and the children who experienced it.

23. Prevention

- a) Taking a whole setting approach to safeguarding and child protection
- b) Providing training to staff
- c) Providing a clear set of values and standards, underpinned by the setting's behaviour policy and pastoral support; and by a planned programme of evidence-based content delivered through the curriculum.
- d) Engaging with specialist support and interventions.

24. Responding robustly to reports of sexual violence and sexual harassment

- a) Children making any report of sexual violence or sexual harassment including "upskirting" (The Voyeurism Offences Act 2019) will be taken seriously, kept safe and be well supported.
- b) If the report includes an online element staff will be mindful of the [Searching, screening and confiscation at school](#) guidance.
- c) The key consideration is for staff not to view or forward illegal images of a child. The guidance provides more details on what to do when viewing an image is unavoidable. In some cases, it

may be more appropriate to confiscate any devices to preserve any evidence and hand them to the police for inspection

25. Risk Assessment

- a) Following a report, the DSL will make an immediate risk and needs assessment on a case-by-case basis.
- b) The risk assessment will consider;
 - i. The victim, especially their protection and support.
 - ii. The alleged perpetrator, their support needs and any discipline action.
 - iii. All other children at the setting.
 - iv. The victim and the alleged perpetrator sharing classes and space at setting.
 - v. The risk assessment will be recorded and kept under review.
- c) Where there has been other professional intervention and/or other specialist risk assessments, these professional assessments will be used to inform the setting's approach to supporting and protecting children.
- d) Support regarding risk assessments can be accessed from the [Surrey Education Services](#) Education Safeguarding Team Resources Hub.

26. Action:

- a) It is essential that all victims are reassured that they are being taken seriously, regardless of how long it has taken them to come forward, and that they will be supported and kept safe. Abuse that occurs online or outside of the setting should not be downplayed and should be treated equally seriously. A victim should never be given the impression that they are creating a problem by reporting sexual violence or sexual harassment. Nor should a victim ever be made to feel ashamed for making a report. It is important to explain that the law is in place to protect children rather than criminalise them, and this should be explained in such a way that avoids alarming or distressing them.
- b) The DSL will consider:
 - i. The wishes of the victim.
 - ii. The nature of the incident including whether a crime has been committed and the harm caused.
 - iii. Ages of the children involved.
 - iv. Developmental stages of the children.
 - v. Any power imbalance between the children.
 - vi. Any previous incidents.
 - vii. That sexual violence and sexual harassment can take place within intimate personal relationships between children.
 - viii. Importance of understanding intra familiar harms and any necessary support for siblings following incidents
 - ix. Ongoing risks to victim, other children, adult students, or staff.
 - x. Other related issues or wider context.

27. Confidentiality:

- k) The victim may ask the setting not to tell anyone about the sexual violence or sexual harassment. If the victim does not give consent to share information, staff may still lawfully share it, if there is another legal basis under the UK GDPR that applies. The DSL should consider:

- i. Parents or carers should normally be informed (unless this would put the victim at greater risk).
 - ii. The basic safeguarding principle is: if a child is at risk of harm, is in immediate danger, or has been harmed, a referral should be made to local authority children's social care, and rape, assault by penetration and sexual assaults are crimes. Where a report of rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault is made, this should be referred to the police. Whilst the age of criminal responsibility is ten, if the alleged perpetrator is under ten, the starting principle of referring to the police remains. The police will take a welfare, rather than a criminal justice approach, in these cases.
- l) The DSL will have to balance the victim's wishes against their duty to protect the victim and other children.

Options:

- i. Manage internally.
 - ii. Early help intervention.
 - iii. Request for support to the C-SPA.
 - iv. Report to the Police (generally in parallel with a request for support to the C-SPA).
- m) All concerns, discussions, decisions and reasons for decision will be recorded in writing.

28. Ongoing Response:

- a) The DSL will manage each case individually and will ensure the risk assessment is reviewed regularly with relevant partner agencies, for example the Police and social care.
- b) Where an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment is progressing through the criminal justice system, settings should be aware of anonymity, witness support, and the criminal process in general so they can offer support and act appropriately.
- c) Where there is a criminal investigation into a rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault, the alleged perpetrator should be removed from any classes they share with the victim.
- d) The DSL will consider how best to keep the victim and perpetrator a reasonable distance apart on the setting premises and on transport where appropriate.
- e) Where a criminal investigation into a rape or assault by penetration leads to a conviction or caution, the setting will take suitable action. In all but the most exceptional of circumstances, the rape or assault is likely to constitute a serious breach of discipline and may lead to the view that allowing the perpetrator to remain in the same setting would seriously harm the education or welfare of the victim (and potentially themselves and other children).
- f) Where a criminal investigation into sexual assault leads to a conviction or caution, the setting will, if it has not already, consider any suitable sanctions in light of their behaviour policy, which may include consideration of permanent exclusion. Where the perpetrator is going to remain at the setting, the Headteacher should continue keeping the victim and perpetrator in separate classes and continue to consider the most appropriate way to manage potential contact on setting premises and transport. The nature of the conviction or caution and wishes of the victim will be especially important in determining how to proceed in such cases.
- g) The victim, alleged perpetrator and any other children and adults affected will receive appropriate support and safeguards on a case-by-case basis.
- h) The setting will take any disciplinary action against the alleged perpetrator in accordance with the setting behaviour policy.

- i) The setting recognises that taking disciplinary action and providing appropriate support are not mutually exclusive actions and will occur at the same time if necessary.
- j) The setting will consider the potential impact of social media in facilitating the spreading of rumours and exposing victims' identities.
- k) The setting recognises that children who have experienced sexual violence display a wide range of responses to their experiences including clear signs of trauma, physical and emotional responses, or no overt signs at all.

29. Physical Abuse

- a) While a clear focus of child-on-child abuse is around sexual abuse and harassment, physical assaults and initiation violence and rituals from children to children can also be abusive.
- b) These are equally not tolerated and if it is believed that a crime has been committed, will be reported to the Police.
- c) The principles from the anti-bullying policy will be applied in these cases, with recognition that any Police investigation will need to take priority.

30. Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB)

- a) Children's sexual behaviour exists on a wide continuum, ranging from normal and developmentally expected to inappropriate, problematic, abusive and violent. Problematic, abusive and violent sexual behaviour is developmentally inappropriate and may cause developmental damage. HSB can occur online and/or face-to-face and can also occur simultaneously between the two. HSB will be considered in a child protection context.
- b) The settings response to HSB uses the [Brook Traffic Light Tool](#) to categorise the sexual behaviours of children. A risk and needs assessment will be completed for all reports of sexual violence and on a case by case basis for reports of sexual harassment. The assessment, which will be kept under review, will consider:
 - i. Whether there may have been other people impacted by the behaviour.
 - ii. The person known to be impacted by the behaviour, especially their protection and support.
 - iii. The alleged instigator of the behaviour.
 - iv. All children (and, if appropriate, staff) at the school, especially any actions that are appropriate to protect them from the alleged instigator or future harm.
 - v. The time and location of the incident and any action that can make the school safer.
- c) If a report is found to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the DSL will consider whether the child and/or the person who has made the allegation is in need of help, or may have been abused by someone else and this is a cry for help. In such circumstances, a referral to children's services may be appropriate. If a report is shown to be deliberately invented or malicious, we will consider whether any disciplinary action is appropriate according to our behaviour policy.
- d) If a child who has experienced sexual violence or sexual harassment asks the school not to make a referral, the DSL will balance the victim's wishes against their duty to protect them and other children on a case-by-case basis. If a child is at risk of harm, is in immediate danger or has been harmed, a referral should be made to children's services, and as rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault are crimes, reports should be referred to the police. As stated above, a police referral will still be made for children under the age of criminal responsibility.

- e) We will do all we reasonably can to protect the anonymity of any children involved in any report, including weighing up what staff need to know and any support that will be put in place. Further, we will take into account the potential impact of social media in facilitating the spreading of rumours and exposing the child's identity.
- f) Where an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment is progressing through the criminal justice system, our DSL and a deputy will be aware of anonymity, witness support, and the criminal process in general so they can offer support and act appropriately. They will be guided by the CPS: Safeguarding Children as Victims and Witnesses advice.

31. Anti-Bullying/Cyberbullying

- a) Our setting's policy on anti-bullying is set out in [hyperlink to your policy] which includes measures to prevent bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying).
- b) We keep a record of known bullying incidents which is shared with and analysed by the Governing body. All staff are aware that children with SEND and/or children who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) are more susceptible to being bullied/victims of child abuse.
- c) The fact that a child or a young person may be LGBT is not in itself an inherent risk factor for harm. However, children who are LGBT can be targeted by other children. In some cases, a child who is perceived by other children to be LGBT (whether they are or not) can be just as vulnerable as children who identify as LGBT.
- d) Create a culture where children who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) or are gender questioning feel safe, can speak out and share concerns. Risks can be compounded where children who are LGBT lack a trusted adult with whom they can be open. It is therefore vital that staff endeavour to reduce the additional barriers faced, and provide a safe space for them to speak out or share their concerns with members of staff.
- e) When there is 'reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm' a bullying incident should be addressed as a child protection concern. If the anti-bullying procedures are seen to be ineffective, the Headteacher and the DSL will also consider child protection procedures.
- f) PSHE education regularly provides opportunities for children to understand bullying is wrong, its impact and how to deal with it.
- g) LGBT inclusion is part of the statutory Relationships Education, Relationship and Sex Education and Health Education curriculum and there is a range of support available to help settings counter homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying and abuse.

32. Safety/Cybercrime

The setting has an online safety policy called [Computing, Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy](#) which empowers us to protect and educate pupils, and staff in their use of technology and establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in, and escalate any concerns where appropriate.

- a) The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable and ever evolving, but can be categorised into four areas of risk, content, contact, conduct and commerce.
- b) Children are taught about online safety throughout the curriculum and all staff receive online safety training which is regularly updated. The setting's online safety leader is Mr Vidal.

- c) The setting will follow the guidance around [harmful online challenges and online hoaxes](#) when supporting children and sharing information with parents/carers.
- d) Children with particular skill and interest in computing and technology may inadvertently or deliberately stray into cyber-dependent crime. If there are concerns about a child in this area, the DSL will consider a referral into the [Cyber Choices](#) programme.
- e) This programme aims to intervene where young people are at risk of committing, or being drawn into, low level cyber-dependent offences and divert them to a more positive use of their skills and interests.

33. Racist Incidents

- a) Our Behaviour Policy includes racist incidents and acknowledges that repeated racist incidents or a single serious incident may lead to consideration under child protection procedures. We keep a record of racist incidents.

34. Radicalisation, Extremism and Terrorism

- a) [The Prevent Duty for England and Wales \(2023\)](#) under section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on education and other children's services to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.
- b) Extremism is defined as 'the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. This also includes calling for the death of members of the armed forces'.
- c) Radicalisation refers to 'the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist violence'.
- d) Terrorism is 'an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious damage to property; or seriously interferes with 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.'
- e) Some children are at risk of being radicalised; adopting beliefs and engaging in activities which are harmful, criminal or dangerous. This can happen both online and offline.
- f) The setting is clear that exploitation of vulnerable children and radicalisation should be viewed as a safeguarding concern and follows the DfE guidance for settings and childcare providers on preventing children and young people from being drawn into terrorism.
- g) It is possible to protect vulnerable people from extremist ideology and intervene to prevent those at risk of radicalisation being radicalised. As with other safeguarding risks, staff should be alert to changes in children's behaviour, which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection. Staff should use their judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately which may include the DSL making a Prevent referral.
- h) The DSL should report concerns that a child may be at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, use the [Prevent referral form](#) to refer cases by e-mail to preventreferrals@surrey.pnn.police.uk.
- i) If the matter is urgent then Police must be contacted by dialling 999. In cases where further advice from the Police is sought dial 101.

j) To speak to the Prevent Supervisor for Surrey call 07795043842.

Staff and governors/trustees can also raise concerns by emailing counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk, but this is not to be used in emergency situations. If you believe you have information relating to terrorism, you can call the anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321. To report extremism in education, including allegations against staff and institutions, use [this link](#)

k) Setting staff receive training to help identify early signs of radicalisation and extremism.

l) Opportunities are provided in the curriculum to enable children to discuss issues of religion, ethnicity and culture and the setting follows the [Promoting fundamental British values through SMSC](#).

m) The setting's Governors, the Headteacher and the DSL will assess the level of risk within the setting and put actions in place to reduce that risk. Risk assessment may include, due diligence checks for external speakers and private hire of facilities, anti-bullying policy and other issues specific to the setting's profile, community and philosophy.

n) Although not a cause for concern on their own, possible indicators when taken into consideration alongside other factors or context may be a sign of being radicalised.

