



CHS South

S017

Safeguarding Policy

(Incorporating Child Protection)

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The Trust Board has responsibility for the operation of all schools/academies and the outcomes of all students however responsibility is delegated to the Local Governing Body of each school via the Scheme of Delegation.

Within our policies reference to:

- Governing Body / Governors relates to the members of the Local Governing Body representing the Trust Board.
- School includes reference to school, academy or free school unless otherwise stated.
- Headteacher includes reference to Headteacher, Principal or Head of School of the school, academy or free school.

1. INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1. This policy has been developed to ensure that all adults in CHS South are working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- 1.2. This policy describes the management systems and arrangements in place to create and maintain a safe learning environment for all our children, young people and staff. It identifies actions that should be taken to redress any concerns about child safety and welfare including protecting students and staff from extremist views, vocal or active, which are opposed to fundamental British values. All opinions or behaviours which are contrary to these fundamental values and the ethos of the school will be vigorously challenged.
- 1.3. The Headteacher, or in their absence, the authorised member of senior staff, has the ultimate responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.
- 1.4. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people goes beyond implementing basic child protection procedures. It is an integral part of all activities, functions, culture and ethos of CHS South. This policy complements and supports other relevant school and Local Authority policies.
- 1.5. Under the Education Act 2002 schools/settings have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of their students and, in accordance with guidance set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children Feb 2017 and 'Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2018', CHS South will work in partnership with other organisations where appropriate to identify any concerns about child welfare and take action to address them.

2. ETHOS:

- 2.1. CHS South aims to create and maintain a safe learning environment where all children and adults feel safe, secure and valued and know they will be listened to and taken seriously. Our school is committed to the principles outlined in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' Feb 2017 and implements policies, practices and procedures which promote safeguarding and the emotional and physical well-being of children, young people and staff.
- 2.2. In line with the principles outlined in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2018' the ethos at CHS South ensures that

“Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone’s responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals 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”.
- 2.3. The school is committed to supporting the delivery of effective early help through multi-agency working, a consistent application of the thresholds and the use of a single agency assessment. The Manchester Early Help Strategy is embedded into everyday practice and procedures when responding to children’s needs and signposts children and families to appropriate preventative services. The children have access to appropriate curriculum opportunities, including emotional health and well-being, to support the development of the skills needed to help them stay safe and healthy, develop their self-esteem and

understand the responsibilities of adult life, particularly in regard to child care and parenting skills.

- 2.4. Access to cross-curricular activities will provide opportunities to develop self-esteem and self-motivation and to help students respect the rights of others, particularly those groups who may be considered a minority.
- 2.5. CHS South will exercise diligence and prevent any organisation or speaker from using the school's facilities to disseminate extremist views or radicalise students and staff.

3. THE CURRICULUM:

- 3.1. All children have access to an appropriate curriculum which is broad, balanced and differentiated to meet their needs. This enables them to learn to develop the necessary skills to build self-esteem, respect others, defend those in need, resolve conflict without resorting to violence, question and challenge and to make informed choices in later life.
- 3.2. Children and young people are encouraged to express and discuss their ideas, thoughts and feelings through a variety of activities and have access to a range of cultural opportunities which promote the fundamental British values of tolerance, respect, understanding and empathy for others. There is access to a range of extra-curricular activities, information and materials from a diversity of sources which not only promotes these values but supports the social, spiritual, moral well-being and physical and mental health of the students.
- 3.3. Personal Health and Social Education, Citizenship and Religious Education lessons will provide opportunities for children and young people to discuss and debate a range of subjects including lifestyles, forced marriage, family patterns, religious beliefs and practices and human rights issues.
- 3.4. CHS South takes account of the latest advice and guidance provided to help address specific vulnerabilities and forms of exploitation e.g. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Radicalisation and Extremism, Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation.
- 3.5. All students know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach in confidence if they are in difficulty or feeling worried and that their concerns will be taken seriously and treated with respect.

4. ATTENDANCE & EXCLUSIONS:

- 4.1. CHS South views attendance as a safeguarding issue and in accordance with the school's Attendance Policy, absences are rigorously pursued and recorded. The school, in partnership with the appropriate agencies, takes action to pursue and address all unauthorised absences in order to safeguard the welfare of children and young people in its care.
- 4.2. The Attendance Policy identifies how individual cases are managed and how we work proactively with parents/carers to ensure that they understand why attendance is important. In certain cases this may form part of the Early Help Strategy or a Parenting Contract.

