



## Littledean Church of England Primary School

### Our Offer of Early Help

Littledean C of E Primary School will use the procedures and guidance set out in the 'Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Handbook for DSL in Educational Settings'.  
[www.gscb.org.uk](http://www.gscb.org.uk)

Through this, we will follow the guidance from the DFE 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2018.

Our school will use the Graduated Pathway of Early Help and Support and Gloucestershire's Levels of Intervention guidance to keep children safe and to help determine the level of support needed for children and families. We will intervene as early as possible to prevent families and pupils reaching crisis point and the need for statutory intervention.

We will also seek advice from our Early Help Co-Ordinator (Viv Kendall), Community Social Worker (Sylvia Dolan) and/or the Front Door Practitioners Advice Line (01452 426565 option 3) and refer to Early Help or Social Care where appropriate.

To access information on Gloucestershire's Offer of Early Help visit  
[www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)

The school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy need to be read in conjunction with this document.

#### **Universal source of Early Help for all families in Gloucestershire:**

Gloucestershire Family Information Service (FIS) – advisors give impartial information on childcare, finances, parenting and education. FIS are a useful source of information for parents and professionals. They support families, children and young people aged 0-19 years of age (25 for young people with additional needs) and professionals working with those families. They can help to link parents up with other organisations that might help or provide information themselves e.g. signposting to holiday clubs across Gloucestershire.

Contact the FIS by emailing [familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01452 427362. FIS also have a website which has a wealth of information  
[www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)

#### **Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board (GSCB):**

<http://www.gscb.org.uk>

Important information for parents and professionals across Gloucestershire in regards to keeping children safe and avenues of support including Early Help options.

**As a school:**

- We will provide a supportive caring ethos where children are treated as individuals and their difficulties treated sensitively.
- We will build positive relationships with parents so they feel able to ask for help.
- We will provide opportunities for children to express their concerns.
- We will keep written logs, where there may be a slight concern, so that any patterns can be identified and tackled before things escalate, through our online record keeping system 'My Concern'.
- We, as a staff, will talk to each other to ensure we have a full picture of any difficulties a family might be facing.
- We will use our school Family Support Worker (Suzanne Webb) to help identify children's needs and contribute to their My Plan/My Plan+ as part of the Graduated Pathway of Early Help and Support.
- We will call in external agencies, including Family Lives, Teens in Crisis, Domestic Abuse Support, Winston's Wish, Toucan, Behaviour Support to provide early intervention and support.
- Staff are aware of the escalation policy and would use this if they felt the need.

**Our school will support all children by raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of:**

1. Child sexual exploitation (CSE)
  - We will use the Gloucestershire constabulary CSE screening tool as a check list, if we have any concerns
  - We will raise awareness through the Pink PSHE Curriculum
  - We will contact the Front Door (Children's Helpdesk) 01452 426565 and send completed screening tool directly to them.
  - Awareness of useful websites: Barnardos, Pace UK
2. Children missing in Education
  - We will work with the missing persons co-ordinator by contacting Gloucestershire Police on contact 101
  - We will use the GCC Protocol on Partnership working when children and young people run away and go missing from home or care
  - We will contact the LA if a pupil does not attend school after 10 consecutive days and we have concerns of their wellbeing.
  - The school administrator will contact the parents/carers by 9:30am, if we have an unexplained absence
3. Bullying including cyber bullying
  - We will listen to the voice of the child

- Being a School where children understand that it is right to ask for help if they are in trouble or worried about bullying, abuse or any other concern. We are a “TELLING” school.
- We will be proactive in dealing with any accusations or incidents of bullying
- Responding to non-verbal communication such as anti-social behaviour
- We will use sections of the CEOP resources as part of the teaching resources to raise awareness of on-line bullying
- Parents are invited to parent awareness session led by CEOP trained representatives
- CPO visits in all classes to discuss all forms of bullying (age appropriate to the year groups)
- Pupils raised awareness of Child Line 0800 1111
- Our children attend events and performance such as : in the net/Click

