

Hurworth Primary School

Child Protection Policy

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Purpose and Aim of the policy

Hurworth Primary School's whole-school Child Protection Policy aims to provide clear direction to staff and others about expected codes of behaviour in dealing with child welfare concerns. The policy also aims to make explicit the school's commitment to the development of good practice and sound procedures to keep children safe in our school. This policy recognises that abuse can occur in all communities and contexts and that all staff have a responsibility and the opportunity to support children, in sharing concerns and worries in school to feel safe. The whole school culture of vigilance in Hurworth Primary School creates a safe space where children are supported, listened to and valued in what they choose to share and that ALL staff act immediately with the necessary level of intervention to create the most effective outcome for every individual child.

The purpose of the policy is, therefore, to ensure that our children's welfare is of paramount importance, early and additional help is offered to prevent escalation and where child protection concerns are identified referrals are handled sensitively, professionally and in ways that support the needs of the child's well-being.

Governors and staff are committed within Hurworth Primary School to keeping children safe by safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our care through all our policies, procedures and practices. We expect all our pupils' parents and visitors to share this commitment and understanding.

Introduction

Hurworth Primary School fully recognises the contribution it can make to keeping children safe and supporting the pupils in its care. There are four main elements to Hurworth Primary School's Child Protection Policy:

- 1. Prevention (positive school atmosphere, careful and vigilant teaching, pastoral care, support to pupils, providing good adult role models and the identification of early and additional support/services to children and families and recognising and reducing risks to children including harassment, bullying, victimisation, sexual violence and sexual harassment, exploitation, radicalisation and issues such as Honour Based Violence, Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage.)
- 2. Protection (following agreed procedures, ensuring all staff respond appropriately and sensitively to child protection concerns and that every member of staff has regular training and updates at least annually and are supported to refer their concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Alison Maddison or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Joanne Passman or The Children's Access Point (01325 406222) directly IF NECESSARY. In certain specific cases such as Female Genital Mutilation (Mandatory reporting of FGM from October 2015), Radicalisation or Forced Marriage there are SPOCS/named teams and individuals within the police who can be contacted).

- **3. Reconsideration** (following and challenging the progress of new referrals and existing cases to ensure that individual cases are reconsidered if there remains no improvement to a child's circumstances).
- **4. Support** (to pupils and school staff and to children who may be vulnerable due to their individual circumstances).

All staff have the added responsibility of recognising that there may be children with additional vulnerability who remain at higher risk of harm or abuse because of their existing vulnerability. All school and college staff should be particularly alert to the potential need for early help for a child who:

- is disabled and has specific additional needs
- has special educational needs (whether or not they have a statutory Education, Health and Care Plan)
- is a young carer
- is showing signs of being drawn in to anti-social or criminal behaviour, including gang involvement and association with organised crime groups
- is frequently missing/goes missing from care or from home
- is at risk of modern slavery, trafficking or exploitation
- is at risk of being radicalised or exploited
- is in a family circumstance presenting challenges for the child, such as drug and alcohol misuse, adult mental health issues and domestic abuse
- is misusing drugs or alcohol themselves
- has returned home to their family from care
- is a privately fostered child

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE 2019)

All staff have a responsibility to recognise child abuse, neglect and peer on peer abuse in its many forms. Additional guidance on how our school supports the following areas of additional need or harm are provided in the hyperlinked documents in Appendix 1 of this Child Protection Policy and includes the full list taken from Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019 pages 89-91. Where the school has created an additional school policy because of any specific area of need this is to be read in conjunction with this Child Protection Policy.

Broadly the areas taken from Keeping Children Safe in Education, 2018 Annex A, include

- Children in the court system
- Children missing from education
- Children with family members in prison
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Child Criminal Exploitation County Lines

- Domestic Abuse
- Homelessness
- So called 'Honour Based Violence' inclusive of Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage and practises such as Breast Ironing.
- Preventing Radicalisation
- Peer on Peer Abuse
- Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment between children in schools and colleges
- What is sexual violence and sexual harassment?
- Upskirting
- The response to a report of sexual violence or sexual harassment
- Additional advice and support

(KCSIE 2019)

AS STATED THE FULL LIST OF ADDITIONAL ADVICE AND SUPPORTIVE HYPERLINKS CAN BE FOUND IN APPENDIX 1 OF THIS POLICY

In the event of any of the above issues being recognised, information should be shared directly with the Designated Safeguarding Leads which will result in the situation being recorded, evaluated and support offered in school or the pupil/s being referred to specific services.

This policy applies to Hurworth Primary School's whole workforce.

Framework and Legislation

No school operates in isolation. Keeping children safe from significant harm is the responsibility of all adults especially those working with children. The development of appropriate procedures and the monitoring of good practice are the responsibilities of Darlington Safeguarding Children Partnership, which includes the partnership of several agencies who work with children and families across the borough.

Hurworth Primary School is committed to keeping children safe and safeguarding all children in accordance with Child Protection: Darlington Safeguarding Children Partnership

http://www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk and partner agencies in all cases where there is a concern about significant harm

Significant Harm is defined in The Children's Act 1989 as the ill-treatment (including sexual abuse and physical abuse) or the impairment of health (physical or mental) or development (physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural) as compared to a similar child.

Note: harm now includes the impairment of a child's health or development as a result of witnessing the ill treatment of another person. (Adoption and Children Act 2002)

Local Authorities have a duty to investigate (under S47 of the Children Act 1989). Where a Local Authority is informed that there is a child who is living, or is found, in their area and they have reasonable cause to suspect that child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm they must make such enquiries as necessary to promote or safeguard the child's welfare. The Children's Access Point undertakes this responsibility on behalf of the Local Authority once a referral has been made.

Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2019 contains information on what schools and colleges **should** do and sets out the legal duties with which schools and colleges **must** comply. It should be read alongside Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 which applies to all schools, including maintained nursery schools. The Children Act 1989 sets out the legal framework.

Roles and Responsibilities for All Staff

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined for the purposes of this policy as: protecting ALL children from maltreatment and abuse; (including in addition to the four categories of harm, issues such as sexual violence and sexual harassment, child criminal exploitation, child sexual exploitation (CSE), Honour Based Violence (HBV) inclusive of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Forced Marriage, preventing radicalisation and extremism, harassment, bullying and victimisation) preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes. This includes everyone under the age of 18.

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding children. Due to the regular contact with children all staff at Hurworth Primary School have, we hold a particularly important role in safeguarding as we are in a position to identify concerns early, provide help for children and to prevent concerns from escalating. Children can make disclosures or show signs of abuse at any time and to any individual and safeguarding incidents can occur within schools. Therefore, through a thorough induction process and the sharing of this policy to all staff, students and volunteers, it is important that ALL staff:

- Ensure that they listen to and reflect on the voice of the child at ALL times and take seriously any concerns raised to them by a child.
- Ensure that they report ANY concerns of harm to any child to the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately. (However, ALL staff can

refer their concerns directly to the Children's Access Point if necessary and the police in the stated incidents above. They should inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead as soon as possible if they have reported concerns directly).

- Ensure that they immediately share with the Designated Safeguarding Lead information shared with them by a child or directly observed/witnessed and record it. This could include sharing information on behalf of the Designated Safeguarding Lead with other agencies. All discussions, decisions and reasons for them should be recorded in writing adhering to Hurworth Primary School's Recording and Information Sharing Policy/Procedure.
- Ensure that they maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here' and report any concerns regarding the behaviour of a child/an adult/staff member in school directly to the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Headteacher.
- Ensure that they feel able to raise concerns about poor or unsafe practices of staff and potential failures in the school's safeguarding regime through whistleblowing procedures and the staff behaviour/code of conduct policy.
- Ensure that they attend regular formal training/updates at least annually to support them in recognising the signs and symptoms of abuse, particularly in support of early identification of needs of children to prevent an escalation of need or risk to the child.
- Ensure from the 1st July 2015 for schools, that under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act, April 2015, that the school has 'due regard to Prevent' and to assess risk of children and young people being radicalised or drawn into extremism (based upon potential risks in local area and that clear protocols are in place for all visitors so that their views are appropriate and not an opportunity to influence others).
- Ensure from October 2015 that there is mandatory reporting to the police in all cases where teachers discover that an act of FGM appears to have been carried out.
- Ensure that they understand through online safety training the
 additional risks for pupils online and continue to promote the school's
 Online Safety Policy/acceptable use in the protection of all pupils. This
 includes the management of internet access via children's own mobile
 phones or electronic devices that can allow them unlimited access to
 the internet without any restrictions using their own data allowance. It
 should be clear in every school's online safety policy/acceptable use,
 the expectations of pupils regarding their own devices whilst on school
 site and the consequences of any evidence of inappropriate use of the
 internet.

Ensure that they remain vigilant whilst visitors are on site and continue
to promote the school's commitment to keeping children safe through
reminding visitors and parents of the school's appropriate use of
personal mobile phones/devices whilst they are on school premises.
This includes staff understanding and adhering to the Staff Behaviour
Policy inclusive of use of mobile phones and electronic devices.

Hurworth Primary School will work with social care, the police, health services and other services to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

<u>Child Protection Procedure</u> for staff to follow when there is a disclosure or concerns for a child

Cause for Concern

Where members of staff have a cause for concern for a pupils and there is not an immediate risk or child protection concern staff should;

Record the nature of the concern as soon as possible on the school's CPOMs system. If parents, guardians or the child volunteer information, by way of explanation, it should be recorded. The DSL will review the CPOMS recording system for any other entries for that particular child or siblings. The DSL will take advice from other agencies or from CAP if required. The DSL may talk to the parents to check concerns or gather more information, if required, offer support or an early help assessment.

Early Help

The school will offer early help assessments to families and have a number of key staff trained to complete assessments. These key staff may act as lead practitioners or attend team around the family meetings to support the family plan.

Procedure to implement if staff receive a disclosure

If a child discloses that he/she is the victim of abuse:

DO

- Listen carefully,
- Remain calm
- Take the allegation seriously
- Ensure child's safety
- Reassure the child, but avoid unnecessary physical contact
- Ask open questions, tell me, explain or describe
- Preserve any evidence
- Seek advice from DSL

- Record the disclosure and report the incident to the DSL
- Maintain confidentiality

It is your statutory duty to pass on any child protection concerns about a child, no matter how big or small you feel they are.

DO NOT

- investigate-but seek information
- ask leading questions.
- influence the child or young person
- medically examine the young person
- · accuse the perpetrator of abuse
- end the conversation abruptly
- promise a child you won't tell anybody
- discuss with parents as this may place the child at more danger (alleged abusers)

Report the matter immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead. If the DSL is not available in the school, make your report to the designated deputy.