- 4.3. We implement the statutory requirements in terms of monitoring and reporting children missing education (CME) and off-rolling and understand how important this practice is in safeguarding children and young people.
- 4.4. The school will only place young people in alternative educational provision which is a registered provider and has been quality assured. Young people who require access to alternative provision will have a personalised learning plan designed to meet their needs. Their attendance will be monitored by CHS South in accordance with the School Register Regulations.
- 4.5. The designated person will be informed when a fixed term or permanent exclusion is being discussed and any safeguarding issues will be considered. Where it is felt that a child or young person is likely to be permanently excluded a multi-agency assessment will be instigated to ensure that there is improved understanding of the needs of the young person and their family and that the key agencies are involved.

5. KEEPING RECORDS:

- 5.1. CHS South will keep and maintain up to date information on children on the school roll including where and with whom the child is living, attainment, attendance, referrals to and support from other agencies. The school record will also include a chronology of any other significant events in a child's life.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

6.1. The Headteacher of CHS South will ensure that:

- The policies and procedures adopted by the Trust Board to safeguard and promote the welfare of students are fully implemented and followed by all staff including volunteers.
- Safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers is practiced.
- A Designated Senior Member of staff for child protection is identified and receives appropriate on-going training, support and supervision.
- Sufficient time and resources are made available to enable the designated member of staff to discharge their responsibilities, including attending inter-agency meetings, contributing to the assessment of children and young people, supporting colleagues and delivering training as appropriate.
- All staff and volunteers receive appropriate training which is regularly updated.
- All temporary staff and volunteers are made aware of the school's safeguarding policy and arrangements.
- All staff and volunteers feel safe about raising concerns about poor or unsafe practice in regard to the safeguarding and welfare of the children and young people and such concerns will be addressed sensitively and effectively.
- Parents/carers are aware of and have an understanding of the school's responsibilities to promote the safety and welfare of its students by making its obligations clear in the school prospectus and website information.
- The Safeguarding Policy is available on the school's web-site.
- The school co-operates with appropriate agencies and risk based approaches to ensure young people are safeguarded against any potential grooming activities which

may attempt to draw them into harmful activities e.g. CSE, radicalisation and extremism.

6.2. The Governing Body of the school will ensure that:

- A member of the Governing Body is identified as the designated governor for Safeguarding and receives appropriate training. The identified governor will provide the Governing Body with appropriate information about safeguarding and will liaise with the designated member of staff.
- A senior member of the school's leadership team is designated to take lead responsibility for safeguarding within the school.
- The school's safeguarding policy is regularly reviewed and updated and the school complies with local safeguarding procedures.
- The school operates safe recruitment and selection practices including appropriate use of references and checks on new staff and volunteers.
- Procedures are in place for dealing with allegations of abuse against members of staff and volunteers and these are in line with 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and Local Authority procedures.
- All staff, including temporary staff, and volunteers who have regular contact with children and young people receive appropriate training and information about the school's safeguarding processes as part of induction.
- The school co-operates with appropriate agencies and risk based approaches to ensure young people are safeguarded against any potential grooming activities which may attempt to draw them into harmful activities e.g. CSE, radicalisation and extremism.

6.3. The Designated Senior Member of Staff for Child Protection has a specific responsibility for championing the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people registered in the school. The Designated Person will:

- Act as the first point of contact with regards to all safeguarding matters.
- Attend up-dated training every two years
- Provide relevant information to the LA on how the school carries out its safeguarding duties.
- Provide support and training for staff and volunteers
- Ensure that the school's actions are in line with the Manchester Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Safeguarding Inter-Agency Procedures. (Guidance on these procedures may be found on the MSCB website at www.manchestersafeguardingboards.co.uk)
- Support staff to make effective referrals to the Children and Families Services, Channel and any other agencies where there are concerns about the welfare of a child.
- Keep copies of all referrals to Children and Families Services and any other agencies related to safeguarding children.
- Ensure that all staff and volunteers receive information on safeguarding policies and procedures from the point of induction.
- Ensure that any staff with specific responsibility for safeguarding children receive the appropriate training to undertake this role.
- Manage and keep secure the school's safeguarding records.

- Ensure that all staff and volunteers understand and are aware of the school's reporting and recording procedures and are clear about what to do if they have a concern about a child.
- Regularly raise awareness of key safeguarding issues; ensuring that the school's approach is known, understood and applied consistently by all staff.
- Liaise with the Headteacher about any safeguarding issues.
- Ensure that the Safeguarding Policy is regularly reviewed and up-dated.
- Keep up to date with changes in local policy and procedures and are aware of any guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE) concerning safeguarding.
- Ensure their skills and knowledge is kept up to date to allow them to understand and relevant developments.
- Send a student's child protection or safeguarding file separately from the main file to a new establishment if a student leaves the school, keeping a copy of the file. In the event of a planned transition consideration should be given as to sharing appropriate information in advance to allow for advanced planning of appropriate support for the individual.

