

Medlock Primary School



SAFEGUARDING & Child Protection Policy

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'Keeping Children Safe in Education'
document

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy has been developed to ensure that all adults in **Medlock Primary School** are working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. This policy is to be reviewed annually. See appendix C for a summary of a 'good' safeguarding school.
- 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 pupils 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 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 welfare.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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 and functions of Medlock Primary School. This policy complements and supports other relevant school and Local Safeguarding Board policies (Appendix A).
- 1.6 Under the Education Act 2002 schools / settings have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of their pupils and, in accordance with guidance set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015', Medlock Primary School will work in partnership with other organisations where appropriate to identify any concerns about child welfare and take action to address them.
- 1.7 This policy is to be read in conjunction with the 'PANTS' lesson cycle, the Relationships Education Policy and curriculum, The Behaviour for Learning Policy and all pastoral support pathways.

2. ETHOS

- 2.1 Medlock Primary School 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 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and implements policies, practices and procedures which promote safeguarding and the emotional and physical well-being of children, young people and staff.

- 2.2 The school is committed to supporting the delivery of effective early help using The Multi- Agency Levels of Need and Response Framework. 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.
- 2.3 Access to cross-curricular activities will provide opportunities to develop self-esteem and self-motivation and to help pupils respect the rights of other individuals and potentially vulnerable groups.
- 2.4 Medlock Primary School will exercise diligence and prevent any organisation or speaker from using the schools facilities to disseminate extremist views or radicalise pupils and staff.
- 2.5 Medlock Primary School will exercise due diligence to ensure children are protected from all potential threats including (but not exclusively) peer on peer abuse, abuse within the family home, online abuse and abuse in the wider community.
- 2.6 Medlock Primary School will ensure the children who attend will be taught the requisite skills needed to communicate concerns and where possible, protect themselves by recognising and avoiding risks.
- 2.7 Medlock Primary School recognises that children may not feel ready (or know how to) tell someone they are being abused, exploited or neglected. Medlock Primary School also recognises that children might not recognise their experiences as harmful. Medlock Primary School understands that children may feel embarrassed, humiliated or threatened due to their vulnerability, disability, sexual orientation and/or language barriers. Medlock Primary School does not let any of these factors prevent staff from having **professional curiosity** and investigating / reporting issues / suspected issues.
- 2.8 Medlock Primary School will never give the impression that children flagging concerns are creating a problem by reporting any form of abuse and/or neglect.
- 2.9 It is understood that children can be at risk of harm inside and outside their home. That they are equally at risk of abuse at school, youth organisations, community groups and online.
- 2.10 Medlock Primary School recognises that pupils with certain medical or physical health conditions can face additional barriers, including cognitive understanding

(being unable to understand the difference between fact and fiction in online content and then repeating the content/behaviours in schools. This is considered in the investigation of suspected abuse / concerns.

2.11 Children are never promised confidentiality - in line with safeguarding training.

3. THE CURRICULUM

3.1 All children have access to an appropriate curriculum, 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 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 pupils.

3.3 Personal Health and Social Education, Citizenship, Philosophy for Children 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 Medlock Primary School takes account of the latest advice and guidance provided to help address specific vulnerabilities and forms of exploitation e.g. CCE, CSE, Radicalisation and Extremism, Forced Marriage, FGM.

3.5 All pupils will 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 Medlock Primary School views attendance as a safeguarding issue and in accordance with the school's Attendance Policy, absences are rigorously pursued and recorded. Medlock Primary 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 an Early Help Assessment (EHA).

- 4.3 We implement the statutory requirements in terms of monitoring and reporting children missing in education (CME) and off-rolling. Our understanding of these matters supports our practice 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 Medlock Primary School in accordance with the School Register Regulations.
- 4.5 The Senior DSL 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 Medlock Primary School 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 event in a child's life.
- 5.2 CPOMS (Child Protection Online Monitoring Systems) is used to monitor and track child protection, child in need and early help concerns or issues and provides the chronology of events to support appropriate action and / or further referrals.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 The Headteacher of Medlock Primary School will ensure that:

- The policies and procedures adopted by the Governing Body to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils are fully implemented and followed by all staff including volunteers and are in line with all relevant governmental advice and legislation (Keeping Children Safe in Education, Data Protection etc).
- Safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers is practiced.
- A senior member of staff for child protection will be identified as the Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and receive 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 pupils by making its obligations clear in the school/setting prospectus.
- Ensure that the Safeguarding policy is available on the school's web-site.
- Ensure that 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 eg CSE and radicalization and extremism.
- Pupil records are stored securely in line with the Data Protection Policy.