Further information and a list of such indicators can be found at [Managing Risk of Radicalisation in your Education Setting](#)

35. Domestic Abuse

a) Domestic abuse can encompass a wide range of behaviours and may be a single incident or a pattern of incidents. That abuse can be, but is not limited to, psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional. It occurs regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexuality, age, religion, mental or physical ability. Children can be victims of domestic abuse. They may see, hear, or experience the effects of abuse at home and/or suffer domestic abuse in their own intimate relationships (teenage relationship abuse). All of which can have a detrimental and long-term impact on their health, well-being, development, and ability to learn.

b) [Domestic Abuse Act](#) received Royal Assent on 29 April 2021. The Act introduces the first ever statutory definition of domestic abuse and recognises the impact of domestic abuse on children, as victims in their own right, if they see, hear or experience the effects of abuse. The statutory definition of domestic abuse, based on the previous cross-government definition, ensures that different types of relationships are captured, including ex-partners and family members. The definition captures a range of different abusive behaviours, including physical, emotional and economic abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour. Both the person who is carrying out the behaviour and the person to whom the behaviour is directed towards must be aged 16 or over and they must be "personally connected" (as defined in section 2 of the 2021 Act).

c) All children can witness and be adversely affected by domestic abuse in the context of their home life where domestic abuse occurs between family members. Experiencing domestic abuse can have a serious, long lasting emotional and psychological impact on children. In some cases, a child may blame themselves for the abuse or may have had to leave the family home as a result.

d) The setting is enrolled onto the Operation Encompass scheme, a joint project between Surrey Police, Surrey Domestic Abuse Service and Surrey settings. The system ensures that when the police are called to an incident of domestic abuse, where there are children in the household who have experienced the domestic incident, the police aim to inform the DSL/DDSL in the

setting before the child or children arrive at the setting the following day. This ensures that the setting has up to date relevant information about the child's circumstances and can enable immediate support to be put in place, according to the child's needs.

36. Homelessness

- a) Being homeless or being at risk of becoming homeless presents a real risk to a child's welfare. The DSL is aware of contact details and referral routes into the Local Housing Authority so they can raise/progress concerns at the earliest opportunity.

37. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

- a) Both CSE and CCE are forms of abuse that occur where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance in power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into taking part in sexual or criminal activity, in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator and/or through violence or the threat of violence. CSE and CCE can affect children, both male and female and can include children who have been moved (commonly referred to as trafficking) for the purpose of exploitation.

38. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

- a) CSE is a form of child sexual abuse. CSE can occur over time or be a one-off occurrence and may happen without the child's immediate knowledge for example through others sharing videos or images of them on social media. CSE can affect any child who has been coerced into engaging in sexual activities. This includes 16 and 17 year olds who can legally consent to have sex. It can involve force and/or enticement-based methods of compliance and may, or may not, be accompanied by violence or threats of violence.
- b) Any concerns that a child is being or is at risk of being sexually exploited should be passed immediately to the DSL.
- c) The setting is aware there is a clear link between regular non-attendance and CSE. Staff will consider a child to be at potential CSE risk in the case of regular non-attendance at and make reasonable enquiries with the child and parents/carers to assess this risk.
- d) All staff are aware that safeguarding incidents and/or behaviours can be associated with factors outside the setting and/or can occur between children outside of these environments. All staff, but especially the DSL will consider whether children are at risk of abuse or exploitation in situations outside their families. Extra-familial harms take a variety of different forms and children can be vulnerable to multiple harms including (but not limited to) sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation, and serious youth violence.
- e) In all cases if the DSL identifies any level of concern the DSL should contact the C-SPA and if a child is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 999.
- f) The setting is aware that often a child is not able to recognise the coercive nature of the abuse and does not see themselves as a victim. As a consequence, the child may resent what they perceive as interference by staff. However, staff must act on their concerns as they would for any other type of abuse. Children also rarely self-report CSE so staff must be particularly vigilant to potential indicators of risk.
- g) The setting includes the risks of sexual exploitation in the PSHE and RSE curriculum.

39. Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

- a) Some specific forms of CCE can include children being forced or manipulated into transporting drugs or money through county lines, working in cannabis factories, shoplifting, or pickpocketing. They can also be forced or manipulated into committing vehicle crime or threatening/committing serious violence to others.
- b) County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of "deal line". Children are exploited to move, store and sell drugs and money. Offenders will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons to ensure compliance of victims.
- c) Children can become trapped by this type of exploitation, as perpetrators can threaten victims (and their families) with violence or entrap and coerce them into debt.
- d) Any concerns that a child is being or is at risk of being criminally exploited will be passed without delay to the DSL. The DSL will then contact the C-SPA and if there is concern about a child's immediate safety, the Police will be contacted on 999.
- e) The setting is aware there is a clear link between regular non-attendance at setting and exploitation. Staff will consider a child to be at potential risk in the case of regular non-attendance at setting and make reasonable enquiries with the child and parents/carers to assess this risk.

40. Serious Violence

- a) There are a number of indicators, which may signal children are at risk from, or are involved with, serious violent crime. These may include:
 - i. Increased absence from the setting.
 - ii. A change in friendships or relationships with older individuals or groups.
 - iii. A significant decline in performance.
 - iv. Signs of self-harm or a significant change in wellbeing, or signs of assault or unexplained injuries.
 - v. Unexplained gifts or new possessions could also indicate that children have been approached by, or are involved with, individuals associated with criminal networks or gangs and may be at risk of criminal exploitation.
- b) Staff are aware that violence can often peak in the house just before and after the children attend the setting which includes travelling to and from the setting.

41. Modern Slavery

- a) Modern slavery encompasses human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour. Exploitation can take many forms, including: sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery, servitude, forced criminality and the removal of organs.

42. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

- a) FGM is illegal in England and Wales under the FGM Act (2003). It is a form of child abuse and violence against women. [A mandatory reporting duty](#), requires teachers to report directly and immediately to the Police 101 where they either:
 - i. Are informed by a girl under 18 that an act of FGM has been carried out on her; or

- ii. Observe physical signs which appear to show that an act of FGM has been carried out on a girl under 18 and they have no reason to believe that the act was necessary for the girl's physical or mental health or for the purposes connected with labour or birth.
- b) The duty applies to all persons who are employed or engaged to carry out 'teaching work' whether or not they have qualified teacher status.
 - c) The duty applies to the individual who becomes aware of the case to make a report. It should not be transferred to the DSL; however, the DSL should be informed.
 - d) Setting staff are trained to be aware of risk indicators of FGM.
 - e) Concerns about FGM outside of the mandatory reporting duty should be reported using the setting's Safeguarding and Child protection procedures. Staff should be particularly alert to suspicions or concerns expressed by female children about going on a long holiday during the summer holiday.
 - f) There should also be consideration of potential risk to other girls in the family and the wider community. Where there is a risk to life or likelihood of serious immediate harm the teacher should report the case immediately to the Police by calling 999.
 - g) There are no circumstances in which a member of staff should examine a girl.