#### 4. Domestic Abuse

- We will listen to the voice of the child
- Completion of DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Harassment) Risk Assessment where appropriate
- Referral made to the Front Door via the online portal and completion of a MARF (**M**ulti **A**gency **R**eferral **F**orm) who will then refer to safeguarding professionals working within the Gloucestershire Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).
- Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse support Service [www.gdass.org.uk](http://www.gdass.org.uk) 0845 602 9035
- DARF was developed in order to provide a multi-agency response to referrals of domestic abuse where children are involved.
- Contact Strategic County Domestic abuse and Sexual Violence Co-ordinator [sophie.jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sophie.jarrett@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk) Contact 101
- Monitor attendance
- Attend TAC/TAF meetings
- Understanding of MARAC (Multi-agency risk assessment conference)
- Working towards the LA implementation of Operation Encompass

#### 5. Drugs

- InfoBuzz provides individual targeted support around drugs and emotional health issues, development of personal and social skills and information and support around substance misuse.  
[www.infobuzz.org.uk](http://www.infobuzz.org.uk)

#### 6. Fabricated or induced illness

- For information on behaviours and motivation visit  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Fabricated-or-induced-illness/>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-in-whom-illness-is-fabricated-or-induced>

7. Faith abuse

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-action-plan-to-tackle-child-abuse-linked-to-faith-or-belief>

8. Female genital mutilation (FGM)

- DSL's and other members of staff will complete the on-line Home Office training – e modules
- Staff aware of FGM
- We have a legal duty to refer any concerns to Gloucestershire Police
- We will raise awareness through the GHLL Pink Curriculum
- We will contact Children's Helpdesk or the LADO Nigel Hatten
- Attendance of pupils is monitored

9. Forced marriage

- We are all aware that it is illegal and a form of abuse
- Staff will report concerns
- Attendance of pupils will be monitored
- Refer to the Police, Social Care or Forced Marriage Unit as appropriate
- Forced Marriage Unit – 020 7008 0151

10. Gangs and youth violence

- Pupils will complete the GHLL online pupil survey which will inform the school of any issues
- Contact the Avenger Task Force at Gloucestershire Police - 101

11. Mental health

- Our values each term will promote respect, emotional intelligence, resilience, perseverance, trust and compassion
- The pupils will complete the GHLL biannual on-line pupil survey so that we are informed of any worries or concerns our pupils have.
- We will discuss concerns through the GHLL Pink Curriculum
- Our SMSC policy will promote health and wellbeing
- We receive alerts from GCSB and GHLL
- Staff will attend GHLL training
- Our Family Support Worker supports our vulnerable pupils
- Referrals to relevant professionals e.g. CYPS/Social Care/School Nurse

12. Private fostering

- A private arrangement between a child's parent and the foster parents. Children are privately fostered if they live with someone for 28 days or more, or are placed with the intention that they will stay for 28 days or more
- The law requires the private foster carer to notify the Local Authority of the agreement at least 6 weeks before the arrangement or within 48 hours of the child's arrival if it is an emergency placement
- If our school becomes aware of a private fostering arrangement, we will contact the Front Door (01452 426565) to ensure that the LA have been notified

- [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering) - 01452 425320 - [private.fostering@gloucstershire.gov.uk](mailto:private.fostering@gloucstershire.gov.uk)

### 13. Preventing Radicalisation

- From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 we are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, to have a due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.
- DFE Advice for schools on the Prevent Duty: all staff will read
- SLT have completed the on-line prevent training to raise awareness
- HT has attended training form Channel/DFE
- Teaching of British values and our school ethos and values will raise awareness in pupils
- We would contact the Prevent Lead for GCC
- Prevent: Notice, Check, Share
- Follow the Prevent referral process which can be found on the GSCB website
- Gloucestershire Police: [Adam.large@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Adam.large@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

### 14. Sexting

- Included as part of the safeguarding policies for staff and pupils
- Juniors are made aware of this through PHSE and IT safety teaching
- [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

### 15. Trafficking

- We will make an immediate referral to Social Care and also contact the Police if there is evidence of a crime having been committed
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-who-may-have-been-trafficked-practice-guidance>

All staff can refer to Littledean C of E Primary School's Safeguarding Policy for a list of signs or risk indicators to help them recognise the signs of child abuse:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse (including Domestic abuse)
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect

This policy is to be reviewed annually.

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