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.
- All governors are to complete safeguarding training as part of induction. This will then be updated every 2 years.
- A member of the school's leadership team is designated to take lead responsibility for safeguarding within the school (Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead or Senior DSL) and is supported to complete their role through appropriate non-contact time, resources and training.
- Online safety is a feature of the curriculum.
- The school online activity is protected by appropriate filters and monitoring platforms which are reviewed regularly by delegated members of staff and where issues / concerns are identified, appropriate action is taken.
- The school has systems in place to address issues at all levels - this is to include a low level concerns policy.
- The school's safeguarding policy is reviewed annually and updated; the school complies with local safeguarding procedures as well as relevant governmental advice and legislation (Keeping Children Safe in Education, Data Protection etc).
- The school operates safe recruitment and selection practices including appropriate use of references and checks (including DBS) 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 Local Authority procedures.
- All 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.

- Ensure that the school co-operates with appropriate agencies and uses risk based approaches to ensure young people are safeguarded against any potential grooming activities which may attempt to draw them into harmful activities eg CSE and radicalisation and extremism.

6.3 The Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL) 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 Safeguarding Lead will:

- Act as the first point of contact with regards to all safeguarding matters.
- Attend updated 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 schools actions are in line with the Manchester's Safeguarding Interagency Procedures.
- Support staff to make effective referrals to the Children and Families Services 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 (via CPOMs).
- 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 (via CPOMs).
- 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.
- Liaise with the Headteacher about any safeguarding issues.
- Ensure that the Safeguarding Policy is regularly reviewed and updated.
- Keep up to date with changes in local policy and procedures and are aware of any guidance issued by the DfE concerning Safeguarding.
- Securely hand over a pupil's child protection or safeguarding information to a new establishment if a pupil leaves the school while actively engaged with a family at EHA, CIN or CP level.
- If staff have a safeguarding concern/allegation about another staff member (including supply staff, volunteers and contractors) that doesn't meet the harm threshold, then the DSLs should direct them to share it in accordance with the low-level concerns policy.
- DSL will always report criminal behaviour even where a child has asked for anonymity. For example, rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault are crimes. Where a report of rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault is made, this will be referred to the police. Whilst the age of criminal responsibility

is 10, if the alleged perpetrator is under 10, the starting principle of referring to the police remains.

- Parents will be informed of allegations and incidents unless to do so would put the child at greater risk.

7. SAFE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF STAFF

- 7.1 The school's recruitment and selection policies and processes adhere to the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document.
- 7.2 The Headteacher and governing body will ensure that all external staff and volunteers using the school site will have been vetted and checked (DBS, references etc.)

8. WORKING WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- 8.1 Medlock Primary School develops effective links with other relevant agencies and co-operates as required with any enquiries regarding child protection issues.
- 8.2 The school will notify social care if:
- A child subject to a child protection plan is about to be permanently excluded.
 - There is an unexplained absence of a pupil who is subject to a child protection of more than two days from school.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFORMATION SHARING

- 9.1 Staff ensure that confidentiality protocols are followed and information is shared appropriately. The Headteacher, DSL Team or Designated Members of Staff discloses any information about a pupil 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 In accordance with 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', all staff will receive training at induction.
- 10.2 All staff should receive appropriate child protection training which includes 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 All DSLs will receive refresher training every two years. All staff will receive appropriate child protection training which is regularly updated.

10.4 All staff will receive training or briefings on particular safeguarding issues, for example, Guns and Gangs, Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation, Domestic Abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation, E-Safety, 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 (Appendix B). If a concern arises all staff, volunteers and visitors must:

- Speak to the DSL 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 (CPOMS)

12. INFORMING PARENTS/CARERS

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. Parents and carers will not be contacted if it is felt this would increase any perceived risk to a child.

Parents and carers will be informed if a referral is to be made to the Children and Families Directorate (social services) or any other agency unless doing so would increase any perceived risk a child faces.

Parents/carers will not be informed if it is believed that by doing so would put the child at risk. In such cases the DSLs or Headteacher will seek advice from Children and Families Directorate (social services).

13. DOMESTIC ABUSE

13.1 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 that this is a safeguarding issue.

13.2 Children and young people react to domestic abuse in similar ways to other types of

abuse and trauma.

13.3. 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.

13.4 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 Manchester Children and Families Directorate First Contact Centre will be contacted as soon as possible.

13.5 Medlock Primary school recognises that children who witness domestic abuse are also victims; witnessing domestic abuse can have a lasting impact on children and that children can be victims and perpetrators in their own relationships.

13.6 Medlock Primary School acknowledges and understands that domestic abuse can be physical, sexual, financial, psychological or emotional.

14. FORCED MARRIAGE

14.1 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.

14.2 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.

14.3 If a case of forced marriage is suspected, parents and carers will not be approached or involved about a referral to any other agencies.

14.4 If imminent risk is perceived or a disclosure of imminent risk is received the Forced Marriage Unit of the Police will be contacted immediately. The One Chance Rule could be initiated by the DSL or Headteacher if risk of removal by the parents before the Police Arrive is seen as an immediate risk.

15. FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

15.1 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.

15.2 Where it is believed a child is at risk of being a victim of FGM then the DSL or Headteacher will contact First Contact Centre immediately. If evidence suggests that a child is in imminent risk of becoming a victim of FGM, both in the UK or abroad, then the DSL or Headteacher will contact both the First Contact Centre and the Police immediately.

15.3 The Serious Crime Act 2015 strengthened further the legislation on FGM and now includes a new statutory duty placed on professionals (including teachers) to notify the police when they discover that FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl under 18.

16. PREVENTING RADICALISATION and VIOLENT EXTREMISM

16.1 Medlock Primary School values the fundamental rights of freedom of speech, tolerance and the expression of beliefs and ideology which are the core values of our democratic society. However, all rights come with responsibilities and free speech which is designed to manipulate the vulnerable; expresses beliefs that advocate the manipulation of the vulnerable or which advocate harm or hatred towards others will not be tolerated. Medlock Primary School 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, Extremist Christian ideology, Irish Nationalist and Loyalist paramilitary groups and extremist Animal Rights groups.

16.2 Medlock Primary School is clear that exploitation and radicalisation will be viewed as a safeguarding concern and will be referred to the appropriate safeguarding agencies immediately. Exposure to extreme violence is seen as a safeguarding concern.

17 CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION (CCE) and CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

17.1 Medlock Primary School staff know that CCE and CSE are forms of abuse where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance in power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into sexual or criminal activity. Where it is suspected a child is at risk or the victim of CCE or CSE this is reported in line with school policy. Exposure to extreme violence is seen as a safeguarding concern.

18 Child on Child ABUSE

18.1 Medlock Primary School Recognises that children are capable of abusing their peers. Medlock Primary School understands that abuse is abuse and should never be tolerated or passed off as “banter”, “just having a laugh” or “part of growing up”. It is also understood that peer on peer abuse can take many forms but in likelihood it is girls that will be victims and boys perpetrators.

18.2 Medlock Primary School understands the different forms child on child abuse can

take, such as;

- sexual violence and sexual harassment (including upskirting);
- physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm;
- sexting (also known as youth produced sexual imagery).

18.3 Medlock believes that supporting children to understand what child on child abuse is and how to recognise it will help prevent incidents from happening. In light of this, pastoral sessions / PHSE / circle time and the content of the relationships curriculum will enable children to do this.

18.4 Where child on child abuse is reported, a full investigation is initiated. The incident may then be reported to other agencies (including but not exclusively, the Police and Children's Services), with said agencies then taking action within their own remit as a result of the investigation. Multi-agency work is then likely in both a pastoral capacity and/or as part of ongoing investigations.

Child on Child Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment

18.5 There is a zero tolerance to any form Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment. Medlock recognises that just because an incident has not been reported does not mean it has not happened. All staff operate a professional curiosity model as well as a 'it could happen here' attitude. Equally, any behaviour that could be interpreted as harassment is challenged by staff with clear consequences given and support given to both victim and perpetrator. Any witnesses will also be supported to ensure they are able to process what has happened effectively.

18.4 It is recognised that SEND pupils are 3 times more likely to experience Sexual Violence / Sexual Harassment and this influences how staff look at behaviour.

19. E-SAFETY

19.1 Medlock Primary School 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 pupil 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: Medlock Primary School 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 Medlock Primary School to ensure that every child and young person in its care is safe - this applies equally to the 'virtual' or digital world.

19.4 Medlock Primary School will ensure that appropriate filtering methods are in place to ensure that pupils are safe from all types of inappropriate and unacceptable

materials, including terrorist and extremist material.

20. MENTAL HEALTH

- 20.1 All staff should be aware that mental health problems can, in some cases, be an indicator that a child has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse, neglect or exploitation.
- 20.2 Only trained professionals can make a diagnosis of a mental health problem, but staff are well placed to observe children and identify those whose behaviour suggests they may be experiencing a mental health problem, or be at risk of developing one. Where concern is raised, Medlock Primary School will then act to support children through internal steps and / or referral to other agencies.
- 20.3 Abuse, neglect and other traumatic adverse childhood experiences can have a lasting impact. All staff are made aware of how these experiences can affect children's mental health, behaviour and education and where children have been affected, this information is flagged to all relevant staff.
- 20.4 Medlock Primary School staff take action on any mental health concerns and report them in line with school policy.

21. CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES AND CORE GROUP MEETINGS

- 21.1 Members of staff are likely to be asked to attend a child protection conference or other relevant core group meetings about an individual pupil 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.
- 21.2 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.

22 Allegations made against / concerns raised in relation to teachers (including supply teachers, volunteers and contractors) - MANAGING ALLEGATIONS AND CONCERNS AGAINST STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

- 22.1 The school follows the government guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', when dealing with allegations made against staff and volunteers.
- 22.2 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.