7. SAFE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF STAFF:

- 7.1. The school's recruitment and selection policies and processes adhere to the DfE guidance set out in "Keeping Children Safe in Education" (September 2018).
- 7.2. The Headteacher and governing body will ensure that all staff and volunteers in supplementary schools using the mainstream school site will have been vetted and checked.

8. WORKING WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

- 8.1. CHS South has effective links with other relevant agencies, for example, the Local Authority (LA), Children's Social Care, Channel, GMP, NHS and the MSCB and co-operates as required with any enquiries regarding child protection issues. The school will notify the LA District Team if:
- A child subject to a child protection plan is about to be permanently excluded.
 - There is an unexplained absence of a student who is subject to a child protection of more than two days from school.
 - It has been agreed as part of any child protection plan or child in need plan.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFORMATION SHARING:

- 9.1. Staff members ensure that confidentiality protocols are followed and information is shared appropriately. The Headteacher or Designated Member of Staff discloses any information about a student to other members of staff on a need to know basis only.
- 9.2. All staff and volunteers must understand that they have a professional responsibility to share information with other agencies in order to safeguard children. All staff and volunteers must be clear with children that they cannot promise to keep secrets.

10. TRAINING FOR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:

- 10.1. All staff will be made aware of the school's safeguarding systems as part of their induction.
- 10.2. All staff will receive appropriate child protection training which includes the following:
 - Basic safeguarding information about the school's policies and procedures,
 - Signs and symptoms of abuse (emotional and physical),
 - Indicators of vulnerability to radicalisation,
 - How to manage a disclosure from a child as well as when and how to record a concern about the welfare of a child.
- 10.3. In accordance with "Keeping Children Safe in Education – September 2018" all staff will receive training at induction. The Designated Person for Safeguarding will receive refresher training every two years. All staff will receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection training which is regularly updated. This will be coordinated and monitored by the Designated Person
- 10.4. All staff will be supported to recognise warning signs and symptoms in relation to specific safeguarding issues and will receive training or briefings on for example, Guns and Gangs, Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation, Honour Based Violence, Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking and Preventing Violent Extremism.

11. RECORDING AND REPORTING CONCERNS:

- 11.1. **All staff, volunteers and visitors have a responsibility to report any concerns about the welfare and safety of a child and all such concerns must be taken seriously.** If a concern arises all staff, volunteers and visitors must:
 - Speak to the Designated Person or the person who acts in their absence
 - Agree with this person what action should be taken, by whom and when it will be reviewed
 - Record the concern using the school's safeguarding recording system

12. INFORMING PARENTS/CARERS:

- 12.1. Our approach to working with parents/carers is one of transparency and honesty and our responsibility is to safeguard and promote the welfare of all the children in our care. We aim to do this in partnership with our parents/carers. In most cases parents and carers will be informed when concerns are raised about the safety and welfare of their child. Parents and carers should be given the opportunity to address any concerns raised.
- 12.2. Parents and carers will be informed if a referral is to be made to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) or any other agency.
- 12.3. Parents/carers will not be informed if it is believed that by doing so would put the child at risk. In such cases the Designated Person or Headteacher will seek advice from the First Response Team.

13. EARLY HELP

- 13.1. Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges at any point of a child's life. All staff should be prepared to identify children who may benefit from early help.
- 13.2. Any child may benefit from early help, but all school and college staff should be particularly alert to the potential need for early help for a child who:
- is disabled and has specific additional needs;
 - has special educational needs (whether or not they have a statutory education, health and care plan);
 - is a young carer;
 - is showing signs of being drawn in to anti-social or criminal behaviour, including gang involvement and association with organised crime groups;
 - is frequently missing/goes missing from care or from home;
 - is misusing drugs or alcohol themselves;
 - Is at risk of modern slavery, trafficking or exploitation;
 - is in a family circumstance presenting challenges for the child, such as substance abuse, adult mental health problems or domestic abuse;
 - has returned home to their family from care;
 - is showing early signs of abuse and/or neglect;
 - is at risk of being radicalised or exploited;
 - is a privately fostered child.
- 13.3. Where a child would benefit from coordinated early help an early help interagency assessment should be made. The Safeguarding Team take a lead in the training and development of early help processes in the school and are able to support pastoral staff with this process.