Link to indicators of concern:

http://www.DarlingtonSafeguardingPartnership.co.uk

Action to be taken by the DSL

The DSL will use the continuum of need threshold tool to assess the concerns and to decide if a multi- agency referral form should be completed for immediate child protection concerns.

Guidance from the Children's Access Point (CAP) can be sought by the designated

Safeguarding Lead contact number: 01325 406222, option 1. Out of hours Emergency Duty Team's contact number: 01642 524552

The DSL should check the CPOMS child protection record for other referrals and records of concerns regarding the child.

Initial contact by telephone to the Children's Assess point (CAP). DSL should have child's details - name, date of birth, address and details of disclosure of concern.

The DSL will make a note of;

- The name of the person you make the referral to
- The date
- The time

Advice given and action to be taken.

If required complete the CAP multi-agency referral form and email to Children's Access Point childrensaccesspoint@darlington.gov.uk

The Designated Safeguarding Lead

Hurworth Primary School has appointed from our SLT Mrs Alison Maddison to be our Designated Safeguarding Lead. This person has the overall responsibility for safeguarding and child protection and has the appropriate authority and training to undertake such a role and is able to provide advice and support to other staff on child welfare and child protection matters. This person is able to take part in strategy discussions and inter agency meetings and to support other trained staff to do so as well as contribute to the assessment of children. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (and any deputies) are most likely to have a complete safeguarding picture and be the most appropriate person to advise on the response to safeguarding concerns (KCSIE 2019).

Role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead

At Hurworth Primary School we have appointed the following Deputy Designated Lead: Mrs Joanne Passman who is part of the safeguarding team. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is trained to the same standard as the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Whilst the activities of the Designated Safeguarding Lead can be delegated to appropriately trained deputies the ultimate LEAD RESPONSIBILITY for child protection will not be delegated and remains with the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Any deputies should be trained to the same standard as the designated safeguarding lead and the role should be explicit in their job description.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has a very detailed role, (see below)

However, if there is an IMMEDIATE safeguarding concern and the Designated Safeguarding Leads are unavailable please seek immediate support via the Children's Access Point (01325 406222).

The broad areas of responsibility for the Designated Safeguarding Leads are identified here:

Manage referrals

- Refer cases of suspected abuse to the Children's Access Point.
- Support staff who make referrals to the Children's Access Point.

- Refer cases to the Channel programme where there is a radicalisation concern as required.
- Support staff who make referrals to the Channel programme.
- Refer cases where a person is dismissed or left due to risk/harm to a child to the Disclosure and Barring Service as required.
- Refer cases where a crime may have been committed to the Police as required (including Sexual Exploitation or Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage).

Work with others

- Act as a point of contact with the three safeguarding partners (Darlington Safeguarding Partnership);
- Liaise with the Headteacher or Principal to inform them of issues, especially ongoing enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and police investigations.
- As required liaise with the case manager (Headteacher, Principal, or where the Headteacher or Principal is the subject of the allegations the Chair of Governors, Chair of Management Committee or Proprietor of an Independent School) and the Designated Officer, operating on behalf of the Local Authority for child protection concerns (all cases which concern a staff member)
- Liaise with staff (especially pastoral support staff, school nurses, IT Technicians and SENCOs or the named person with oversight for SEN in a college) on matters of safety and safeguarding (including online and digital safety) and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies.
- Act as a source of support, advice and expertise to staff on matters of safety and safeguarding and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies.

Undertake Training

The Designated Safeguarding Lead and any deputies should receive appropriate training updated every two years. They should undertake Prevent awareness raising and in addition to the formal training, their knowledge and skills should be refreshed (this might be via e-bulletins, meeting other Designated Safeguarding Leads, or taking time to read and digest safeguarding developments) at regular intervals, as required, and at least annually, so they:

- Understand and keep up with any developments to their role.
- Understand the assessment process for providing early help and intervention, for example through locally agreed common and shared assessment processes such as early help assessments.
- Have a working knowledge of how local authorities conduct a 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.
- Ensure each member of staff has access to, and understands, the school or colleges Child Protection Policy and procedures, especially new and part time staff.
- Are alert to the specific needs of children in need, those with special educational needs and young carers.
- Understand relevant data protection legislation and regulations, especially the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation.
- Understand the importance of information sharing, both within the school and college, and with the three safeguarding partners (Darlington Safeguarding Partnership), other agencies, organisations and practitioners.
- Are able to keep detailed, accurate and secure, written or electronic records of concerns and referrals.
- Understand and support the school or college with regards to the requirements of the Prevent duty and be able to provide advice and support to staff on protecting children from the risk of radicalisation.
- Are able to understand the unique risks associated with online safety and be confident that they have the relevant knowledge and up to date capability required to keep children safe whilst they are online at school or college.
- Can recognise the additional risks that children with SEN and disabilities (SEND) face online, for example, from online bullying, grooming and radicalisation and are confident they have the capability to support SEND children to stay safe online.
- Obtain access to resources and attend any relevant or refresher training courses.

 Encourage a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, among all staff, in any measures the school or college may put in place to protect them.

Raise Awareness

The Designated Safeguarding Lead should ensure the school policies are known understood and used appropriately:

- Ensure the school's Child Protection Policy is reviewed annually (as a minimum) and the procedures and implementation are updated and reviewed regularly, and work with the governing body and the workforce in this regard to ensure its effectiveness. This includes ensuring that all staff receive the policy on their induction.
- Ensure the Child Protection Policy is available publicly and parents are aware of the fact that referrals about suspected abuse or neglect may be made and the role of the school or college in this.
- Link with the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership to make sure staff are aware of training opportunities and the latest local policies on safeguarding.

