

Al Khair Prep school Safeguarding Update

Autumn Term 2019



At Al Khair Prep School, we take the safeguarding of all children very seriously, we will be sending parents termly 'Safeguarding Updates'. Staff have clear roles and responsibilities relating to keeping children safe within our care. Whether this is related to supervising children safely at break times, ensuring our behaviour policy is fully implemented, carrying out health and safety checks, reminding families about road safety or undertaking risk assessments, we are always on high alert to ensure that every child is safe. Safeguarding encompasses everything that we do in school, so that children are safe, healthy and ready to learn.

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is a term that relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

At Al Khair Prep School we ensure that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that all staff, visitors, parents and carers understand their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe.



Keeping children safe in education

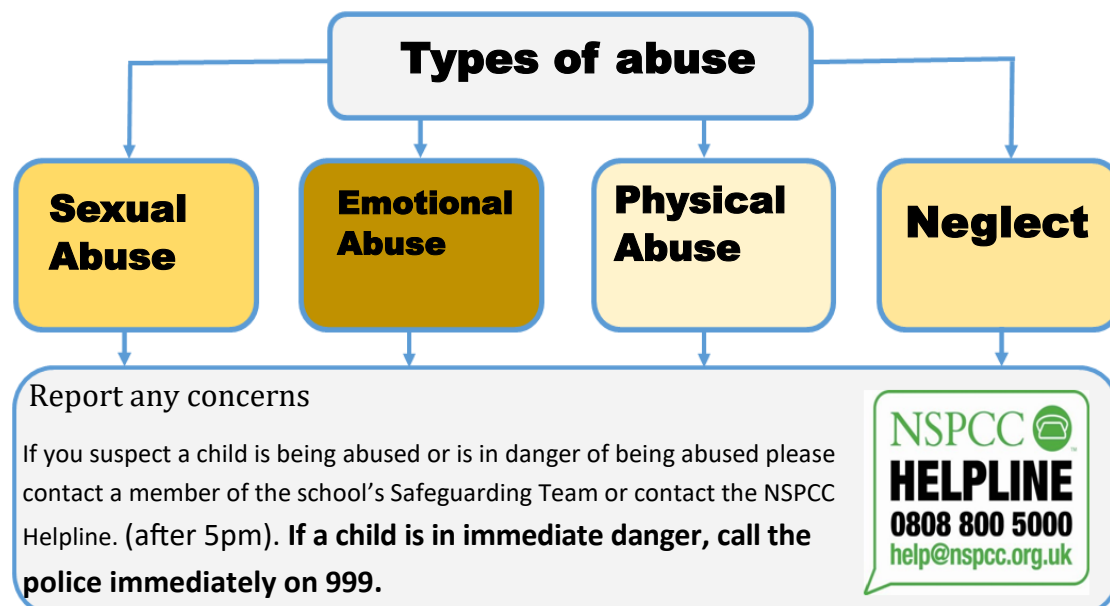
Statutory guidance for schools and colleges

September 2019

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) is a statutory Department for Education document which all schools must follow. It covers many aspects of safeguarding including different forms of abuse, Early Help, serious violence, FGM, peer-on-peer abuse, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school and the local authority. This term's safeguarding newsletter offers a guide to help parents/ carers understand key messages from KCSIE, 2019.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined 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; and
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



Early Help aims at providing support to families to prevent problems escalating into situations which may require social care intervention. KCSIE, 2019 states: "Any child may benefit from early help" to ensure a child's well being and development is maintained. The school will meet with parents/carers and other professionals outside of school (to formulate a plan to help meet the needs of a child. This plan will be reviewed regularly to monitor if a child's situation has improved or not.

County lines

County lines is when gangs groom and exploit children to carry drugs and money from urban Gangs exploit children even if consensual. Children are often groomed by gangs by giving them gifts and through the use of violence and intimidation. Children having new mobile phones, unexplained possessions and children going missing may indicate gang involvement.

Radicalisation

Children can be vulnerable to extremist ideology and radicalisation. Extremism is opposition to British values which include democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies. Radicalisation can occur in different places including on the internet. Prevent duty should be followed by school in order to help stop children being radicalised. Safeguarding procedures are followed when there are concerns.

Peer on peer abuse

Children can abuse other children. This can include: bullying (including cyberbullying), sexual violence, physical abuse, Read the Anti-bullying policy for how we prevent and deal with such situations

Visit the school's website for lots more information and all the relevant policies:

Al Khair Prep Safeguarding Team

If you are concerned about any child for any reason, contact the DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) as soon as possible, so we can help.

Speak to us.
We are hear
to listen

Do you need
someone to
talk to?

Do you need
Help?



Ms Almas Iqbal
DSL Manager



Ms Saher Iqbal
DSL Deputy



Ms Afra Asim
DSL Deputy



Ms Naveed Ahmed
DSL Deputy

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to listen

Tell someone if you
are worried

Keeping you safe

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“Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone’s** responsibility. **Everyone** who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times what is in the **best interests** of the child.” Page 4, KCSIE, 2019

Click the link below to read KCSIE, 2019 (Part 1)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/836144/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_part_1_2019.pdf

Al Khair Prep School

Phones must be kept out of sight and silent whilst on school premises. This is to protect the safety and well being of all children.



Mobiles Phones

At Al Khair Prep School the welfare and well-being of our pupils is paramount. The aim of the Mobile Phone Policy is to allow users to benefit from modern communication technologies, whilst promoting safe and appropriate practice through establishing clear and robust acceptable mobile user guidelines. This is achieved through balancing protection against potential misuse with the recognition that mobile phones are effective communication tools.

It is recognised that it is the enhanced functions of many mobile phones that cause the most concern, offering distractions and disruption to the working day, and which are most susceptible to misuse - including the taking and distribution of indecent images, exploitation and bullying. However as it is difficult to detect specific usage, this policy refers to ALL mobile communication devices.

Personal Mobiles - Pupils

We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils

to feel safe and secure. However we also recognise that they can prove a distraction in school and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others. Therefore:

- Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school or on trips
- If in the rare event of a parent wishing for his/her child to bring a mobile phone to school to contact the parent after school:
 - the parent must discuss the issue first with their child's teacher.
 - the phone must be handed in, switched off, to the office first thing in the morning and collected from them by the child at home time (the phone is left at the owner's own risk).
- Mobile phones brought to school without permission will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, then the head teacher does have the power to intervene 'to such an extent as it is reasonable to regulate the behaviour of pupils when they are off the school site' - refer to the Anti-Bullying Policy.

Volunteers, Visitors, Governors and Contractors

All Volunteers, Visitors, Governors and Contractors are expected to follow our mobile phone policy as it relates to staff whilst on the premises. On arrival, such visitors will be informed of our expectations around the use of mobile phones.

Parents

Parents are requested not to use their mobile phones while in school. Phones should be on silent and out of sight.

We do however allow parents to photograph or video school events such as shows or sports days using their mobile phones – **but insist that parents do not publish images (e.g. on social networking sites) that include any children other than their own.**

The full Mobile Phone Policy is available on request.