43. Forced Marriage

- a) A forced marriage is a marriage in which one or both people do not (or in cases of people with learning disabilities cannot) consent to the marriage but are coerced into it. Coercion may include physical, psychological, financial, sexual, and emotional pressure. It may also involve physical or sexual violence and abuse.
- b) Forced marriage is recognised in the UK as a form of violence against women and men, domestic/child abuse and a serious abuse of human rights. Since June 2014 forcing someone to marry has become a criminal offence in England and Wales under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. In addition, since February 2023, it is also a crime to cause a child to marry before their eighteenth birthday, even if violence, threats or another form of coercion are not used. This applies to non-binding, unofficial 'marriages' as well as legal marriages.
- c) A forced marriage is not the same as an arranged marriage which is common in many cultures. The families of both spouses take a leading role in arranging the marriage but the choice of whether or not to accept the arrangement remains with the prospective spouses.
- d) Setting staff should never attempt to intervene directly as a setting or through a third party. Contact should be made with the C-SPA and/or the Forced Marriage Unit 200 7008 0151

44. Honour Based Abuse (HBA)

- a) HBA can be described as a collection of practices, which are used to control behaviour within families or other social groups to protect perceived cultural and religious beliefs and/or honour. Such abuse can occur when perpetrators perceive that a relative has shamed the family and/or community by breaking their honour code.
- b) HBA might be committed against people who:
 - i. Become involved with a boyfriend or girlfriend from a different culture or religion.
 - ii. Want to get out of an arranged marriage; become involved with a boyfriend or girlfriend from a different culture or religion.
 - iii. Want to get out of an arranged marriage.
 - iv. Want to get out of a forced marriage.

- v. Wear clothes or take part in activities that might not be considered traditional within a particular culture.
- c) It is considered a violation of human rights and may be a form of domestic and/or sexual abuse.

45. One Chance Rule

- a) All staff are aware of the 'One Chance' Rule' in relation to forced marriage, FGM and HBA. Staff recognise they may only have one chance' to speak to a child who is a potential victim and have just one chance to save a life.
- b) The setting is aware that if the victim is not offered support following disclosure that the 'One Chance' opportunity may be lost. Therefore, all staff are aware of their responsibilities and obligations when they become aware of potential forced marriage, FGM and HBA cases.

46. Private Fostering Arrangements

- a) A private fostering arrangement occurs when someone other than a parent or close relative cares for a child for a period of 28 days or more, with the agreement of the child's parents. It applies to children under the age of 16 years old or 18 years old if the child is disabled.
- b) Looked After Children by the local authority or those who are placed in residential settings, children's homes or hospitals are not considered to be privately fostered.
- c) Private fostering occurs in all cultures and children may be privately fostered at any age.
- d) The setting recognises that most privately fostered children remain safe and well but are aware that safeguarding concerns have been raised in some cases. Therefore, all staff are alert to possible safeguarding issues, including the possibility that the child has been trafficked into the country.
- e) By law, a parent, private foster carer or other persons involved in making a private fostering arrangement must notify Children's Social Care immediately. However, where a member of staff becomes aware that a child may be in a private fostering arrangement, they will raise this with the DSL and the DSL will notify the C-SPA immediately.

47. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children

- a) The most common reason for children becoming looked after is because of abuse and/or neglect.
- b) Appropriate staff have information about a child's looked after legal status and care arrangements, including the level of authority delegated to the carer by the authority looking after the child and contact arrangements with birth parents or those with parental responsibility.
- c) A previously looked after child potentially remains vulnerable and all staff should have the skills, knowledge and understanding to keep previously looked after children safe. When dealing with looked after children and previously looked after children, it is important that all agencies work together and prompt action is taken when necessary to safeguard these children, who are a particularly vulnerable group.
- d) The designated teacher and governor for looked after children will have the appropriate level of training to equip them with the knowledge and skills to undertake their role.
- e) The designated teacher will work with Surrey's Head of virtual School for both looked after children and previously looked after children.

48. Children with special educational needs and disabilities or health issues

- a) Children with SEND or certain medical or physical health conditions can face additional safeguarding challenges both online and offline. These can include:
- i. Assumptions that indicators of possible abuse such as behaviour, mood and injury relate to the child's condition without further exploration.
 - ii. These children being more prone to peer group isolation or bullying (including prejudice-based bullying) than other children the potential for children with SEND or certain medical conditions being disproportionately impacted by behaviours such as bullying, without outwardly showing any signs.
 - iii. Communication barriers and difficulties in managing or reporting these challenges.
 - iv. Cognitive understanding – being unable to understand the difference between fact and fiction in online content and then repeating the content/behaviours in settings or the consequences of doing so.
- b) Any reports of abuse will require close liaison with the DSL and the SENDCO. The setting will consider extra pastoral support and attention for these children, along with ensuring any appropriate support for communication is in place.

49. Extended Services/Clubs and off-site arrangements

- a) Where extended school activities are provided and managed by the school, our own safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures apply. When our children attend off-site activities, we will ensure that effective child protection arrangements, informed by thorough risk assessments, are in place.
- b) When our children attend an alternative provision provider, we continue to be responsible for their safety and wellbeing. We will satisfy ourselves that the placement can meet the child's needs and obtain written confirmation that appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out on individuals working at the establishment, i.e. checks that we would otherwise perform on our own staff. This includes written confirmation that the alternative provider will inform us of any arrangements that may put the child at risk (i.e. staff changes), so that we can ensure ourselves that appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out on new staff. We will always know where a child is based during school hours. This includes having a record of the address of the alternative provider and any subcontracted provision or satellite sites the child may attend. We will regularly review the alternative provision placements we make. Reviews will be at least half termly to provide assurance that the child is regularly attending, and the placement continues to be safe and meets the child's needs. Where safeguarding concerns arise, the placement will be immediately reviewed, and terminated, if necessary, unless or until those concerns have been satisfactorily addressed. We follow the [statutory guidance for alternative provision](#).
- c) Where a parent/carer expresses their intention to educate their child at home (also known as elective home education), we will work together with the parent/carer and other professionals to ensure that this decision has been made in the best interests of the child. We recognise that this is particularly relevant for children who have SEND, are vulnerable and/or have a social worker.
- d) Useful links:
- [Education provision for SEND - Surrey County Council](#)
 - [Alternative Provision: Alternative Curriculum Pathways and Reintegration Support - Surrey County Council](#)