14. SPECIFIC SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

- 14.1. All members of staff should have an awareness of wider safeguarding issues, some of which are listed below.
- Bullying, including cyber-bullying
 - Child missing education
 - Child missing from home or care
 - Child sexual exploitation (CSE)
 - Domestic violence
 - Drugs
 - Fabricated or induced illness
 - Faith abuse
 - Female genital mutilation (FGM)
 - Forced marriage
 - Gangs and youth violence
 - Gender-based violence/Violence against women and girls
 - Hate
 - Mental health

- Missing children and adults strategy
- Previously Looked After Children
- Private fostering
- Radicalisation
- Relationship abuse
- Sexting
- Trafficking

14.2. Additional training is provided on these issues by the Safeguarding team at regularly intervals to staff, and staff should feel that they can seek out additional guidance at any time from the team

15. DOMESTIC ABUSE:

- 15.1. The school is aware that children and young people's development, as well as their social and emotional resilience, is affected by many factors including exposure to domestic abuse within the family situation and is a safeguarding issue.
- 15.2. Children and young people react to domestic abuse in similar ways to other types of abuse and trauma.
- 15.3. Information about Domestic Abuse and its effect upon children and young people will be incorporated into staff Safeguarding and Child Protection training and briefings and the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection's Policies and Procedures will be used to protect children and young people exposed to, and at risk from, domestic abuse.
- 15.4. Any child or young person thought to be at immediate risk will be reported without delay to the police service as a 999 emergency and the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) will be contacted as soon as possible.

16. FORCED MARRIAGE:

- 16.1. Forced Marriage became a criminal offence in June 2014. It is a form of child, adult and domestic abuse and, in line with statutory guidance, is treated as such by this school. The school is sensitive to differing family patterns and lifestyles and child-rearing patterns that vary across different racial, ethnic and cultural groups. Child abuse cannot be condoned for religious or cultural reasons.
- 16.2. Information about Forced Marriage will be incorporated into staff Safeguarding and Child Protection training and briefings and the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies will be used to protect a victim or potential victim of forced marriage.
- 16.3. If a case of forced marriage is suspected it will be viewed as a safeguarding concern, parents and carers will not be approached or involved about a referral to any other agencies.

17. FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION:

- 17.1. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is illegal in the United Kingdom and is a violation of human rights of girls and women. Information on FGM will be incorporated into staff Safeguarding and Child Protection training and briefings.

- 17.2. Any concerns that a young person may be at risk of FGM will be referred to the appropriate safeguarding agencies. From 2015 teachers have a mandatory duty to report any 'known' cases of FGM. Any concerns regarding students who are at risk or suspected cases of FGM should be referred to the safeguarding team.

18. PREVENTING RADICALISATION and VIOLENT EXTREMISM:

- 18.1. CHS South values the fundamental rights of freedom of speech, expression of beliefs and ideology and tolerance of others which are the core values of our democratic society. However, all rights come with responsibilities and free speech or beliefs designed to manipulate the vulnerable or which advocate harm or hatred towards others will not be tolerated. CHS South seeks to protect its students and staff from all messages and forms of violent extremism and ideologies including those linked to, but not restricted, to the following: Far Right/Neo Nazi, White Supremacist ideology, Extremist Islamist ideology, Irish Nationalist and Loyalist paramilitary groups and extremist Animal Rights groups.
- 18.2. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act, which came into force on 1 July 2015, requires schools, to "have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism". This is known as the 'Prevent duty'. CHS South is clear that exploitation and radicalisation will be viewed as a safeguarding concern and will be referred to the appropriate safeguarding agencies.

19. E-SAFETY:

- 19.1. CHS South has Digital Learning & Safety Policy which recognises that E-safety is a safeguarding issue not an ICT issue. The purpose of internet use in school is to help raise educational standards, promote student achievement, and support the professional work of staff as well as enhance the school's management information and business administration.
- 19.2. The internet is an essential element in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction and CHS South has a duty to provide children and young people with quality access as part of their learning experience.
- 19.3. It is the duty of CHS South to ensure that every child and young person in its care is safe and this applies equally to the 'virtual' or digital world.
- 19.4. CHS South will ensure that appropriate filtering methods are in place to ensure that students are safe from all types of inappropriate and unacceptable materials, including terrorist and extremist material.

20. PEER ON PEER ABUSE

- 20.1. All staff should be aware safeguarding issues can manifest themselves via peer-on-peer abuse. This is most likely to include, but not limited to:
- bullying (including cyberbullying);
 - physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm;
 - sexual violence and sexual harassment;

- sexting (also known as youth produced sexual imagery); and
- initiation/hazing type violence and rituals.