22.3 Low Level Concerns - please see Low Level Concerns policy. Low-level concerns can arise in several ways from various sources, e.g. suspicion, complaint or a disclosure. Such concerns are logged in line with the Low Level Concerns policy. The Headteacher and DSL team will consider whether such reported concerns are at the 'harm level'. The LADO (or other professional body) may be consulted at this time.

23. COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS BY PUPILS, STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS

23.1 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.

23.2 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.

24. SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS

24.1 The Manchester Safeguarding Children Board 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.

24.2 If required, Medlock Primary School 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.

25 VISITORS and TRIPS

25.1 All visitors, including visiting speakers, are subject to the school's safeguarding protocols while on site and will be supervised at all times.

25.2 Medlock Primary School will seek assurance that where another body is providing services or activities that they have appropriate safeguarding and child protection policies / procedures in place.

26 BOOKINGS

26.1 Medlock Primary School 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 radicalise pupils or staff.

27 INCLUSION STATEMENT

27.1 Medlock Primary School recognises the status of the protected characteristics and does everything in its power to ensure all staff and pupils are protected from prejudicial views. Fundamental British Values underpin daily life at Medlock Primary School and any actions by any member of the school community that go against British Values will be challenged and may result in further action being taken.

28 Appropriate Terms and Descriptors

28.1 'Victim' is a widely understood and recognised term, but not everyone who has been subjected to abuse considers themselves a victim, or would want to be described that way. Medlock Primary School is prepared to use any term the child feels most comfortable with when managing an incident

28.2 'Alleged perpetrator(s)' and 'perpetrator(s)' are widely used and recognised terms. At Medlock Primary School we think carefully about what terminology is used (especially in front of children).

APPENDIX

Definitions from Keeping Children Safe in Education

Significant Harm

The threshold that justifies compulsory intervention in family life and gives Local Authorities a duty to make enquiries to decide whether they should take action to safeguard or promote the welfare of a child who is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This threshold should be applied to prevent the impairment of a child's mental and / or physical health or development.

Physical Abuse

Physical abuse 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 an illness in a child.

Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse is 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 children that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. It may feature age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children. These may include interactions that are beyond the 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, 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

Sexual abuse involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, including prostitution, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may involve physical contact, including penetrative (e.g. rape, buggery or oral sex) or non-penetrative acts. The activities may include non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of, sexual online images, watching sexual activities, or encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways.

Neglect

Neglect is 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 for example. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:

- Provide adequate food and clothing, 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 caretakers).
- Ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment.
- It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

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 pupils, 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'.
- The environment is welcoming and pleasant and pupils, staff and visitors are greeted appropriately.
- The school/setting has pleasant and welcoming dining areas and encourages healthy eating.
- Achievements and progress are regularly celebrated and pupils have high expectations of themselves and others and understand that long-term goals are worth working for.
- Pupils feel valued and are open and confident in their relationships with staff and one another.
- Pupil'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.
- The Multi Agency Levels of Need and Response Framework is embedded.
- Effective School Improvement Plan and effective school self-evaluation procedures are in place.
- Appropriate Policies and Procedures are in place, understood and implemented by all staff.
- The school/setting takes account of the DDA and has made appropriate adjustments for staff and pupils.

- All staff involved in safeguarding liaise regularly to ensure continuity in the support they provide.
- The school/setting has an identified person who administers medicines.
- DBS checks are in place and regularly updated.
- Appropriate Risk Assessment procedures are in place and updated.

PUPIL TRACKING

- The progress and attendance of pupils in alternative provision is carefully tracked and monitored as for other pupils.
- Pupil 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 pupils 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 receive regular updated training on Safeguarding and identified staff receive higher level training as appropriate.

PUPIL ENGAGEMENT

- Pupil voice is valued and the School Council is afforded respect and is involved appropriately in decision making.
- Pupils are given responsibility in supporting other pupils and are involved in routine organisational tasks and activities.
- Pupils are encouraged to participate in a variety of clubs and activities.

THE CURRICULUM

- The curriculum, organisation 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 and building resilience.
- Staff expectations of pupil's behaviour, attendance and attainment are high.
- School has developed approaches to tackling all forms of bullying including, racist, homophobic and cyber-bullying. This includes tackling issues leading to grooming and child sexual exploitation and radicalisation
- There are formal and informal opportunities to praise reward and celebrate pupils

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 pupils but tries to find alternative ways of supporting them.
- The school does not see pupils at risk of gang involvement, sexual exploitation, radicalisation or criminal activity as crime and disorder issues but as a 'children in need issue' and works closely with other partner agencies to safeguard them.

INDICATORS OF VULNERABILITY TO RADICALISATION

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