50. Children Missing from Education

- a) All children are entitled to an efficient, full-time education which is suitable to their age, ability, aptitude, and any SEND they may have.
- b) The setting recognises that children missing education, can be a vital warning sign of a range of safeguarding possibilities. They are also at significant risk of underachieving, being victims of abuse and harm, exploitation, radicalisation, and not being in education, employment or training (NEET) later in life.
- c) Where possible the setting will hold more than one emergency contact number for each child.
- d) The setting will ensure that there is a record of joiners and leavers as defined in [The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) 2006 \(amended 2016\)](#).
- e) When removing a child's name, the setting will notify the Surrey County Council of: (a) the full name of the child, (b) the full name and address of any parent with whom the child normally resides, (c) at least one telephone number of the parent, (d) the child's future address and destination setting, if applicable, and (e) the ground in regulation 8 under which the child's name is to be removed from the setting register.
- f) The setting will make reasonable enquiries to establish the whereabouts of a child jointly with the Local Authority, before deleting the child's name from the setting register if the deletion is under regulation 8(1), sub-paragraphs (f) (iii) and (h) (iii) of [The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) 2006 \(amended 2016\)](#).
- g) The setting will:
 - i. Enter children on the admissions register on the first day on which the setting has agreed, or has been notified, that the child will attend the setting.
 - ii. Notify Surrey County Council within five days of adding a child's name to the admission register. The notification must include all the details contained in the admission register for the new child.
 - iii. Monitor each child's attendance through their daily register and follow Surrey County Council procedure in cases of unauthorised absence.
 - iv. Remove a child's name from the admissions register on the date that the child leaves the setting.
 - v. The setting will notify Surrey County Council when they are about to remove a child's name from the setting register under any of the fifteen grounds listed in the regulations, no later than the date that the child's name is due to be removed.
- h) Where parents/carers notify the setting, in writing, of their intention to Electively Home Educate (EHE) the setting will forward a copy of the letter to the Surrey County Council Inclusion Team.
- i) Where parents/carers orally indicate that they intend to withdraw their child to EHE and no letter has been received, the setting will not remove the child from roll and will notify the Inclusion Team at the earliest opportunity.

51. Pupils Missing Out on Education (PMOOE)

- a) Most children engage positively with setting and attend regularly. However, to flourish, some children require an alternative education provision or may require a modified timetable to support a return to full time education provision. It is recognised that children accessing alternative provision, or a reduced/modified timetable may have additional vulnerabilities. Ofsted refer to these as PMOOE because they are not accessing their education in setting in the 'usual way'.

- b) The setting will gain consent (if required in statute) from parents/carers to put in place alternative provision and/or a reduced or modified timetable
- c) The setting will ensure that parents/carers (and the Local Authority where the child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) are given clear information about alternative provision placements and reduced/modified timetables: why, when, where, and how they will be reviewed.
- d) The setting will keep the placement and timetable under review and involve parents/carers in the review. Reviews will be frequent enough to provide assurance that the off-site education and/or modified timetable is achieving its objectives and that the child is benefitting from it.
- e) The setting will monitor and track children attending alternative provision to ensure that the provision meets the needs of the child. The setting continues to be responsible for the safeguarding of that pupil. The setting will obtain written confirmation from the alternative provision provider that appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out on individuals working at the establishment,
- f) The setting will comply with regular data returns requested by the Surrey County Council, regarding all children, of statutory setting age, attending alternative provision and/or on a reduced/modified timetable.
- g) The setting leadership will report to Governors information regarding the use and effectiveness of alternative provision and modified/reduced timetables. The setting will also report to Governors any formal direction of a child to alternative provision to improve behaviour.

52. Attendance and Behaviour

- a) Additional policies and procedures are in place regarding setting attendance and behaviour.
- b) The setting recognises that absence from and exclusion from may be indicators of abuse and neglect, including the exploitation of children. The DSL will regularly liaise with members of staff with responsibility for behaviour and attendance to ensure risk is identified and appropriate intervention is in place to protect children from harm.
- c) The setting will work in partnership with Surrey Police and other partners for reporting children that go missing from the setting site during the setting day. Staff will be alert to signs of children at risk of travelling to conflict zones, female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

53. Physical Intervention

- a) We acknowledge that staff must only ever use physical intervention as a last resort, when a child is at immediate risk of harming themselves or others, and that at all times it must be the minimal force necessary to prevent injury to another person. Such events should be fully recorded using a Restrictive Physical Intervention Form and signed by the Headteacher.
- b) Staff who are likely to need to use physical intervention will be appropriately trained in Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) techniques.
- c) Staff understand that physical intervention of a nature which causes injury or distress to a child may be considered under child protection and/or disciplinary procedures.
- d) We recognise that sometimes touch is appropriate in the context of working with children, and all staff have been given safe practice guidance to ensure they are clear about their professional boundaries.

- e) When applying disciplinary measures such as physical intervention or isolation for children with SEND the setting will consider the risks, given the additional vulnerabilities of these children.

54. Whistleblowing

- a) A whistleblower is a worker who reports certain types of wrongdoing. All staff have a duty to do so. We aim to create an environment where staff feel able to raise concerns about poor or unsafe practice and potential failures in how we manage safeguarding. Any concerns should be raised with the Headteacher and will be taken seriously.
- b) We recognise that children cannot be expected to raise concerns in an environment where staff fail to do so.
- c) All staff, including temporary staff/supply staff and volunteers, should be aware of their duty to raise concerns, where they exist, about the management of safeguarding and child protection, which may include the attitude or actions of colleagues, poor or unsafe practice and potential failures in the setting's safeguarding arrangements.
- d) If it becomes necessary to consult outside the setting, they should speak in the first instance, to the Area Schools Officer or LADO in accordance with the Whistleblowing Policy.
- e) Staff are encouraged to use an external, independent and confidential service provided by Navex Global, who can be contacted on their freephone helpline number 0800 069 8180 and through the [Navex Global web pages](#)
- f) [The NSPCC whistleblowing helpline](#) is also available for staff who do not feel able to raise concerns regarding child protection failures internally or have concerns about a way a concern is being handled by their setting. Staff can call: 0800 028 0285 – line is available from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday to Friday and Email: help@nspcc.org.uk.
- g) Whistleblowing regarding the Headteacher should be made to the Chair of the Governing Body whose contact details are available to staff.

55. Volunteers

1. Introduction

- a) At Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery, we believe that volunteers provide a valuable contribution to the school's work in ensuring that every child achieves their potential. We are committed to using volunteers in a way that supports the school's strategic aims and vision, as well as our School Success Plan.
- b) We welcome and encourage volunteers from our local community. Volunteers may include:
- i. Members of the Governing Body
 - ii. Parents of pupils
 - iii. Ex-pupils
 - iv. Students on work experience placements
 - v. University students
 - vi. Trainee teachers
- c) The types of activities that volunteers are engaged in include:
- i. Hearing children read
 - ii. Working with small groups of children
 - iii. Working with individual children
 - iv. Accompanying children on educational visits
 - v. Helping at PTA events

2. Definition of volunteers

- a) Volunteers can be defined into 2 groups, either 'occasional' or 'regular'
 - i. Occasional can be defined as volunteers who only accompany staff and children on one off outings or trips or who help at a specific one-off events. It would be expected that occasional volunteers would be supervised by a member of staff and would not be left unsupervised.
 - ii. Regular volunteers can be defined as those who help three or more times in a thirty day period.