20.2. The school's Life Skills/PHSE curriculum and pastoral support addresses awareness to help prevent issues; for example, issues of consent or sexting. Any aspect of peer on peer abuse will not be tolerated at CHS South and needs to be addressed by staff. It must not be passed off as "banter". Staff should be vigilant in reporting and supporting students using the school's regular policies and procedures with regards to each issue.

21.PRIVATE FOSTERING:

21.1. Some parents choose to make a private arrangement for their child (under 16 or under 18 if child is disabled) to be cared for by someone other than a close relative or guardian for more than 28 days. CHS South has a duty of care to ensure that the Local Authority is informed of this agreement in this case.

22.CHILDREN MISSING FROM EDUCATION:

22.1. Schools should put in place appropriate safeguarding responses to children who go missing from education, particularly on repeat occasions, to help identify the risk of abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse or exploitation, and to help prevent the risks of their going missing in future.

22.2. The school has a system of 'First day absence calling' which is in place for all children however all staff should be vigilant regarding children who do not attend school, even for short periods and alert any concerns to the safeguarding team.

22.3. The school will endeavour to hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil or student (we ask parents/carers for three). This goes beyond the legal minimum and is good practice to give us additional options to make contact with a responsible adult when a child missing education is also identified as a welfare and/or safeguarding concern.

22.4. The school follows the statutory guidance for children missing education and the Manchester LA Children Missing From Education protocols.

23.CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES AND CORE GROUP MEETINGS:

23.1. Members of staff are likely to be asked to attend a child protection conference or other relevant core group meetings about an individual student and will need to have as much relevant updated information about the child as possible. A child protection conference will be held if it is considered that the child/children are suffering or at risk of significant harm.

23.2. All reports for a child protection conference should be prepared in advance of the meeting and will include information about the child's physical, emotional, intellectual

development and well-being as well as relevant family related issues. This information will be shared with the parents/carers.

24. MANAGING ALLEGATIONS AND CONCERNS AGAINST STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:

- 24.1. The school follows the government guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' – September 2018 when dealing with allegations made against staff and volunteers.
- 24.2. All allegations made against a member of staff and volunteers, including contractors or security staff working on site, will be dealt with quickly and fairly and in a way that provides effective protection for the child while at the same time providing support for the person against whom the allegation is made.

25. COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS BY STUDENTS, STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS:

- 25.1. Any concern or expression of disquiet made by a child will be listened to seriously and acted upon as quickly as possible to safeguard his or her welfare.
- 25.2. We will make sure that the child or adult who has expressed the concern or made the complaint will be informed not only about the action to be taken but also where possible about the length of time required to resolve the complaint. We will endeavour to keep the child or adult informed about the progress of the complaint/expression of concern.

26. SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS:

- 26.1. The Manchester Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) will always undertake a serious case review when a child or young person dies (including death by suicide) and abuse or neglect is known or suspected to be a factor in their death. The purpose of the serious case review is to:
 - Find out if there are any lessons to be learnt from the case about how local professionals and agencies work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
 - Identify what those lessons are, how they will be acted on and what is expected to change as a result of the serious case review.
 - Improve inter-agency working to better safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- 26.2. If required CHS South will provide an individual management report for a serious case review and will cooperate fully with implementing outcomes of the review including reviewing policy, practice and procedures as required.

27. VISITORS:

- 27.1. All visitors, including visiting speakers, are subject to the school's safeguarding protocols while on site and will be supervised at all times.
- 27.2. All staff must ensure that they implement the school's Visiting Speakers Policy when arranging for external visitors to come into school to work with / speak to children.

28. BOOKINGS:

- 28.1. CHS South operates a responsible booking protocol and will carry out appropriate checks and will exercise due diligence to prevent an organisation or speaker from using the school's facilities to disseminate extremist views or radicalize students or staff.

