



The Federation of
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Primary Schools

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Safeguarding Children in our Care – Information for Parents/Carers

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to make you aware of the practices and procedures in place at The Federation of Middleham VA and Spennithorne VC Primary Schools.

We aim to provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment, which secures the well-being and very best outcomes for the children in our care. We have a duty of care to safeguard and promote the well-being of all children. We take this responsibility seriously and as such, we have clear systems and procedures in place to ensure that no child should suffer from harm, at home or at school.

All staff have a statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children. If we have discussions or meetings with you to discuss aspects of your child's well-being, medical needs, friendship issues, any bereavement, social and emotional issues, Special Educational Needs or anything that you would like support with, we will keep a record of this information and the actions that we have taken to support your child and you as a family (please see the table on the next page).

If you are worried about the safety or welfare of any young person, at home or at school, please ensure you report your concerns to Mrs Mann (our school Designated Safeguarding Lead). If we have a concern about the welfare of a child, we will always act in the best interests of the child. Please see the flowchart on the next page for the school's responsibilities (this is taken from the Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance).

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything with us, please do not hesitate to contact us at either school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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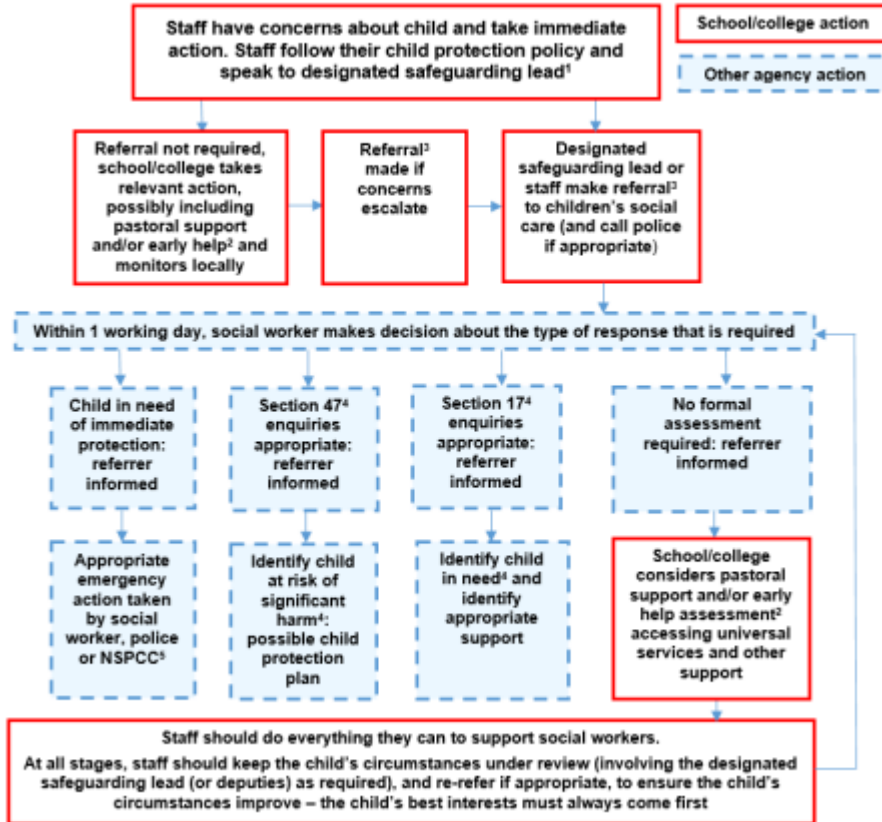
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Actions where there are concerns about a child



1 In cases which also involve a concern or an allegation of abuse against a staff member, see Part Four of this guidance. 2 Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges at any point in a child's life. Where a child would benefit from co-ordinated early help, an early help inter-agency assessment should be arranged. Chapter one of Working Together to Safeguard Children provides detailed guidance on the early help process. 3 Referrals should follow the process set out in the local threshold document and local protocol for assessment. Chapter one of Working Together to Safeguard Children. 4 Under the Children Act 1989, local authorities are required to provide services for children in need for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting their welfare. Children in need may be assessed under section 17 of the Children Act 1989. Under section 47 of the Children Act 1989, where a local authority has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, it has a duty to make enquiries to decide whether to take action to safeguard or promote the child's welfare. Full details are in Chapter one of Working Together to Safeguard Children. 5 This could include applying for an Emergency Protection Order (EPO).





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Cause for Concern Form						
Name of person completing form:						
Date:						
Time of form completion:						
Person/s concerned:						
Concern Details:						
Action:						
Next Steps (please state who is responsible and when complete):						
Is the concern any of the following?						
Yes		No		If yes, please tick relevant box/es below.		
Child Protection	Online-Safety	Bullying	Homophobic	Racial	Radicalisation	Health and Safety
If any of the above are ticked, please communicate the concern to the Headteacher immediately.						
Headteacher / DSL informed?	Yes (please tick)	Person completing form signature:		Headteacher / DSP signature:		



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