

ST. PHILIP HOWARD
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



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St Philip Howard Catholic Voluntary Academy fully recognises its responsibilities for Child Protection and Safeguarding, this Policy sets out how the School/college will deliver these responsibilities.

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

‘Working Together to Safeguard Children’ (2015) which is statutory guidance to be read and followed by all those providing services for children and families, including those in education. The guidance is available via the following link:

<http://www.workingtogetheronline.co.uk/index.html>

“Keeping Children Safe in Education” (Sept 2016), which is the statutory guidance for Schools and Colleges. The guidance is available via the following link:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418686/Keeping_children_safe_in_education.pdf

Also on LID- (The Leaning in Derbyshire) website- **www.derbyshire.inthehive.net**

“What to Do if Worried a child is being Abused: Advice for Practitioners”.

March 2015. The guidance is available via the following link:

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

“Information Sharing: Advice for Practitioners providing Safeguarding Services to Children, Young People, Parents and Carers”. March 2015. The guidance is available via the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419628/Information_sharing_advice_safeguarding_practitioners.pdf

The Academy's Safeguarding Policy

Furthermore, we will follow the procedures set out by the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's Board: <http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

Prevent duties

The school will ensure all staff including governors and volunteers adhere to their duties in the Prevent guidance 2015 to prevent radicalisation. The Headteacher and Chair of Governors will:

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

This school will respond to any concern about Prevent as a Safeguarding concern and will report in the usual way using local Safeguarding procedures. We will seek to work in partnership, undertaking risk assessments where appropriate and proportionate to risk, building our children's resilience to radicalisation.

The school is committed to providing effective filtering systems and this will include monitoring the activities of children when on-line in school.

The School will use relevant forms to record any concerns, keeping records which will be treated as a Child Protection Record, storing them as appropriate.

Child Sexual Exploitation (Child Protection)

Risk factors may include;

- Going missing
- Engagement in offending
- Disengagement from education
- Using drugs or alcohol
- Unexplained gifts/money
- Repeat concerns about sexual health
- Decline in emotional wellbeing

All suspected or actual cases of CSE are a safeguarding concern in which Child Protection procedures will be followed; this will include a referral to the police. If any

staff are concerned about a pupil, they will refer to a Designated Safeguarding Lead within the School.

Female Genital Mutilation (Child Protection)

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

All suspected or actual cases of FGM are a Safeguarding concern in which Safeguarding procedures will be followed; this will include a referral to the police. If any staff are concerned about a pupil, they will refer to a Designated Safeguarding Lead within the School unless there is a good reason not to do so.

Signs may include:

- Days absent from school
- Not participating in Physical Education
- In pain/ has restricted movement/ frequent and long visits to the toilet/ broken limbs
- Confides that she is having a special procedure, cut or celebration
- Unauthorised and/or extended leave, vague explanation or plans for removal of a female in a high risk category especially over the summer period.
- Plans to take a holiday which may be unauthorised, unexplained or extended in a country known to practice FGM

Allegations of abuse against other children/ Peer on Peer abuse

We recognise that some children abuse other children or their peers; therefore, the reasons for this are complex and are often multi-faceted. We understand that we need as a school to have clear mechanisms and procedures in place to identify and report incidents or concerns. We aim to reduce this behaviour and any related incidents with an expectation to eliminate this conduct in the School.

Peer on peer abuse is a Safeguarding concern and will require a discussion with the Designated Safeguarding Lead/s who will seek advice from agencies and professionals including reference to the Safeguarding procedures as outlined by the local authority. This may mean a referral into the Police and Social Care. The School will consider and may apply disciplinary policy. The School will offer support to a victim.

We recognise peer on peer abuse can take some of these forms;

- Language seen as derogatory, demeaning, inflammatory
- Unwanted banter

- Sexual harassment
- Hate
- Homophobia
- Based on gender differences and orientation
- Based on difference

We are working hard as a school to be proactive and to challenge this type of abuse. We aim to use approaches in the curriculum to address and tackle peer on peer abuse.

The sending of indecent images from one person to another through Digital Media Devices

This School accepts that this is a Safeguarding concern and one that is increasing which requires a robust response. We will seek advice from outside agencies and professionals acknowledging that there are both national and local guidance that we need to adhere to in order to tackle the concerns and work in partnership with our agencies.

We will refer to:

Derby City & Derbyshire Children's Social Care Safeguarding Procedures chapter

http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_abuse_img_ch_ict.html?zoom_highlight=sexting

Derbyshire Police, interim guidance on 'Sexting' Version 3 June 2016

The DfE guidance 2014 on Searching Screening and Confiscation Advice for Schools