29. CONCERNS ABOUT SAFEGUARDING PRACTICE WITHIN SCHOOL:

- 29.1. All staff and volunteers should feel able to raise concerns about poor or unsafe practice and potential failures in the school's safeguarding regime and know that such concerns will be taken seriously by the senior leadership team.
- 29.2. If staff have concerns regarding any aspect of safeguarding practice within the School they should be raised immediately to a Senior member of Staff or through the School's Whistleblowing Policy.
- 29.3. Where a staff member feels unable to raise an issue through the school's whistleblowing procedures, or feels that their genuine concerns are not being addressed, other whistleblowing channels may be open to them:
- General guidance can be found at: Advice on whistleblowing www.gov.uk/whistleblowing
 - The NSPCC whistleblowing helpline is available as an alternative route for staff who do not feel able to raise concerns regarding child protection failures internally or have concerns about the way a concern is being handled by their school. Staff can call 0800 028 0285 – line is available from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday to Friday and email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Appendix 1: Safeguarding Definitions:

The following definitions are from Working Together to Safeguard Children (Feb 2017)

Children	Anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday. The fact that a child has reached 16 years of age, is living independently or is in further education, is a member of the armed forces, is in hospital or in custody in the secure estate, does not change his/her status or entitlements to services or protection.
Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children	Defined for the purposes of this guidance as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protecting children from maltreatment; • preventing impairment of children's health or development; • ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and • taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.
Child protection	Part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.
Abuse	A form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm, or by failing to act to prevent harm. Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting by those known to them or, more rarely, by others (e.g. via the internet). They may be abused by an adult or adults, or another child or children.
Physical abuse	A form of abuse which may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer fabricates the symptoms of, or deliberately induces, illness in a child.
Emotional abuse	The persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to a child that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. It may include not giving the child opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say or how they communicate. It may feature age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children. These may include interactions that are beyond a child's developmental capability, as well as overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning, or preventing the child participating in normal social interaction. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another. It may involve serious bullying (including cyber bullying), causing children frequently to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of children. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, though it may occur alone.
Sexual abuse	Involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may involve physical contact, including assault by penetration (for example, rape or oral sex) or non-penetrative acts such as masturbation, kissing, rubbing and touching outside of clothing. They may also include non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, or grooming a

Child Sexual Exploitation	<p>child in preparation for abuse (including via the internet). Sexual abuse is not solely perpetrated by adult males. Women can also commit acts of sexual abuse, as can other children.</p> <p>Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.</p>
Neglect	<p>The persistent failure to meet a child’s basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child’s health or development. Neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment); • protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger; • ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers); or • ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. <p>It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child’s basic emotional needs.</p>
Young carer	<p>A young carer is a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person (of any age, except generally where that care is provided for payment, pursuant to a contract or as voluntary work).</p>
Parent carer	<p>A person aged 18 or over who provides or intends to provide care for a disabled child for whom the person has parental responsibility.</p>
Education, Health and Care Plan	<p>A single plan, which covers the education, health and social care needs of a child or young person with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND). See the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 0-25 (2014).</p>

Appendix 2: A 'Good Safeguarding School':

The leadership, staff and governing body are committed to a safe school which promotes the well-being and welfare of all its students, staff and visitors and the following is embedded into its vision, culture and practices:

ETHOS AND ENVIRONMENT

- The school is a place where 'every child matters'.
- Tolerance, understanding and respect for others are core values of the school.
- The environment is welcoming and pleasant and all students, staff and visitors are greeted appropriately.
- The school has pleasant and welcoming dining areas and encourages healthy eating.
- Achievements and progress are regularly celebrated and students have high expectations of themselves and others and understand that long-term goals are worth working for.
- Students feel valued and are open and confident in their relationships with staff and one another.
- Student's work is displayed and changed regularly.

PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

- The school has a 'Safeguarding Policy' which all staff understand and practices are fully implemented.
- Behaviour Management and Anti-Bullying Policies are in place and are clearly understood and followed by all.
- Early Help processes are embedded into the school's practices and procedures and multi-agency information is accurate and up-to-date.
- Appropriate Policies and Procedures are in place, understood and implemented by all staff.
- The school takes account of the DDA and has made appropriate adjustments for staff and students.
- All staff involved in safeguarding liaise regularly to ensure continuity in the support they provide.
- The school has a clearly identified system for the administration of medicines.
- DBS checks are in place and regularly up-dated.
- Appropriate Risk Assessment procedures are in place and up-dated.

STUDENT TRACKING

- The progress and attendance of students in Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) is as carefully tracked and monitored as for other students.
- Student tracking systems are in place and used effectively to monitor and track progress and intervene as required.
- Vulnerable groups are identified and tracked for progress, attainments and attendance.
- Effective transition for students takes place at all stages.

STAFF TRAINING

- The Leadership and Management of the school is trained in safeguarding and is effective.
- A Senior Designated Person for Safeguarding is nominated and receives regular training and has access to appropriate supervision.
- Staff members receive regular up-dated training on a range of safeguarding issues and identified staff members receive higher level training as appropriate.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Student voice is valued and the School Council is afforded respect and is involved appropriately in decision making.
- Students are given responsibility in supporting other students and are involved in routine organizational tasks and activities.
- Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of clubs and activities.