3. Recruitment of volunteers

- a) Occasional volunteers would usually be parents or carers who would come into school to help on a one off outing or occasion and would not be recruited as such to the position of volunteer. They would not be required to go through the recruitment process including the taking up of DBS checks. Where there are known concerns about a parent or carer, it would be at the Headteacher's discretion not to engage with this person as an occasional volunteer. Before each educational visit or event, occasional volunteers are asked to sign the occasional volunteer agreement.
- b) Regular volunteers would be in the position of trust within the school and even where they are not left unsupervised with children, should go through a recruitment process. The school should also take into consideration any knowledge they have of the person in their relationship with the school as a parent, grandparent, previous employee, governor when deciding if this person will be trustworthy and make a valuable contribution to the school in the capacity of a volunteer.
- c) The recruitment process for regular volunteers should include:
 - i. DBS and barred list where volunteers have unsupervised access to children and young people.
 - ii. Initial Safeguarding training.
 - iii. Two references. This should complete to recent paid work or volunteering wherever possible, including the last known employer.

4. Recruitment and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

- a) DBS checks are carried out to identify whether or not individuals working an unsupervised activity with children are suitable to do so. These checks are updated every 3 years.
- b) Having a criminal record does not automatically prevent an individual from being a volunteers. The Headteacher would consider the details of the criminal record and balance this against the activities the individual is to undertake. A further risk assessment is likely to be undertaken.
- c) If a volunteer commits a criminal offence during their time as a volunteers, they must disclose this to the Headteacher. The Headteacher will assess whether it is suitable to continue with the volunteering role, whether the activities should be changed, or whether it is in the best interests for all concerned to longer act as a volunteer.

6. Training and Supervision

- a) All volunteers will agree that they have read and understood the Volunteer Code of Conduct.
- b) For volunteers who are in regulated activity, they will have Initial Safeguarding Training. This will be refreshed through annual update training.
- c) For volunteers who are not in regulated activity, they will made aware of the contact details of the DSLs when they sign in.
- d) All volunteers work under the supervision of the class teacher of the class to which they are assigned. Teachers retain responsibility for children at all times, including the children's behaviour and activity they are undertaking.
- e) Volunteers should have clear guidance from the teacher as to how an activity is carried out. Volunteers are encouraged to seek further advice and guidance from the teacher in the event of a query.
- f) Even when DBS checks have been undertaken, volunteers should not be left unsupervised for long periods of time.
- g) Occasional volunteers should never be left unsupervised, should not take children to the toilet or be left in charge of a small group of children on an outing away from staff member supervision.

7. Confidentiality

- a) Volunteers must be advised that all information about the children and school in which they are volunteering is confidential and must not be discussed outside of the school or with children, parents or other visitors.
- b) Any information should be shared on a 'need to know' basis e.g. a child's medical condition, where this may affect their behaviour or well being.
- c) The volunteer must not take any notes/files about children outside of the school.
- d) At no time should volunteers be permitted to take photographs, films or recordings of children unless on school equipment and requested to do so by a regulated member of staff. This equipment must not be taken home by the volunteer.
- e) Personal mobile phones and other personal hand held electronic devices should not be brought into the classroom.

8. Health and Safety

- a) As part of their induction, volunteers will be made aware of health and safety policies and procedures that are relevant and how to act in an emergency.
- b) Volunteers should sign in and out of the school, using the school's electronic signing in system and must wear a volunteer badge and lanyard.

9. Educational and off-site visits

- a) Occasional volunteers must not be left unsupervised or alone with children at any time.
- b) There should be a briefing meeting at the start of the outing to ensure that volunteers are clear about the plan for the day, the member of staff leading the trip, the children who are their responsibility, any special needs of these children etc.
- c) At the end of any trip, it is the trip leader's responsibility to ensure any information in the trip pack is handed back in to school.

56. Links with other setting policies:

- a) Allegations against Adults.
- b) Anti-bullying.
- c) Behaviour Policy.
- d) Teaching and Learning Policy.
- e) Equality Policy.
- f) Computing including Online Safety.
- g) Health & Safety.
- h) Parental Concerns/Complaints.
- i) PSHE.
- j) Recruitment.
- k) Attendance.
- l) Relationships and Sex Education.
- m) Staff Code of Conduct and Governor Code of Conduct.
- n) Whistleblowing.

Additional Resources

[Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership webpages](#)

[Surrey Education Services \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) – Education Safeguarding Resources Hub

[Graded Care Profile 2](#)

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)

[CEOP ThinkuKnow webpages](#)

[Anti Bullying Alliance webpages](#)

[Childnet International](#)

[Safer Internet Centre webpages](#)

[Contextual Safeguarding Network webpages](#)

[Lucy Faithfull Foundation webpages](#)

Appendix 1

Sexual violence

- a) It is important that settings are aware of sexual violence and the fact children can, and sometimes do, abuse other children in this way and that it can happen both inside and outside of setting. When referring to sexual violence in this advice, we do so in the context of child-on-child sexual violence.
- b) When referring to sexual violence we are referring to sexual offences under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 as described below:
- c) Rape: A person (A) commits an offence of rape if: he intentionally penetrates the vagina, anus or mouth of another person (B) with his penis, B does not consent to the penetration and A does not reasonably believe that B consents.
- d) Assault by Penetration: A person (A) commits an offence if: s/he intentionally penetrates the vagina or anus of another person (B) with a part of her/his body or anything else, the penetration is sexual, B does not consent to the penetration and A does not reasonably believe that B consents.
- e) Sexual Assault: A person (A) commits an offence of sexual assault if: s/he intentionally touches another person (B), the touching is sexual, B does not consent to the touching and A does not reasonably believe that B consents. (NOTE- Settings should be aware that sexual assault covers a very wide range of behaviour so a single act of kissing someone without consent, or touching someone's bottom/breasts/genitalia without consent, can still constitute sexual assault.)
- f) Causing someone to engage in sexual activity without consent: A person (A) commits an offence if: s/he intentionally causes another person (B) to engage in an activity, the activity is sexual, B does not consent to engaging in the activity, and A does not reasonably believe that B consents. (NOTE – this could include forcing someone to strip, touch themselves sexually, or to engage in sexual activity with a third party.)

What is consent?

- a) Consent is about having the freedom and capacity to choose. Consent to sexual activity may be given to one sort of sexual activity but not another, e.g. to vaginal but not anal sex or penetration with conditions, such as wearing a condom. Consent can be withdrawn at any time during sexual activity and each time activity occurs. Someone consents to vaginal, anal or oral penetration only if s/he agrees by choice to that penetration and has the freedom and capacity to make that choice.
 - i. A child under the age of 13 can never consent to any sexual activity.
 - ii. The age of consent is 16.
 - iii. Sexual intercourse without consent is rape.
- b) Further information about consent can be found here: [Rape Crisis England & Wales - Sexual consent.](#)

Sexual harassment

- a) When referring to sexual harassment we mean 'unwanted conduct of a sexual nature' that can occur online and offline and both inside and outside of the setting. When we reference sexual harassment, we do so in the context of child-on-child sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is

likely to: violate a child's dignity, and/or make them feel intimidated, degraded or humiliated and/or create a hostile, offensive or sexualised environment.

