Child Protection and Safeguarding Local Procedures

Aurora Peartree School

Please refer to Main Policy A1 Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

Important contacts:

ROLE/ORGANISATION	NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
Site Lead Headteacher	Nicola Redhead	Nicola.redhead@theauroragroup.co.uk 07766 542872
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Andrew Sprosen DHT	07484535062
Deputy DSLS	Nicola Redhead Sarah Griffin	07766 542872 07484 535242
Out of office hours contact:	SLT - Senior on call TBC Tony Wray	Tony Wray – can be contacted in an emergency throughout the summer holidays. Tony.wray@the-aurora-group.com 07471 527872 Family Front Door http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk 01905 768020 (out of hours) should be contacted for an immediate safeguarding response outside of school hours
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)		01905 846221 LADO@worcestershire.gov.uk
Operations Director (acting as chair of governors)	Tony Wray	Tony.wray@theauroragroup.co.uk 07471 527872
Aurora Safeguarding Lead	Kim Welsh	Kim.Welsh@theauroragroup.co.uk 07392 872 786

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Aurora Quality Assurance Director	Lesley Dalgleish	Lesley.Dalgleish@theauroragroup.co.uk 07884 748 859
Channel helpline		020 7340 7264
How to report child abuse to the Local Council		https://www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse-to-local-council Contact Us - Worcestershire Safeguarding Boards Telephone: 01905 844364 (Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm and Friday, 9am to 4.30pm) 01905 768020 (out of hours)
NSPCC Samaritans		help@nspcc.org.uk. 0808 800 5000 116 123 (Available 24/7).
Family Front Door		Family Front Door | Worcestershire County Council **01905 822666** Staff are available Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Fridays from 9.00am to 4.30pm. In emergencies out of normal office hours (weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays): telephone: 01905 768020

In the event of an allegation against the Service Lead, you should contact the Operations Director. An allegation against an Operations Director should be reported to the Chief Operations Officer

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Below is a list of external agencies that can be contacted if you are unable to contact the service's DSL or if you consider the young person to be at immediate risk of harm.

If a child may be at imminent risk of significant harm, please call 999.

All staff should be aware of the guidance issued by Worcestershire safeguarding board

Prevent in Worcestershire

Prevent is a national programme which forms one strand of the government's counter terrorism programme. It addresses all forms of dangerous extremism including both Islamist extremism and far right extremism. While actions inspired by Islamic State are high profile nationally and internationally the white supremacist ideology of extreme right-wing groups has also provided both the inspiration and justification for people who have committed terrorist acts.

The objectives of Prevent are:

- To respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
- To prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and to ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support
- To work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address

There are specific statutory obligations under Prevent for local authorities, schools, higher and further education, health services, prisons, probation, and the police. Published national guidance identifies best practice for each of the main sectors and describes ways in which they can comply with the duty, as well as providing advice and information on how compliance with the duty will be monitored.

Prevent – Reporting Concerns Flow

- Member of staff becomes aware of a concern.
- Concern should be reported immediately.
- **Worcestershire Family Front Door (Concerns):** 01905 822666 (Emergencies: 01905 768020)
- **Get Safe Team (Child Exploitation):** 01905 845568 or getsafe@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk
- **Immediate risk:** contact 999

Regional Police Prevent Referral Team:
Email: ctu_gateway@westmidlands.police.uk
Website: Prevent - Prevention of extremism and radicalisation | Worcestershire County Council

Worcestershire Virtual Family Hub can provide you with a range of resources to help support you and your family:
Virtual Family Hub

Anonymous terrorist-related information:
Call the Anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321

Out of hours urgent response:
Call 101

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In relation to Appendix 4: As we are a special needs service our children are more vulnerable to all forms of abuse. Communication barriers and negative experiences of education/care in the past may also make it harder for our children/families to disclose concerns. As such we use a range of approaches such as team meetings and briefings, progress reviews and ongoing work to develop strong and supportive relationships to review possible risks and signs of abuse.

Children absent from school:
In line with Aurora Home Visits and Welfare Checks Policy, where students have been missing from education for 5 days or more the school will arrange to conduct a welfare visit, also known as a safe and well check. This falls without our duty for safeguarding.

Where possible contact will be made with the family ahead of the visit, however this may not always be possible in line with safeguarding. We understand these visits can cause some children anxiety and will work with parents to agree a suitable plan for the visit/alternative arrangement such as an off-site visit. School will make 2 attempts to visit the child before notifying the local MASH team. Safe and well checks will continue until the child has been seen either by a school member of staff or a social care staff member.

If children/families are not home and/or seen during the welfare visit, and safeguarding concerns are raised, contact may be made with the MASH/Social Care team. Police will be contacted if there is a significant risk of harm, for example if a child is subject to a social care child protection plan and both the school and social worker have had not success in accessing the child during the welfare visit.

Where students are unwell for school, a letter will be required from the GP or other relevant health professional.

Visitors:
In addition to the checks outlined in the main policy.
We will not invite into the site any speaker who is known to disseminate extremist views and will carry out appropriate checks to ensure that any individual or organisation using site facilities is not seeking to disseminate extremist views or radicalise children or staff.
We positively vet those external agencies, individuals or speakers whom we engage to provide learning opportunities or experiences for our pupils. This includes checking that all external providers have appropriate DBS checks, viewing material that will be used beforehand and conducting a social media check on such agencies or individuals. Aurora has a separate Visiting Speakers policy which provides further information.

Non-collection of children:
If a child is not collected at the end of the session/day, we will make every effort to contact alternative emergency contacts and ascertain reasons for the missed collection. If contact cannot be made staff will remain with the child and make contact with the duty social work team to make a referral and seek advice.

Missing pupils/children:
Our procedures are designed to ensure that a missing child is found and returned to effective supervision as soon as possible.

What happens if a young person does go missing?

- The most senior member on staff on site must be notified immediately whenever a young person cannot be accounted for.
- The senior member of staff will make a prompt decision on whether or not to immediately inform the Police and then the young person's parents / carer because of the level of risk.

Following this, the senior person must promptly organise:

A search of the school site

A car search of the local area, ensuring clear means of communication to keep up to date on the situation.
The gathering of information on the circumstances facing the young person at or about the last time they were seen, including their state of mind, general behaviour, and any issues they were thought or known to dealing with.
The gathering of information in readiness to pass on to the Police, including home address, DOB and age, current clothing and footwear, general physical description, list of any medication being taken, any known information on other addresses regular visited by the young person.

Depending on dynamic risk assessment made above, what happens if the young person is not found within 30 minutes or less according to their individual behaviour support plan?

If the young person is not found within the time frame decide by the senior manager, the Police and young person's carer /carer must be contacted and informed that they are missing.

What will the Police do?

Currently the Police generally have two responses on the course of action they will take. These are to delay and wait, asking you to record the incident as a young person absent without permission, or to escalate to an immediate search because the young person is vulnerable and missing.

How will the incident be recorded?

The senior member of staff will maintain a written and timed running record of all communications and events and logged on our Engage and MyConcern.

What will happen once the young person is found?

If the young person returns to site by themselves, or is found by the Police, or member/s of staff finds the young person and returns them to school, or where parents /carers return the young person, the senior member person must notify all those parties contacted during the incident and who are unaware of the young person's return. Refer to Aurora Peartree School Missing Person Policy.

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