

YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE ABUSED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS:

Physical Abuse

Physical abuse is deliberately hurting a child causing injuries

Domestic Abuse

Witnessing domestic abuse is child abuse, and teenagers can suffer domestic abuse within their relationships

Child on Child Abuse

This occurs when a young person is exploited, bullied, and/ or harmed by their peers who are the same or similar age: **everyone directly involved in child on child abuse is under 18.**

Sexual Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Harmful Sexual Behaviour

A child is sexually abused when they are forced or persuaded to take part in sexual activities. This doesn't have to be physical contact, and can happen online. Children can be sexually exploited for money, power or status.

Emotional Abuse

Children who are emotionally abused suffer emotional maltreatment or neglect. It's sometimes called psychological abuse and can cause children serious harm.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is the partial or total removal of external female genitalia for non-medical reasons.

Neglect

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs. It's dangerous and children can suffer serious and long-term harm.

Online Abuse

Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the web, whether through social networks, online games, or using mobile phones.

Child Trafficking

This is abuse where children are recruited, moved or transported and then exploited, forced to work, or sold.

Grooming and Radicalisation

Children can be groomed online or in the real world by a stranger or someone they know. Children targeted may be vulnerable youngsters who are brainwashed into believing extreme views and then cut themselves off to family and friends.

Values

Messages communicated to children must support fundamental British values, and our school values.

Fundamental British Values

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

School Values

Our school values are:

- Happiness
- Kindness
- Caring
- Respect
- Community
- Aspiration
- Diversity



Thornhill Lees CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School

'Working Together to Expect the Best'

[Safeguarding Information for Visitors](#)

Please ask to see our Safeguarding Policy or Designated Safeguarding Lead if you need more information

Please read this leaflet to ensure that you are familiar with the safeguarding procedures for our school

This leaflet has been created in consultation with Keeping Children Safe in Education update September 2022

Visitor Information

As a visitor, you have a responsibility to care for your own and other's health and safety.

Safeguarding and Child Protection are a priority for all who work at and visit Thornhill Lees CE (VC) Infant and Nursery School.

The school operates a policy of restricting unsupervised access to children to those who have not undertaken Enhanced DBS checks. Adults visiting the site for meetings do not require a full DBS check as they will be accompanied at all times, and must not approach or speak to a child without a member of staff present.

Please note:

First Aid is available

If the fire alarm sounds, in the event of a fire, please follow instructions from a member of staff and report to the designated assembly point on the playground.

Do not take any photos without permission from a member of school staff

Do not post any photos/ film of the school or children on ANY social media

Mobile phones must be on silent/ switched off and out of sight. They must not be accessed in an area where children are present

All relevant policies can be found on the school website www.thornhilllees.com

Who Should I Talk To If I Have Concerns About a Child or Young Person?

If you feel that a child or young person is at risk or is the subject of abuse, you must contact one of the following immediately



Debbie Douglas
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Lorraine Booth
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Karen Gratio
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Keeping Young Children Safe

Remember these three important messages:

1. All children have a right to be safe, regardless of who they are or what their circumstances are.
2. Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility
3. We all need to listen to children, even though we may not always be comfortable with what we hear.

Remember that whether you are a paid worker, a volunteer or a member of the community, you have a responsibility to act if you are worried about a child or if you have any concerns regarding health and safety on the site.

NEVER PROMISE TO KEEP A SECRET. ALWAYS PASS ON CONCERNS IMMEDIATELY.