- b) Whilst not intended to be an exhaustive list, sexual harassment can include:
- i. Sexual comments, such as: telling sexual stories, making lewd comments, making sexual remarks about clothes and appearance and calling someone sexualised names.
 - ii. Sexual "jokes" or taunting.
 - iii. Physical behaviour, such as: deliberately brushing against someone, interfering with someone's clothes. Settings should be considering when any of this crosses a line into sexual violence – it is important to talk to and consider the experience of the victim.
 - iv. Displaying pictures, photos or drawings of a sexual nature
 - v. Upskirting (this is a criminal offence).
 - vi. Online sexual harassment. This may be standalone, or part of a wider pattern of sexual harassment and/or sexual violence. It may include:
 - Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos. Taking and sharing nude photographs of U18s is a criminal offence. [Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
 - Sharing of unwanted explicit content.
 - Sexualised online bullying.
 - Unwanted sexual comments and messages, including, on social media.
 - Sexual exploitation; coercion and threats.
 - Coercing others into sharing images of themselves or performing acts they're not comfortable with online.
- c) It is important that settings consider sexual harassment in broad terms. Sexual harassment (as set out above) creates a culture that, if not challenged, can normalise inappropriate behaviours and provide an environment that may lead to sexual violence.



APPENDIX 2

Regulated Activity

Regulated activity According to KCSIE 2025

The full legal definition of regulated activity is set out in Schedule 4 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

Regulated activity includes:

- a) Teaching, training, instructing, caring for (see(c) below) or supervising children if the person is unsupervised, or providing advice or guidance on physical, emotional or educational well-being, or driving a vehicle only for children.
- b) Work for a limited range of establishments (known as 'specified places', which include schools and colleges), with the opportunity for contact with children, but not including work done by supervised volunteers.

Work under (a) or (b) is regulated activity only if done regularly (i.e. three or more times in a 30 day period). Some activities are always regulated activities, regardless of frequency or whether they are supervised or not. This includes:

- c) Relevant personal care, or health care provided by or provided under the supervision of a health care professional.
 - Personal care includes helping a child with eating and drinking for reasons of illness or disability or in connection with toileting, washing, bathing and dressing for reasons of age, illness or disability.
 - Health care means care for children provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a regulated health care professional.

Regulated activity will not be:

- Paid work in specified places which is occasional and temporary and does not involve teaching, training.
- Supervised activity which is paid in non-specified settings such as youth clubs, sports clubs etc.



APPENDIX 3

Safer Recruitment Good to Go Checklist

Name					
Post					
Contract type					
Hours per week/ no. of weeks					
Teacher DB checked					
Qualifications copied					
Right to work evidenced					
Application form signed					
Reference 1 requested		Reference 1 returned		Signed by LMT	
Reference 2 requested		Reference 2 returned		Signed by LMT	
Reference follow up actions/comment from HT					
Contract start date					
Letter of appointment sent		Acceptance received			
Work Health Assessment clearance					
DBS done		DBS cleared			
Disqualification Declaration					
Has employee lived outside UK in last 5 years					
Overseas check needed with good conduct certificate?					
Contract sent		Contract returned			
Induction sent					
SCR updated					

Proceed with employment

Headteacher signature and date	
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Communications

Newsletter	
Staff	
Start date	



APPENDIX 4

Walking to and from School Alone Year 6 children only

Child's Name	
Class:	
There is no set age when children are ready to walk to school or home on their own. It very much depends on their maturity, confidence and the any hazards between home and school. Parents need to decide whether their child is ready for this responsibility.	

	Please tick
I give consent for my child to walk to/from school on a regular basis.	
I will notify you immediately should this arrangement change.	
I fully understand that once I give permission for my child to walk to and from school alone, the school is not responsible for my child's actions or whereabouts once they are outside our school gate.	

Signed	
Name of person with Parental Responsibility	
Date	



APPENDIX 5

Job Description: Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery is committed to creating a diverse workforce. We'll consider all qualified applicants for employment without regard to sex, race, religion, belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, age, disability, marriage or civil partnership.

Job details

Contract type: Permanent

Reporting to: Headteacher

Main purpose

The DSL will take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection across the school (including online safety and understanding the filtering and monitoring systems in place). They will take part in strategy discussions and inter-agency meetings, and contribute to the assessment of children.

They will advise and support other members of staff on child welfare, safeguarding and child protection matters, and liaise with relevant agencies such as the local authority and police.

Some safeguarding activities may be delegated to deputies, but the DSL will retain ultimate lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.

Duties and responsibilities

Managing referrals

- a) Refer cases of suspected abuse and neglect to the local authority children's social care.
- b) Support staff who make referrals to the local authority children's social care.
- c) Refer cases to the Channel programme where there is a radicalisation concern.
- d) Support staff who make referrals to the Channel programme.
- e) Refer cases to the Disclosure and Barring Service where a person is dismissed or leaves due to risk or harm to a child.
- f) Refer cases to the police where a crime may have been committed.

Working with staff and other agencies

- a) Act as a source of support, advice and expertise for all staff.
- b) Act as a point of contact with the safeguarding partners.
- c) Inform the Headteacher of safeguarding issues, especially ongoing enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and police investigations, and the requirement for pupils to have an appropriate adult.
- d) Liaise with staff on matters of safety, safeguarding and welfare (including online and digital safety), and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies so that children's needs are considered holistically.
- e) Liaise with the senior mental health lead and, where available, the mental health support team, where safeguarding concerns are linked to mental health.
- f) Promote supportive engagement with parents and/or carers in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including where families may be facing challenging circumstances.
- g) Work with the Headteacher and relevant strategic leads, taking lead responsibility for promoting educational outcomes by:

- i. Knowing the welfare, safeguarding and child protection issues that children in need are experiencing, or have experienced.
 - ii. Identifying the impact that these issues might be having on children's attendance, engagement and achievement at school.
- h) The above includes:
- i. Ensuring the DDSLs know which children have or have had a social worker, understanding their academic progress and attainment, and maintaining a culture of high aspirations for this cohort.
 - ii. Supporting teaching staff to provide additional academic support or reasonable adjustments to help these children reach their potential.

Managing the child protection file

- a) Ensure child protection files are kept up to date.
- b) Keep information confidential and store it securely.
- c) Make sure records include:
 - i. A clear and comprehensive summary of the concern.
 - ii. Details of how the concern was followed up and resolved.
 - iii. A note of any action taken, decisions reached and the outcome.
- d) Ensure files are only accessed by those who need to see them, and that where a file or content within it is shared, this happens in line with information sharing advice as set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE).
- e) Where children leave the school (including in year transfers):
 - i. Ensure their child protection file is securely transferred to the new school as soon as possible, separately from the main pupil file, with a receipt of confirmation, and within the specified time set out in KCSIE.
 - ii. Consider whether it would be appropriate to share any additional information with the new school before the child leaves, to help them put appropriate support in place.