THE CURRICULUM

- An Emotional Resiliency programme is effectively implemented by all staff and students.
- The school promotes student's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through the curriculum and access to a wide variety of teaching resources and cultural activities.
- The curriculum, organization of teaching and learning and ethos in settings and schools contributes to teaching children and young people about safety issues, including road safety, accident prevention, substance misuse, sexual harassment, self-harm, Internet safety, staying safe and building resilience.
- Staff expectations of student's behaviour, attendance and attainment are high.
- School has developed approaches to tackling all forms of bullying racist, homophobic, SEN and cyber-bullying via mobile phones, text, e-mails and the INTERNET. This includes tackling issues leading to grooming, child sexual exploitation and radicalisation.
- There are formal and informal opportunities to praise reward and celebrate students behaviour and achievements in lessons, tutor groups, assemblies, dinner time, break time, before and after school, trips etc.

WORKING WITH PARENTS/CARERS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

- There is effective communication between the school staff, outside agencies and parents/carers.
- Family intervention work is an integral part of the school's support for children and families.
- The school actively pursues all absence – they know which children are at risk of becoming/or are persistently absent – non-attendance is understood as a potential safeguarding issue.
- The school does not exclude students but tries to find alternative ways of supporting them.
- The school does not see students at risk of gang involvement or criminal activity as a 'crime and disorder issue' but as a 'children in need issue' and works closely with other partner agencies to support them.

INDICATORS OF VULNERABILITY TO RADICALISATION

Staff in the school are aware of the fact that some students may be vulnerable to radicalisation and will follow the usual safeguarding referral procedures if they have concerns. Staff are aware of the following possible indicators of radicalisation:

- Student is distanced from their cultural/religious heritage and experience.
- Student demonstrates discomfort about their place in society.
- Student may be experiencing family tensions at home.
- Low self-esteem and sense of isolation.
- Student has distanced self from existing friendship groups and become involved with a different group of friends.
- Student may be searching for questions about their identity, faith and belonging.
- Student may have perceptions of injustice and rejects civic life.
- Student is accessing extremist websites and is in contact with extremist recruiters.
- Student justifies violence to solve societal issues.
- Significant changes in behaviour and/or appearance.
- Student uses extremist narratives and global ideology to explain personal disadvantage.

Appendix 3: Safeguarding Responsibilities

The staff members below have responsibility for all student related safeguarding issues:

Sue Burke	Assistant Headteacher (Designated Person) Contact number: XXXXXXXXXXXX
Ian Jameson	Head of Year (Deputy Designated Person) Contact number: XXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXX	Safeguarding Officer Contact number: XXXXXXXXXXXX

The staff members detailed below have responsibility for all staffing related safeguarding issues:

Andy Park	Executive Headteacher
David Prophet	Head of School

The staff below have key responsibilities for wider safeguarding issues:

Health & Safety

Mark Manifold	School Business Manager (Facilities)
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Safer Recruitment & Central Record of Evidence

Alison Meehan	School Office Manager
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Lead Governor Responsible for Safeguarding:

Amanda Edwards

THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

1. CHS South has a team of staff who act on safeguarding/child protection issues brought to them. The Safeguarding Team is line managed by a Senior Leader. The Safeguarding Team at CHS South will liaise directly with the Safeguarding Team at Chorlton High School.
2. In the absence of the Safeguarding Team, the most senior member of staff in school will assume responsibility for any child protection matters that arise. The school has also identified other key members of staff, trained to Level 2 standards, to act as deputy Designated Persons, should the aforementioned be off site.
3. The Safeguarding Team will co-ordinate action on child protection within the school. They will ensure that all staff, teaching and non-teaching (including supply staff) know who the Designated Persons are. They will ensure that all staff are aware of their individual responsibilities in relation to the safeguarding of children.
4. Where appropriate, the Designated Persons will liaise with the DPs of the school(s) attended by the siblings of the child causing concern.
5. The Designated Persons will keep a written record of any actions taken as a result of concerns raised (see below).
6. The Designated Persons will act as a source of advice and coordinate action within the school over child protection cases.
7. The Senior Leader responsible for Safeguarding will ensure that the school's Safeguarding Policy is put on the agenda of the Governing Body once a year for discussion, monitoring, review and renewal.
8. The Governing Body authorises CHS South to carry out its responsibilities as outlined in "Keeping Children Safe in Education" (September 2018).