Child Protection File

- Where children leave the school ensure their child protection file is transferred appropriately for any new school or college as soon as possible but transferred separately from the main pupil file. Ensuring secure transit and confirmation of receipt. This may be through an electronic system.
- On receipt of key documentation ensure key staff such as Designated Safeguarding Leads and SENCOs, are aware as required.
- In addition to the child protection file, the Designated Safeguarding Lead should also consider if it would be appropriate to share any information with the new school or college in advance of a child leaving. For example, information that would allow the new school or college to continue supporting victims of abuse and have that support in place for when the child arrives.

Availability

During term time the Designated Safeguarding Lead (or a deputy)
where possible will always be available (during school hours) for staff
in the school to discuss any safeguarding concerns.

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (or deputy) will be expected to be available in person, however, in exceptional circumstances availability via phone and or Skype or other such mediums is acceptable.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead and school should arrange adequate and appropriate cover arrangements for any out of hours/out of term activities.

Taken from Keeping Children Safe in Education, 2019: Annex B

In addition, following recommendations from PG: Safeguarding First Ltd Hurworth Primary School's Designated Safeguarding Leads will:

- Ensure each member of staff has access to and understands the school's suite of safeguarding policies particularly the Child Protection Policy and the Staff Behaviour Policy, especially new or part-time staff who may work with different establishments.
- Be aware of all school excursions and residentials and clarify with educational visit co-ordinator/group leader(s) their role and responsibility in connection with safeguarding/child protection.
- Ensure a whole school policy about managing behaviour and discipline including the use of reasonable force, is in place. There are circumstances when it is appropriate for staff in schools to use reasonable force to safeguard children and young people. The term 'reasonable force' covers the broad range of actions used by staff that involve a degree of physical contact to control or restrain children. This can range from guiding a child to safety by the arm, to more extreme circumstances such as breaking up a fight or where a young person needs to be restrained to prevent violence or injury. 'Reasonable' in these circumstances means 'using no more force than is needed'. The use of force may involve either passive physical contact, such as standing between pupils or blocking a pupil's path, or active physical contact such as leading a pupil by the arm out of the classroom. When using reasonable force in response to risks presented by incidents involving children with SEN or disabilities or with medical conditions, schools should in considering the risks carefully recognise the additional vulnerability of these groups. They should also consider their duties under the Equality Act 2010/36 in relation to making reasonable adjustments, non-discrimination and their Public Sector Equality Duty.
- Ensure an effective whole school policy against bullying/online bullying inclusive of measures to prevent all forms of bullying among pupils, is in place.
- Inform LA of any pupil to be deleted from school admission register and follow missing from education protocols

 Inform the LA of any pupil who fails to attend school regularly, or has been absent without schools permission for a continuous period of 10 days or more.

Responsibilities of Local Advisory Board and Trust Board

Best practice would advise that a Safeguarding Governor at senior board level is appointed to support the Designated Safeguarding Lead in their role.

At Hurworth Primary School the senior lead Governor for safeguarding is Kirsty Walker.

The role of this individual is to:

- Ensure that the allocation of funding and resource is sufficient to meet the current safeguarding and child protection activity and challenge the safeguarding activity.
- Ensure the self-assessment tool and Designated Safeguarding Lead report demonstrates fully and accurately the safeguarding arrangements and any action to progress areas of weakness or development.
- Ensure that the governing body receives training to clarify their statutory role in keeping children safe to support their quality assurance of those statutory arrangements.
- Ensure that the governing body is aware of the changes to Local Safeguarding Partnership arrangements and the need for the school/college to understand their role in effective multi-agency working under the new arrangements.

If the Safeguarding Governor is NOT the Chair of Governors it is important to indicate the role of the Chair in safeguarding, which is to:

- Ensure that they liaise with the local authority and/or partner agencies on issues of child protection and in the event of allegations of abuse made against the Headteacher, the Principal of a College or Proprietor or Member of Governing Body of an Independent School.
- Ensure that in the event of allegations of abuse being made against the Headteacher, effective whistleblowing procedures are in place.
- Ensure that the appointed member of the Governing Body for safeguarding holds the Headteacher to account on all matters involving safeguarding through an effective Child Protection Policy that is

embedded and followed by the entire workforce in all of the above raised areas.

- Ensure that all staff undergo safeguarding training at induction and that they receive regular updates.
- Ensure that the school has appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place for online content and ensure that staff, pupils and visitors to their site follow their school / setting's acceptable use policy / Online safety policy.
- Ensure that children are taught about safeguarding through Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) and/or Sex and Relationships Education.
- Ensure that a Designated Teacher is appointed to promote the educational achievement of looked after children, including working with the Local Authority's virtual school Headteacher and discuss how pupil premium funding for looked after children will be used.

Information for Parents

At Hurworth Primary School, Governors and staff are committed to keeping our children safe and will take any reasonable action to safeguard and promote their welfare. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child maybe suffering significant harm, ill treatment, neglect or other forms of harm, staff have no alternative but to follow Darlington Safeguarding Partnership arrangements and inform the Children's Access Point or police of their concern.

Procedures

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (or deputy DSL) will be informed immediately by an employee of the school, pupil of the school, parent of the school or other persons, in the following circumstances:

- Suspicion that a child is being harmed
- There is evidence that a child is being harmed

The threshold of significant harm is defined in the Children Act 1989 Section 31 (9) as:

- Ill-treatment
- Impairment of health (as compared to a similar child)

Note: harm now includes the impairment of a child's health or development as a result of witnessing the ill-treatment of another person (Adoption and Children Act 2002).