Raising awareness

- a) Ensure each member of staff has access to, and understands, the school's child protection policy and procedures, especially new and part-time staff.
- b) Work with the governing body to ensure the child protection policy is reviewed annually (as a minimum) and the procedures and implementation are updated and reviewed regularly.
- c) Ensure the child protection policy is available on the school website and parents/carers are aware that referrals about suspected abuse or neglect may be made and the role of the school in this.
- d) Link with the safeguarding partner arrangements to make sure staff are aware of any training opportunities and the latest local policies on local safeguarding arrangements.
- e) Help promote educational outcomes by sharing information with teachers and school leadership staff about the welfare, safeguarding and child protection issues that children who have or have had a social worker are experiencing.

Training

- a) Undergo training (at least every 2 years) to gain the knowledge and skills required to carry out the role and meet the expectations set out in KCSIE, including those outlined in the 'Training, knowledge and skills' section of annex C
- b) Undertake Prevent awareness training.
- c) Refresh knowledge and skills at regular intervals and at least annually.

Providing support to staff

- a) Support and advise staff and help them feel confident on welfare, safeguarding and child protection matters.
- b) Support staff during the referrals process.
- c) Support staff to consider how safeguarding, welfare and educational outcomes are linked, including to inform the provision of academic and pastoral support.

Understanding the views of children

- a) Encourage a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, among all staff, and in any measures the school may put in place to protect them.
- b) Understand the difficulties that children may have in approaching staff about their circumstances and consider how to build trusted relationships which facilitate communication.

Holding and sharing information

- a) Understand the importance of information sharing, both within the school, with other schools and colleges on transfer, and with the safeguarding partners, other agencies, organisations and practitioners.
- b) Understand relevant data protection legislation and regulations, especially the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).
- c) Keep detailed, accurate, secure written records of concerns and referrals.

Other areas of responsibility

The DSL will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, and follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.

During term time, the DSL should always be available during school hours for staff in the school to discuss any safeguarding concerns. Ideally this will be in person, but can also be via phone or video call in exceptional circumstances.

Please note that this list of duties is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the DSL will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role.

Person specification

CRITERIA	QUALITIES
Qualifications and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCSE (or equivalent) in English and maths• Degree• Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

<p>Experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful leadership and management experience in a school or other relevant organisation • Experience of managing safeguarding in a school or other relevant organisation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Building relationships with children and their parents, particularly the most vulnerable ◦ Working and communicating effectively with relevant agencies ◦ Implementing and encouraging good safeguarding practice throughout a large team of people • Demonstrable evidence of developing and implementing strategies to help children and their families • Experience of handling large amounts of sensitive data and upholding the principles of confidentiality
<p>Skills and knowledge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert knowledge of legislation and guidance on safeguarding and working with young people, including knowledge of the responsibilities of schools and other agencies • Ability to work with a range of people with the aim of ensuring the safety and welfare of children • Awareness of local and national agencies that provide support for children and their families • Excellent record keeping skills and attention to detail, in order to produce reports, take minutes of meetings, and document safeguarding concerns • Good IT skills. • Effective communication and interpersonal skills • Ability to communicate a vision and inspire others • Ability to build effective working relationships with staff and other stakeholders
<p>Personal qualities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to ensuring the safety and welfare of children • Commitment to upholding and promoting the ethos and values of the school • Integrity, honesty and fairness • Ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively • Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times • Commitment to equality

Appendix 6

Dear Colleagues,

Letter of Assurance

Could you please provide written confirmation that your company undergoes the following recruitment and child safeguarding checks in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

	<i>(Please tick or write 'N/A' where appropriate)</i>
Photo ID has been checked including proof of address	
Enhanced DBS checks have been conducted as per below	
Barred list checks have been carried out for all staff in regulated activity	
Evidence of right to work in the UK has been checked (where applicable)	
Checks for prohibition from teaching and restrictions from teaching in EEA countries have been undertaken (where appropriate)	
Evidence of relevant qualifications has been seen	
All staff are appointed under your company's Safeguarding Policy	

Disclosure and Barring Service

Staff have Enhanced DBS clearances which cover the following areas:

- Any police records of convictions, cautions, reprimands and warnings.
- Children's Barred List Information – this would show if an applicant is barred from working with children.
- Any other relevant information disclosed at the Chief Police Officer(s) discretion. Under this section would be noted "soft information". This could be details of a household member (other than the applicant) who may have a record that would contain information that an employer would need to be aware of. An example of this may be a household member who has drug activity.

Our Safeguarding Policy is available for your information:

Details of Stamford Green's Safeguarding Policy can be found on the school website via the following link:

<https://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk>

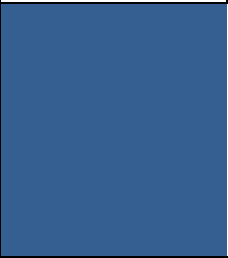

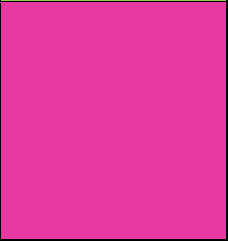
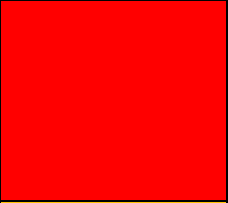

Could you please provide your written confirmation on headed paper prior to the first visit. Photo identification will then be checked upon arrival at Stamford Green.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Kathryn Dray
Deputy Headteacher: Inclusion

Appendix 7

A Guide to Visitor Lanyards

Colour	Meaning
	Free to access the school without a member of staff
	Free to access school but no unsupervised access to children.
	External club personnel - should only be working with the children in the club. (This only applies to clubs with a lettings agreement and operating immediately before or after school – clubs at other times will not be signing in).
	Must stay with a member of SGPS staff
	Visiting for Open Morning for Prospective Parents / Carers. May be on school tour with Year 6 children but should never be alone of 1:1 with a child.

Appendix 8

Childcare Disqualification Regulations – Who do we check?

The law requires the following groups to be checked:

- All staff who work in Early Years provision in Nursery and Reception classes including teachers, support staff and volunteers.
- Staff who work in later years provision, with children who have not attained the age of 8, who are providing childcare outside of school hours including breakfast clubs and after school care.
- Staff who are directly concerned in the management of such childcare (e.g. the Headteacher or other senior staff). Governors are only affected if they volunteer to work in a relevant setting on a regular basis.

Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery will therefore require the following categories of staff and volunteers to complete a declaration form:

- All teachers and teaching support staff. Due to the way staff are deployed across the school any member of teaching staff could be working to support children in YN and YR and in Sunrise / Sunset which provides care for children under 8 outside of school hours.
- All playworkers.
- Administrative staff as they work closely with all children and provide first aid.
- Premises staff as they often work in Nursery, Reception and Extended Services and interact with children in those areas.
- All members of the LMT and ELT.
- Volunteers who may be working unsupervised in YN and YR.