Appendix 4: Safeguarding Summary for all staff:**All staff must:**

- Attend Level 1 training on Safeguarding (every 3 years) and receive accreditation for this.
- Read and understand Part 1 of KCSIE September 2018
- If staff have any concerns about a child's welfare, they should act on them immediately following the school's safeguarding policy and reporting protocols. Staff should speak to the designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) for advice and guidance as required.
- Receive and understand regular safeguarding updates (at least annually)
- Ensure that they know who the Designated Persons are in the school and know how to contact them/where they are located.
- Ensure that any child protection disclosure is reported to the Designated Person(s) as soon as possible before the end of the school day.
- Provide a written statement (pertaining to the disclosure) using the school's processes (CPOMS) – which is signed and dated – on the same day.
- Ensure that they do not get a child to provide a written statement if a child is disclosing an issue pertaining to child protection.
- Ensure that they respond to information requests from the Safeguarding Team on specific students.
- Use SIMS information to ensure they know who their classes are and who is being monitored by the Safeguarding Team.
- Inform the Safeguarding Team if they notice a change in a student (deterioration in behaviour, appearance, social interaction, attendance or punctuality).

In addition to the above:**Curriculum Leaders must:**

- Ensure that staff members in their department have displayed Safeguarding information as appropriate.
- Ensure that new staff members know how to refer concerns about young people.
- Support staff in their department and liaise with the Safeguarding Team if necessary.

ITT students and other adults in training programmes must:

- Attend training from the Safeguarding Team on Safeguarding and Looked After Children.
- Refer any concerns to their Mentor at CHS South/ pass on any concerns to the Safeguarding Team before the end of the school day (following the same procedures as all staff).

Supply staff must:

- Read the schools information regarding Supply Cover and be aware of how to refer issues to the appropriate Designated Person(s).
- Attend Level 1 Safeguarding Training by CHS South if a long-term cover supervisor.

Student services staff / Attendance Team must:

- Alert the Safeguarding Team when students, who are being monitored (be it CP, CIN, CPP, LAC), are absent from school.
- When required, host joint or singular home visits to students who are being monitored by the Safeguarding Team.

Office Manager:

- Ensure that all staff and visitors to the school follow the school's DBS procedures.

Senior Leadership Team must:

- Liaise with the Safeguarding team about students on CPP or CIN before students are sent home on a Fixed Term Exclusion.
- Access information about students from the Safeguarding Team, updated weekly.
- Ensure that all recruitment procedures follow the school's Safe Recruitment processes.

Safeguarding Team must:

- Ensure that all staff are in receipt of Safeguarding Training.
- Ensure all staff have read and understood Part 1 of KCSIE September 2018
- Organise Level 1 training for all staff every 3 years.
- Provide regular (annual) updates to staff
- Ensure that those on Level 2 training are updated/refreshed every 2 years.
- Ensure that all child protection concerns brought to them are followed up – notifying parents/social services, the HOY as appropriate.
- Ensure that accurate and efficient records, relating to child protection are kept
- Represent the school at Child in Need Meetings/Child Protection Plan Case Conferences and Case Planning.
- Monitor the progress and attendance of students on CIN, CPP and LAC
- Liaise and work with the Pastoral Team and Attendance Team.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of outside agencies which can support young people, referring as necessary.
- Develop close links with outside agencies.
- Produce relevant safeguarding information for students and ensure that it is appropriate displayed around school.

Appendix 5: Safeguarding of Children Statement:

CHS South **Safeguarding of Children Statement**



We are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of children. In this light we would like to draw the following matters to your attention:

1. All appointments are made subject to:
 - a. An enhanced DBS disclosure;
 - b. Checks of professional status (NCTL; QTS etc.);
 - c. Confirmation of professional qualifications;
 - d. Receipt of strong references (if not received by the time of interview); and
 - e. Medical clearance
2. We only accept applications completed on the school's application form. Please do not send CVs or open testimonials. More detail about the content of applications is provided later in this pack.
3. Please ensure that the application form is completed in full. In particular, you must ensure that a full work history is provided and that any gaps in your employment are fully explained
4. The referees cited in your application form must include your employer for the last occasion in which you worked with children, if applicable. If your last employment was in a school, we would expect a reference from the Headteacher.
5. When seeking references, we will request information about your suitability to work with children.
6. If you are shortlisted, any anomalies in your application will be discussed with you at interview.

We encourage you to pay close attention to these matters so that your application is not excluded unnecessarily.

Our Safeguarding Policy is also available on request.