Definitions and categories of abuse:

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined for the purposes of this guidance as:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health or development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

Child Protection

Part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

A child, includes everyone under the age of 18.

What is 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. 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

Types of abuse

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.

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 as a result of maternal substance misuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to provide adequate food and clothing, shelter including exclusion from home or abandonment, failing to protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger, failure to ensure adequate supervision including the use of inadequate care-takers, or the failure to ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

Sexual Abuse

Involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may involve physical contact, including assault by penetration (for example, rape or oral sex) or non-penetrative acts such as masturbation, kissing, rubbing and touching outside of clothing. They may also include non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, or grooming a child in preparation for abuse. Sexual abuse can take place online, and technology can be used to facilitate offline abuse. Sexual abuse is not solely perpetrated by adult males. Women can also commit acts of sexual abuse, as can other children.

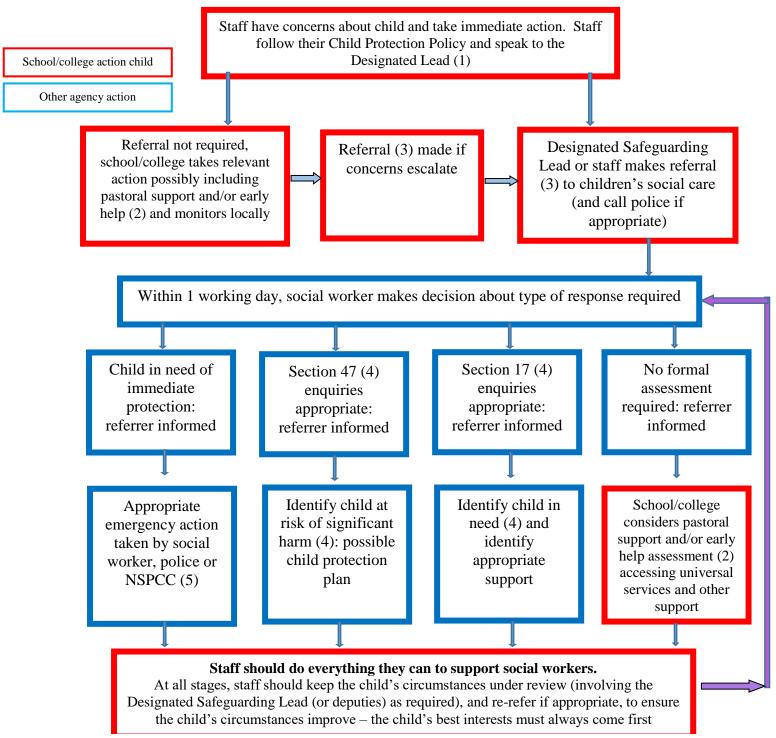
Emotional Abuse

The persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to 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 participating in normal social interaction. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another. It may involve serious bullying (including cyber bullying), causing children frequently to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of children. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child though it may occur alone.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead will keep a full record of concerns raised and make referrals to the Children's Access Point, if necessary. These records may be either handwritten or electronic but will be stored via a secure system. The Headteacher will be kept informed at all times.

From KCSIE 2019 page 16

Actions where there are concerns about a child



- 1. In cases which also involve a concern or allegation of abuse against a staff member, see Part Four of KCSIE 2019
- 2. Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges at any point in a child's life. Where a child would benefit from coordinated early help, an early help inter-agency assessment should be arranged. Chapter One of Working Together to Safeguard Children provides detailed guidance on the early help process.
- Referrals should follow the process set out in the local threshold document and local protocol for assessment. Chapter one of <u>Working Together to Safeguard Children</u>
- 4. Under the Children Act 1989, local authorities are required to provide services for children in need for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting their welfare. Children in need may be assessed under section 17 of the Children Act 1989. Under section 47 of the Children Act 1989, where a local authority has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, it has a duty to make enquiries to decide whether to take action to safeguard or promote the child's welfare. Full details are in Chapter One of Working Together to Safeguard Children
- 5. This could include applying for an Emergency Protection Order (EPO)

Safe Schools/Safe Staff

Governors have agreed and ratified the following policies, procedures, processes or systems which must be read and considered in conjunction with this policy:

Whistle Blowing/Confidential Reporting

Hurworth Primary School's Whistle Blowing Policy provides guidance to staff and volunteers on how they can raise concerns and receive appropriate feedback on action taken, when staff have concerns about any adult's behaviour.

Complaints/Allegation Management Towards or with a Child or Adult

A Safeguarding complaint involving a member of staff must be reported to the Headteacher immediately. Where there are concerns/allegations about the Headteacher or Principal, this should be referred to the Chair of Governors. In the event of allegations of abuse being made against the Headteacher allegations should be reported directly to the Designated Officer(s) at Darlington Local Authority. (KCSIE 2019)

Consultation without delay with the Local Authority Designated Officer, Carol Glasper Tel: 01325 406 459, will determine what action follows. A multiagency strategy meeting may be arranged to look at the complaint in its widest context, the Headteacher/senior member of school staff must attend this meeting, which will be arranged by the Designated Officer. All issues must be recorded on the allegation management form and the outcome reached must be noted to ensure closure.

http://www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk

Training and Support

All staff members should be aware of the systems within their school which support safeguarding and these should be explained to them as part of their induction into the school to ensure they can discharge their responsibilities effectively. This includes: The Child Protection Policy; Staff Behaviour Policy (sometimes called a code of conduct) / Safer Working Practice Document and the names of the Designated Safeguarding Lead and their deputies.

