

Child Safeguarding Statement



Gayhurst Community School

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

Gayhurst Community School is a two and a half form entry school. We very much are a school for its community and of its community. We value great learning experiences, creativity and inclusion in all aspects of our work. We strive to create a learning environment where children feel safe and have a sense of belonging.

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

Gayhurst will ensure that all staff know their safeguarding and child protection responsibilities and how to raise any concerns about their safety and welfare to ensure children can receive the help they need. Staff are aware of which children may be particularly vulnerable and how to recognise signs of abuse. We promote a climate where children and adults feel confident about sharing any concerns they may have about their own safety or the wellbeing of others. We provide a safe, positive and caring environment and recognise the vital contribution that our school can make in safeguarding children from harm.

Risk that children might face (1)

Children negatively impacted due to family stress/breakdown linked to socio economic & contextual issues

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

Early Help referrals including MAT, full time pastoral support manager, part time school counsellor, annual Vulnerability audit, weekly free food shop open to all, links to WAMHS/CAMHS referrals, multiagency working with partners.

Risk that children might face (2)

Risk of harm from the effect of child on child abuse at or outside home or school.

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

Clear lines of reporting established. Full time pastoral support manager. Part time school counsellor. Child Protection and Safeguarding policies, Behaviour, (and Anti Bullying) and PSHE & SRE policies and staff annual training (KCSiE). Workshops for upper KS2 on Consent, Healthy Relationships, Safe use of Social Media and Safety in the community.

Risk that children might face (3)

Risk to children persistently absent from school including neglect & not accessing right to education

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

Attendance policy and procedures, home visits, first day calling, CME policy and protocols. School EWO and Hackney Attendance officer, Pastoral Support Manager 1:1 sessions for EBSA

Risk that children might face (4)

SEND children may be more vulnerable to bullying and abuse.

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

Extra pastoral support for SEND children
Staff training on how a SEND child experiences life differently
Adjusted behaviour thresholds/Individual Behaviour Plans
Circle time with classmates to help them understand and empathise with their SEND peers
Workshops for parents on how to support children with SEND navigate friendships.

Risk that children might face (5)

Risk of harm through online abuse on games & social media platforms

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

Computing policy & PSHE and SRE policy including Internet Safety. School filtering and monitoring systems and routes to report concerns. Parent workshops and school website links on safe use of internet at home

The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.

Safeguarding policy
Child protection policy
KCSiE
PHSE & SRE policy
Behaviour policy
Attendance & Punctuality policy
Code of Conduct for School & School Handbook
SEND policy
Hackney Education Whistleblowing policy
What to do if you are worried a child is being abused
Working together to safeguard children

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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