

Why is Safeguarding Children Important to us at CSEP?

All children attending Croydon Supplementary Education Project (CSEP) have the right to enjoy all the activities provided in a safe, stimulating and caring environment where they are encouraged to talk and are listened to. Children must also know there are adults whom they can approach if they are worried.

CSEP would like all children to express themselves freely without fear of intimidation (on this issue) and their contributions are respected and valued.

We value our children and make our programmes accessible and inclusive to all children, irrespective of race, religion, home background, family background, gender, disability and / or learning difficulties.

As policy, we ensure that all our staff members are DBS checked. We also ensure that our staff members are kept up-to-date with recent developments in Safeguarding or Child Protection. One of the newer sets of policies are 'Prevent' and 'British Values'. This is where the government sees the need to discourage pupils from radicalism and extremism as a way to increase community cohesion.

In this leaflet, we explain what keeping children safe is about.

What are the signs of child abuse? What should you be aware of?

There are four recognised types of abuse that children should be protected from.

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Physical abuse may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating or otherwise causing physical harm to a child.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional ill treatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, whether or not the child is aware of or consents to what is happening.

NEGLECT

Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development.

OTHERS

Children must also be protected from witnessing domestic violence. They must be protected from FGM and other such practices. Finally, it is important to keep children safe online.

How do we at CSEP respond to allegations of abuse?



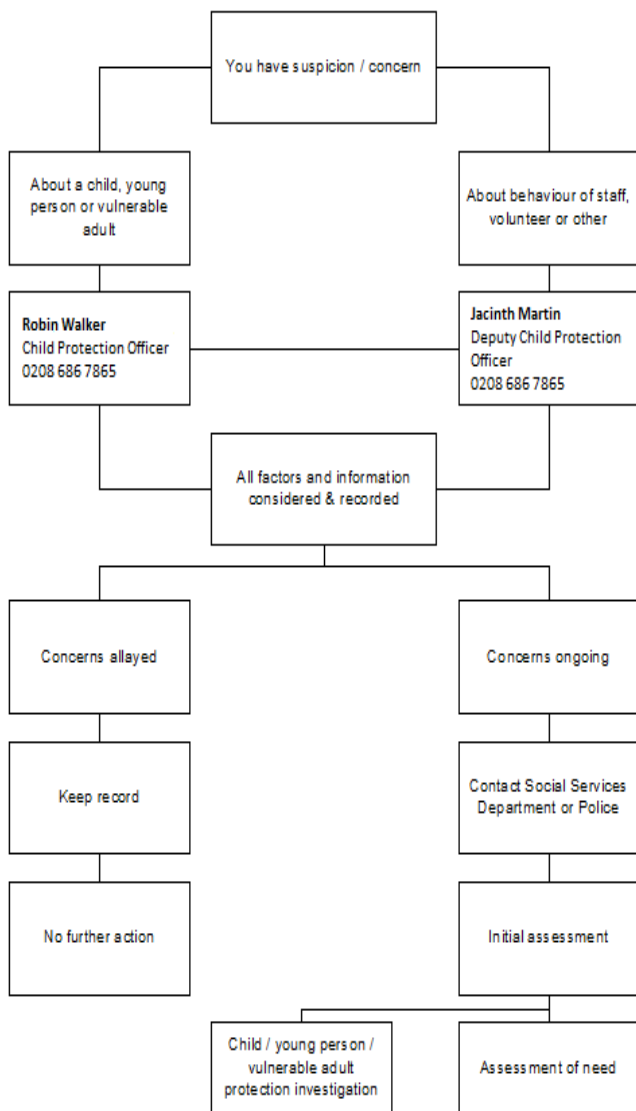
CSEP has a robust policy against child abuse. We take keeping children safe a priority. We have a document that parents are welcome to inspect called **CSEP Safeguarding Children Policy & Procedures**.

If a child discloses an allegation of abuse, as policy, we take that child's disclosure seriously.

In the event of a disclosure, CSEP will need to share information with statutory services such as the Local authority or the police.

We have a safeguarding or child protection flow chart for pupils, adults and parents (see overleaf).

**If you have a concern, who should you speak to?
What happens next?**



Who is who in Child Protection? What are the agencies you need to know about?

CSEP has one designated Child Protection Officer (Robin Walker) and one Deputy (Jacinth Martin).

Mr Robin Walker and Mrs Jacinth Martin can be contacted on 0208 686 7865.

The following agencies provide support, advice and guidance when required.

Croydon’s Children Services
 Telephone: 020 8726 6400 (24 Hours)
 Email: childreferrals@croydon.gov.uk
 Also: Croydon Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB)
 Telephone: 020 8726 6400 ext 64332 Vicky Hersey
 Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA

Ofsted Whistleblower Helpline
 Telephone: 0300 123 3155 (Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 6.00pm).
 Email: whistleblowing@ofsted.gov.uk.
 WBHL, Ofsted, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester, M1 2WD

Croydon Police Station
 71 Park Lane, Croydon, CR9 1BP
 Telephone: 0300 123 1212

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline 0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

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It should be just as important to YOU



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