At Hurworth Primary School our whole school training is held yearly for level 1 safeguarding training and Prevent. In addition, all staff members receive regular safeguarding and child protection updates via staff meetings held weekly or internal CPD as required, but at least annually, to provide them with relevant skills and knowledge to safeguard children effectively and allow them opportunities to contribute to reviewing and shaping the safeguarding arrangements in school inclusive of, the Child Protection Policy.

School is also engaged in a contract with Safeguarding First, an organisation whose sole aim is to provide services which are constantly under review and development in order to keep our school fully up to date with policies and practices to safeguard and protect our children. All staff members receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection training which is regularly updated. The Governing Body decides the frequency and content of this CPD.

Professional Confidentiality

Confidentiality is an issue which needs to be understood by all those working with children, particularly in the context of safeguarding. Hurworth Primary School recognises that the only purpose of confidentiality in this respect is to benefit the child. (Child Protection Darlington Local Safeguarding Children Partnership arrangements) http://www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk

Record Keeping

Well-kept records are essential to good safeguarding practice. Hurworth Primary School is clear about the need to record any concerns, discussions held, decisions made and reasons for those decisions about a child or children within its care. All staff will follow the schools Information Sharing and Recording Polices to ensure record keeping is compliant and in line with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and Data Protection Act 2018.

Safeguarding recording within Hurworth Primary School is held electronically through a secure management system of CPOMS and all staff have received training in the recording expectations and retention. Following a child leaving our school we follow the appropriate transfer procedures and retention guidelines. At Hurworth Primary School we started electronic recording from 2015. All recording prior to this is in paper format. Retention guidelines are followed accordingly.

Attendance at Safeguarding Conferences

In the event of Hurworth Primary School being invited to attend child protection conferences, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (or deputy), will represent the school and/or identify the most appropriate trained member of staff to provide information relevant to child protection conference (initial/review). In the event that those staff members cannot attend, the following trained members of staff may attend: Mrs Lennon/Miss Mackintosh.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

At Hurworth Primary School, all staff are committed to making a difference to the lives and expectations of, 'all the children, all the time'. Our aim is to equip our children with the skills they need to fulfil their full potential as they develop into adults. We have a strong and distinctive sense of purpose, high quality planning and delivery, a collective ethos shared by all staff and a stubborn refusal to allow the socio-economic or diverse ethnic background of our pupils to become an obstacle to their success. This in turn, places our children and

the staff's wellbeing at the heart of everything we do. (Refer to Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy). Supporting Children

Hurworth Primary School recognises that children who are abused or who witness violence may find it difficult to develop a sense of self-worth and to view the world in a positive way. Hurworth Primary School may be the only stable, secure and predictable element in the lives of some of the children in its care. The school, therefore, recognises that such children might exhibit challenging and defiant behaviour and will take careful note of the context of such behaviour.

As an Operation Encompass partner we work closely with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub in Darlington with regards to domestic violence incidents and offer wellbeing checks to our pupils if we are contacted following an incident which has occurred in one of our pupil's homes.

Hurworth Primary School also recognises that children are capable of abusing their peers. Peer on peer abuse can take many forms and any concerns raised will be investigated and dealt with appropriately. No peer on peer abuse should be tolerated or minimised as part of growing up and <u>all</u> those involved will be provided with an appropriate level of support. It is understood that those pupils who have experienced abuse in their own lives may in turn abuse others. This requires a considered and sensitive approach in order that the child can receive appropriate help and support. See Peer on Peer Abuse Policy for detailed information.

Therefore Hurworth Primary School will endeavour to support all its pupils through:

- The curriculum to encourage self-esteem, self-motivation, self-protection.
- The school ethos, which promotes a positive, supportive and secure environment and which gives all pupils and adults a sense of being respected and valued.
- Approaches which allow children and young people to develop critical thinking, literacy skills and digital literacy skills.
- A curriculum which explores human rights, equality, democracy and tolerance and prepares children and young people fully for life in modern Britain.
- A curriculum where children develop personal resilience, understand and can take appropriate risks or have personal strategies/safety plans that allow them to manage their own safety. This can include topics covered as part of Relationships and Sex and Relationships Education as well as Fundamental British Values and the SMSC Curriculum which cover harm, abuse, positive and healthy relationships and crime.
- A coherent management of Behaviour and Discipline Policy & Procedures inclusive of the Use of Reasonable Force.

- Liaison with other professionals and agencies who support children and parents.
- A commitment to develop productive, supportive relationships with parents whenever it is in the child's interest to do so.
- The development and support of a responsive and knowledgeable staff group whose role it is to respond appropriately in all safeguarding situations.

Hurworth Primary School recognises that, statistically, children with behavioural difficulties and disabilities are the most vulnerable to abuse. School staff who work, in any capacity, with children with profound and multiple disabilities, sensory impairment and/or emotional and behavioural problems will need to be particularly sensitive to signs of abuse. School staff must give consideration to children who are subject to a statement of special needs, an education health and care plan or have a medical condition, as these can mask safeguarding issues and may often be attributed to the medical condition rather than that a child may be being harmed. Concerns such as changes in behaviour and presentation (both physical and mental) must be considered for each individual child and their own circumstances and must not be dismissed. Children with SEN are often more prone to peer group isolation than other children and there is greater potential for children with SEN and disabilities being disproportionally impacted by behaviours such as bullying, without outwardly showing any signs. Therefore, time must be taken to ensure that the full circumstances of any child who has additional needs and requires support around language and communication is shared at the point of referral to ensure the best possible outcome for the child is always achieved and their voice through any form of communication is always heard. To address these additional challenges, schools and colleges should consider extra pastoral support for children with SEN and disabilities.

