

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

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Introduction

The symptoms of child abuse may not always be visible as not all injuries are in the form of a physical injury. The main categories of abuse have been defined as: physical, neglect, sexual and emotional.

The Aims of the Policy are:

- To create and maintain a safe environment for our students
- To manage situations where there are child welfare concerns

The Policy is implemented by:

- The curriculum raising students' awareness of the dangers and building up their resilience
- Creating an ethos within the school which helps students to feel secure and believe that they will be listened to
- Training staff in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse
- Structured procedures to be followed by all staff in cases of suspected abuse
- A system of monitoring students thought to be at risk
- Good communication between staff, and with related agencies, over concerns about students

Supplements:

- www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/familyandcommunity/childprotection/
- www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/IG00182
- www.dfes.gov.uk

References

- Child Protection Procedure
- Selection of Advice and Guidance from the Children's Act
- HM Government 'What to do if you're worried a child is being abused flow chart'
- Information Sheet for Staff