

Safeguarding

So called Honour Based Violence

So-called 'honour-based' violence (including Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage)

So-called 'honour-based' violence (HBV) encompasses incidents or crimes which have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and/or the community, including female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage, and practices such as breast ironing. Abuse committed in the context of preserving "honour" often involves a wider network of family or community pressure and can include multiple perpetrators.

All forms of HBV are abuse (regardless of the motivation) and should be handled and escalated as such. Professionals need to be alert to the possibility of a child being at risk of HBV, or already having suffered HBV.

As appropriate, they will activate local safeguarding procedures, using existing national and local protocols for multi-agency liaison with police and children's social care. Where FGM has taken place, since 31 October 2015 there has been a mandatory reporting duty to report this to the police.

How we keep children safe at school

- We listen carefully to what children tell us and observe their behaviours
- We are professionally 'curious'.
- We teach the PANTS programme
- Our PSHE and RSE Curriculum give opportunities to teach children about personal safety

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD,
DO NOT DELAY, TELL SOMEONE TODAY!**