Children Missing Education

All staff should be aware that children going missing, particularly repeatedly, can act as a vital warning sign of a range of safeguarding possibilities. This may include abuse and neglect, which may include sexual abuse or exploitation and child criminal exploitation. It may indicate mental health problems, risk of substance abuse, risk of travelling to conflict zones, risk of female genital mutilation or risk of forced marriage. Early intervention is necessary to identify the existence of any underlying safeguarding risk and to help prevent the risks of a child going missing in future. The attendance officer will monitor pupil attendance and share concerns with the DSL and refer to the CME Officer at the local Authority in line with local procedures if a child is missing for more than 5 days.

Hurworth Primary School also recognises that in a home environment where there is domestic violence, drug or alcohol misuse or mental health issues children may also be vulnerable and in need of support and protection.

This policy MUST be read in conjunction with other related policies in school.

These include:

- A Robust School Recruitment and Selection Policy inclusive of safer recruitment guidance and regulation, for example a Single Central Record which demonstrates the pre-employment vetting checks for all staff (e.g. identity, professional qualifications, right to work in the UK, further checks on people who have lived or worked outside the UK including recording checks for those EEA teacher sanctions and restrictions), for the workforce who are in regulatory activity (enhanced DBS, children's/adult barred list, prohibition from teaching check, section 128 check for management positions) and supervision of those who don't meet this requirement.
- Clear recruitment procedures which embed keeping children safe across every aspect from vacancy to conditional appointments, induction and an on-going culture of vigilance.
- Trained panel members who ensure that the policy works in practice in all recruitment and selection within the school.
- School Staffing (England) Regulations 2009, Regulation 9: require governing bodies of maintained schools to ensure at least one member of a recruitment panel must undertake safer recruitment training to satisfy all requirements in the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019 and Working Together 2018. At Hurworth Primary School as an academy/free school we share this commitment.
- Schools Human Resourcesmanual or policies and procedures.
- Staff Behaviour Policy (code of conduct) Safer Recruitment Consortium Guidance for Safer Working Practices for those working with Young People in Education Settings, May 2019. The school will ensure that all staff and volunteers are aware of the need for maintaining appropriate and professional boundaries in their relationships with young people and agree to work within all policies and procedures to safeguard both children and adults.
- The school will ensure that staff and volunteers are aware that sexual relationships with pupils aged under 18 are unlawful and could result in legal proceedings being taken against them under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Abuse of Position of Trust).
- Behaviour & Discipline Policy inclusive of the Use of Reasonable Force/positive handling and confiscating and searching.
- Anti-Bullying Policy/Online Bullying Policy.
- Online Safety Policy inclusive of appropriate usage documentation (covering the use of mobile phones, cameras and all other technology within the school or setting)
- Inclusion & Special Education Needs Policy.

- The Schools Educational Visits/Off Site Policy (reviewed annually) reflects the consideration we give to the safeguarding of our children both within the school environment and when away from the school, when undertaking school trips, visits or pupils being creatively educated.
- Peer on Peer Abuse Policy.
- Photographic & Digital Imagery Policy with parental consent forms annually signed.
- Administration of Medicines Policy and procedures with trained staff who manage this.
- **Pupils with Medical Needs Policy** and implications for the workforce, pupils and partnership with parents.
- Attendance Management Policy school management for attendance and the partnership with the LA in reporting children missing from education and those deleted from the school's admission register. This includes the need for two emergency contact details for every pupil, where possible.
- **Missing Children Policy** inclusive of runaways, missing, and children missing from education, ensuring appropriate safeguarding responses.
- Complaints Policy
- Allegation Management Policy
- Confidentiality and Whistle Blowing Policy.
- Information Sharing Policy (internal and external exchange of information)
- Looked After Children Policy inclusive of named Looked After Teacher whose role is to champion the achievement of looked after children in your school and work closely with the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Virtual Headteacher within the LA who has responsibility for the LAC.
- Intimate Care and Care Plan Policy inclusive of procedure to support pupils who have an accident and either wet, soil or menstruate and need assistance.
- Unaccompanied Travel to and from school procedure to ensure pupils safety.
- Single Equality Scheme.
- Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Curriculum inclusive of Female Genital Mutilation, Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation, Mental Health and Well-being and Fundamental British Values.

This template was originally developed by members of CAPE (The National Group of Education Leads for Safeguarding and Child Protection across the North West/East). Sunderland City Council Education Safeguarding Team remodelled and adapted it to suit local/regional need. Between 2014-2019, this template was again revised in partnership with Pam Gartland: Safeguarding First Ltd to provide a guidance tool for schools in light of the new statutory DfE guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education.

