



Risk Assessment

Child-on-Child Abuse/ Harmful Sexual Behaviour

This risk assessment is to be used when an incident(s) of child-on-child abuse has occurred or is likely to occur and is deemed to meet the threshold for management in school and above. The risk assessment will show considerations made for both/all pupils involved and will highlight the actions in place to keep all pupils and staff safe. This will also take into consideration the wishes and feelings of all children involved. Each section/question will be considered from the perspective of all pupils involved. Considerations will also be given for the impact on, and needs of, the wider school community. All concerns and proposed actions will be recorded. The school will work with the local multi-agency safeguarding team and other agencies as necessary when completing this risk assessment. This document will be reviewed frequently to ensure it is fit for purpose. The terms victim and child alleged to have caused harm are used to identify the children involved. NB: there should be no assumption of guilt on the part of the child alleged to have caused harm, pending investigation.

***A risk assessment should be completed for all cases relating to sexual violence or alleged sexual violence. Sexual violence is defined by the sexual offences act 2002 as “criminal acts: rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault”.**

***This risk assessment should be completed with reference to Keeping Children Safe In Education 2024 and the local West Midlands policy (2.24)**

<https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/pkoso/regional-safeguarding-guidance/children-who-abuse-others>

Basic information		
Date of incident		
Referrer Name and role		
Referrer Contact details (email address and phone number)		
Name of victim(s)		
Name of child/ren alleged to have caused harm		
Did incident occur on school premises? If not where did the incident occur?		

AREA OF RISK	CONSIDERATIONS	RISK (CONSIDER VICTIM/ CHILD ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED HARM, OTHER PUPILS AND STAFF)		RISK LEVEL (HIGH, MEDIUM OR LOW)	ACTIONS TO REDUCE RISK AND INTENDED OUTCOMES
Details of incident	- What is the incident? - Who was involved? - Where did it happen?				
	Does this incident constitute a crime? Assault, sexual assault, rape, sharing of indecent images of children, etc. As such has this been referred to the police?				
	Is it necessary to limit contact between the children involved? Refer to KCSIE				
	Are there any related issues, including links to child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation?				
	How did the school find out about it? Was it reported directly or by someone else with knowledge of the incident?				
Physical risks	Is there an actual or perceived threat from the child alleged to have caused harm to the victim and/or others?				
	Is either the victim or the child alleged to have caused harm at risk of physical harm as				

	a result of this incident (for example, bullying or 'retribution' by peers)?				
	Do you have reason to believe there is a continued risk to the safety and wellbeing of the children involved, or other pupils and staff?				
Social risks	Do they share classes?				
	- Do they share break times? - Do they share peer/friendship groups?				
	- Do other people know about the incident? Do those people understand: - Who they can talk to if they have concerns about the people involved, or about their own safety and wellbeing - The importance of confidentiality - If, and how, they may need to be involved in any further investigations				
	Have there been previous incidents of sexually inappropriate behaviour within their peer group(s)?				
	Is there a risk of harm or alienation from social media and gossip?				
Environmental risks	Do they share transport to/from school?				
	Are they likely to come into contact with each other (or anyone else involved in/with knowledge of the incident) outside of school? Local area, clubs?				
	How can such contact be limited?				
	- Are parents clear about: - How the school (and partner agencies) are handling the incident? - Confidentiality? - The conduct expected of them while an investigation is ongoing?				

Further actions taken: Please complete for each child involved.

Action	YES/NO	Reasoning	Date
Police informed			
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Referral to external support services			
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