

The LEO Trust Safeguarding and Child Protection policy has been co-constructed with DSL's from our academies and has therefore been adopted as our academy policy.

Please find below specific information relating to our local context.

## **Local Safeguarding Context -**

In Sutton, Emotional Abuse and Neglect remain the most significant categories named in Child Protection Plans.

Staff should be aware of what to look out for and know to speak to the DSL with any concern, however small. Appendix A gives a breakdown of the types of abuse.

There has been a significant increase in domestic abuse in Sutton since last year and in 75% of Child Protection Cases domestic abuse is also present.

The Police system Occupation Encompass operates in Sutton which Cheam Fields signs up to and as such would be alerted if the police attend an incident of Domestic Abuse where children are present. Support can then be offered as appropriate. This could be from trained staff in school for the child and the Family Support Worker is available to support all families.

Self harm among young people remains at a high level in Sutton. All self harm and suicidal threats should always be taken seriously and responded to without delay. Staff should be aware of what to look out for and speak to the DSL immediately with any concerns. Sutton has a multi-agency self harm protocol that can be referred to.

Cheam Fields Primary Academy liaises with the police for the catchment area of the school to work together to diffuse conflict between families as this can spill over into school.

## Where can staff get support in Sutton?

Staff can refer to the Child Safeguarding Toolkit which was devised as a response to serious case reviews. Good practice, training and advice can be found on this website. <a href="https://www.child.com/www.child

## What support do we offer our children and families?

Support for children and their families could include: ELSA, 1:1 nurture, Dramatherapy, 1:1 coaching with parent/guardian or support with signposting to external agencies.

Screenings are completed at Early Years, Y3 and Y5 to identify any child who would benefit from SEMH support.

Please click <u>here</u> for our Safeguarding Visitor Leaflet.