It has been informed by the following legislation and national & local guidance

Children Act 1989/2004

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/31/contents

Darlington Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements http://www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk/

Data Protection Act 2018

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/contents/enacted

DfE Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2017 https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/596629/EYFS_STATUTORY_FRAMEWORK_2017.pdf

Education Act 2002 Section 175 www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/32/section/175

Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/3283/schedule/made

Equality Act 2010

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eguality-act-2010-guidance

General Data Protection Regulations, 2018

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/justice-and-fundamental-rights/data-protection/2018-reform-eu-data-protection-rules_en

Information Sharing: Advice for Practitioners providing safeguarding services https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice

Freedom of Information Act 2000

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/pdfs/ukpga_20000036_en.pdf

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-ineducation--2

Non-Maintained Special Schools (England) Regulations 2015 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/728/made

Public Sector Equality Duty Guidance for Schools in England https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/public-sector-equality-duty-quidance-schools-england

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/47/contents

School attendance: Guidance for schools

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance

Sexual Offences Act 2003

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/contents

Darlington Safeguarding Children Partnership http://www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk/

What to do if you are worried a child is being abused 2015 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419604/What to do if you re worried a child is being abused.pdf

Working together to safeguard children HM GOV (2018) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2

This Policy will be reviewed annually or in light of any changes in legislation and/or guidance. This policy will be updated by our School/Setting at any time that local solutions such as front door services in social care or the DO details change. This policy may also be amended following the annual review with staff where our School/Setting's procedures or practices may change following whole staff discussion or training, to ensure it is the most effective policy in keeping our children safe.

This policy must be ratified by the governing body signed/dated by both the Headteacher and Chair.

Whole-School Policy: Child Protection

Children and Young People

School: Hurworth Primary School

| Academic Year | Designated Safeguarding Lead | Deputy | Senior Board lead Safeguarding Governor |
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| 2018-2019 | Alison Maddison | Jo Passman | Kirsty Walker |
| 2019-2020 | Alison Maddison | Jo Passman | Kirsty Walker |

| Review Date | Changes made | Ratification Date by Governing Body |
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| September 2018 | Changes made in light of relevant changes to guidelines and procedures. | October 2018 |
| September 2019 | Changes made in light of relevant changes to guidelines and procedures. | October 2019 |

Appendix 1

| Abuse or | Link to Guidance/Advice | Source |
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| Safeguarding | | |
| Issue | | |
| Abuse | What to do if you're worried a child is being | DfE Advice |
| | <u>abused</u> | |
| | <u>Domestic abuse: Various Information/Guidance</u> | Home Office |
| | Faith based abuse: National Action Plan | DfE Advice |
| | Relationship Abuse: Disrespect Nobody | Home Office Website |
| Bullying | Preventing bullying, including cyberbullying | DfE Advice |
| Children and | Advice for 5-11 year olds witnesses in criminal | MoJ Advice |
| the courts | courts | |
| | Advice for 12-17 year olds witnesses in criminal | MoJ Advice |
| Ole il alara a | <u>courts</u> | DIE OLEVIER |
| Children | Children missing education | DfE Statutory |
| missing from education, | Child missing from home or core | Guidance DfE Statutory |
| home or care | Child missing from home or care | Guidance |
| nome or care | Children and adults missing strategy | Home Office Strategy |
| Children with | National information centre on Children of | Barnardo's in |
| family | Offenders | partnership with Her |
| members in | <u>Offeriders</u> | Majesty's Prison and |
| prison | | Probation Service |
| prisori | | (HMPPS) Advice |
| Child | County Lines: Criminal exploitation of children | Home Office |
| Exploitation | and vulnerable adults | Guidance |
| | Child sexual exploitation: Guide for practitioners | DfE Guidance |
| | Trafficking: Safeguarding children | DfE & HO Guidance |
| Drugs | Drugs: Advice for schools | DfE & ACPO Advice |
| | Drug strategy 2017 | Home Office Strategy |
| | Information and advice on drugs | Talk to Frank Website |
| | ADEPIS platform sharing information and | Website developed by |
| | resources for schools: Covering drug (& alcohol) | Mentor UK |
| | prevention | |
| 'Honour Based | Female genital mutilation: Information and | Home Office |
| Violence' | resources | |
| , , , | Female genital mutilation: Multi agency statutory | DfE, DH and HO |
| (so called) | guidance | Statutory Guidance |
| | Forced marriage: Information and practice | Foreign |
| | guidelines | Commonwealth Office |
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| Health and | Fabricated or induced illness: Safeguarding children | DfE, DH and Home Office |
| Well-being | | |
| | Rise Above: Free PSHE resources on health, wellbeing and resilience | Public Health England Resources |
| | Medical conditions: Supporting pupils at school | DfE Statutory |
| | wicalcal conditions. Supporting pupils at scribble | Guidance |
| | Mental health and behaviour | DfE Advice |
| Homelessness | Homelessness: How local authorities should | HCLG |
| 1 101110103311033 | exercise their functions | 11020 |
| Online | Sexting: Responding to incidents and | UK Council for Child |
| | safeguarding children | Internet Safety |
| Private | Private fostering: local authorities | DfE Statutory |
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| Fostering | | Guidance |
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| Radicalisation | Prevent duty guidance | Home Office |
| | | Guidance |
| | Prevent duty advice for schools | DfE Advice |
| | Educate against hate website | DfE & Home Office |
| Violence | Gangs and youth violence: For schools and | Home Office Advice |
| | colleges | |
| | Ending violence against women and girls 2016- | Home Office Strategy |
| | 2020 strategy | |
| | Violence against women and girls: National | Home Office |
| | statement of expectations for victims | Guidance |
| | Sexual violence and sexual harassment between | DfE Advice |
| | children in schools and colleges | |
| | Serious violence strategy | Home Office Strategy |
| | | |