**MAKE A REFERRAL**

[**Make a referral**](https://childrensocialcare.dudley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/safeguarding)

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**EARLY HELP ASSESSMENT**

[Early Help assessment](https://childrensocialcare.dudley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/earlyyears)

<https://childrensocialcare.dudley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

**STATUTORY GUIDANCE**

This policy is based on the Department for Education’s statutory guidance Keeping Children safe in education:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1181955/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2023.pdf>

and [Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2), and the [Governance Handbook](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook). We comply with this guidance and the arrangements agreed and published by our 3 local safeguarding partners.

This policy is also based on the following legislation:

* Section 175 of the [Education Act 2002](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/32/section/175), which places a duty on schools and local authorities to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils
* [The School Staffing (England) Regulations 2009](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/2680/contents/made), which set out what must be recorded on the single central record and the requirement for at least one person conducting an interview to be trained in safer recruitment techniques
* [The Children Act 1989](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/41) (and [2004 amendment](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/31/contents)), which provides a framework for the care and protection of children
* Section 5B(11) of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003, as inserted by section 74 of the [Serious Crime Act 2015](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/9/part/5/crossheading/female-genital-mutilation), which places a statutory duty on teachers to report to the police where they discover that female genital mutilation (FGM) appears to have been carried out on a girl under 18
* [Statutory guidance on FGM](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation), which sets out responsibilities with regards to safeguarding and supporting girls affected by FGM
* [The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/53), which outlines when people with criminal convictions can work with children
* Schedule 4 of the [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/47/schedule/4), which defines what ‘regulated activity’ is in relation to children
* [Statutory guidance on the Prevent duty](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance), which explains schools’ duties under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 with respect to protecting people from the risk of radicalisation and extremism

**Information Sharing (2018)** <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/721581/Information_sharing_advice_practitioners_safeguarding_services.pdf>

* The [Childcare (Disqualification) and Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) (Amendment) Regulations 2018](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/794/contents/made) (referred to in this policy as the 2018 Childcare Disqualification Regulations) and [Childcare Act 2006](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/21/contents), which set out who is disqualified from working with children
* This policy also meets requirements relating to safeguarding and welfare in the [Early years foundation stage statutory framework (EYFS) March 2021](file:///C:\Users\Rebecca.croft\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\08KXVR6R\EYFS_framework_-_March_2021.pdf)

L**ocal procedures may be found at** <https://safeguarding.dudley.gov.uk/safeguarding/partnership/meetings/safeguarding-children-partnership-group/>

[information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice)

**Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi nudes images and or videos (also known as sexting)**

Guidance for [all staff](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/647389/Overview_of_Sexting_Guidance.pdf) 2017 and for [DSLs and senior leaders](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/609874/6_2939_SP_NCA_Sexting_In_Schools_FINAL_Update_Jan17.pdf).

**Sexual exploitation**

<https://safeguarding.dudley.gov.uk/safeguarding/child/work-with-children-young-people/child-sexual-exploitation/>

**Children Missing Education** statutory guidance for local authorities 2016 <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550416/Children_Missing_Education_-_statutory_guidance.pdf>

[Operation Encompass](https://www.operationencompass.org/)

[Educate Against Hate](http://educateagainsthate.com/parents/what-are-the-warning-signs/)

[NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse/dedicated-helplines/protecting-children-from-radicalisation/)

[Channel](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance)

**Designated teacher for looked after and previously looked after children** [statutory guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-teacher-for-looked-after-children).

**Escalation procedures**

<https://safeguarding.dudley.gov.uk/safeguarding/child/work-with-children-young-people/safeguarding-children-procedures/>