

When and what might I be concerned about?

You might be concerned about information which suggests a child is being neglected or experiencing physical, emotional or sexual harm.

You may observe physical signs, notice changes in the child's behaviour or presentation, pick up signs of emotional distress or have a child disclose a harmful experience to you.

Harm to a child can be caused by:

- A parent/carer
- A family member/friend
- Another child
- A stranger
- A member of staff/volunteer

What should I do if a child discloses that s/he is being harmed?

1. Listen

Listen carefully to what is being said to you, do not interrupt.

2. Reassure

Reassure the pupil that it is not their fault. Stress that it was the right thing to tell. Be calm, attentive and non-judgemental. Do not promise to keep what is said a secret. Ask non-leading questions e.g. (who, what, when, why and how) to clarify if necessary.

Then follow the steps in the flowchart to the right.

The information you have may not be enough on its own for a Child Protection referral, however it will help your DSL to make a decision about risk of harm to the child.

What must I do?

Share your concerns verbally with the Designated Safeguarding Lead /Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead without delay.

(or Chair of Governors where appropriate)



Make a written record (always using the child's own words), sign and date it.



Pass the written record to the DSL/DDSL/DSG/Chair (where appropriate) without delay.

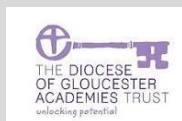
What should I do if the alleged abuser is a member of staff working with children?

If your concern is about a staff member or volunteer, you should report this to the most senior person not implicated in the concern, so in most cases the Head Teacher. If, however your concern is about the Head Teacher, you should report this to the Chair of Governors. Contact details can be found within this leaflet. The senior person will then contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on 01452 426994 for a discussion.

How do I ensure my behaviour is always appropriate?

Please ask at the office for school guidance regarding Safer Working Practice. The DCSF have produced guidance entitled “Safer Working Practices for Adults who work with Children and Young People in Education Settings” (2019) which can be found on the GSCP website

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp/>



CONTACTS

The school has a Child Protection Policy available to view on the School Website <http://www.amberleyschool.co.uk/> kept in the School Office and promoted on the Safeguard Board in the Staffroom.

In line with this, regardless of the source of harm, you must report your concern.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

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Mrs Samantha Russell

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Designated Safeguarding Governor (DSG)

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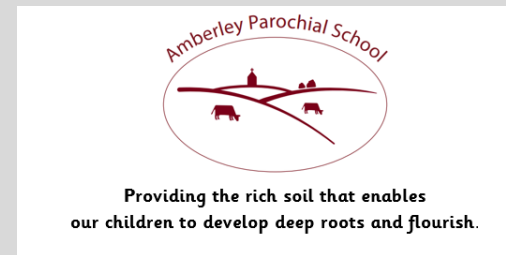
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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT
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2023 – 2024**



**QUICK REFERENCE FOR NEW SCHOOL STAFF
OR VOLUNTEERS**

Everyone in the education services shares an objective to help keep children and young people safe by contributing to:

Providing a safe environment, identifying children and young people who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm and taking appropriate action.

This leaflet has been given to you to make sure you understand what is expected of you, please seek advice from your Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for Child Protection if you are unclear about anything in this leaflet and keep it in a safe place.

