

All of our safeguarding processes and procedures conform to Keeping Children Safe in Education (2019):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2>

Please also see our our Child Protection Policy which can be found in the policies section of this website.

In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the following issues:

1. Child Sexual Exploitation:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/getmedia/6319c2f9-5b97-4c68-9173-04ec37936740/cse-leaflet1.pdf> – this detail how to protect your children from grooming, online abuse and other similar risks.

2. Mental Health in Schools:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-schools-make-it-count>

More and more school children are struggling to cope with their mental health. Amidst rising rates of depression, anxiety and self-harm in children and young people, there is a new Make it Count campaign. Please follow the above link for more details and guides for parents and pupils alike.

We believe that good mental health is fundamental to be able to thrive in life. If we're not tackling mental health problems early, then we risk failing the next generation right at the start of their lives.

Please see the NHS website for tips on good mental health:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing/>

3. Reporting inappropriate online content/ behaviour:

If you or your son/daughter come across inappropriate content or are subject to any inappropriate online behaviour, please refer to this website to report your concerns:

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

Do you *really* know what your children are doing online? You may have internet filters already in place; do you *really* know *how* secure the filters are? What are *YOU* doing to safeguard your youngsters' electronic activity? If in doubt click on the CEOP link at the bottom of this page.

What to do if you have a safeguarding concern involving a child.

i) Inform a member of the Safeguarding Team. The Safeguarding Team at HDHS are:

Mr J. Loten – Deputy Headteacher and Designated Lead

Mrs N. Prior – Inclusion Manager and Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs K. Finch – Headteacher

Mr S. Garnham – Senior Assistant Headteacher

Mrs C. Elmer-May – Centre Manager

Mrs L. McCullough – PE Teacher

Mrs S. Parker – Head of Sixth Form

Mrs C. Manners – Assistant Headteacher/ Executive SENCo

Miss C. Doyle – Assistant Headteacher

ii) If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed or neglected, or is at risk of this, you should go to the Essex Effective Support website where you can make a referral to the Children and Families Hub.

Where a child is at immediate risk of significant harm, call the Children and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627 and ask for the 'Priority Line' or call the Police.

(Out of Hours: [Mon-Thurs 5:00pm-9am. Fri & Bank Holidays 4:30pm-9am) 0345 606 1212 or Email: Emergency.DutyTeamOutOfHours@essex.gov.uk)

The Children and Families Hub also offers a consultation line for professionals providing advice and guidance. This can be accessed by calling 0345 603 7627 and asking for the 'Consultation Line'.