

# **HYNDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

Remember that it is the responsibility of every adult in our building to be vigilant for the signs that a child may need additional care and protection.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHILD SAFETY AND CHILD ENDANGERMENT COULD BE YOU**

In education establishments Management Circular 57 sets out the way in which all adults must immediately report concerns to the designated Child Protection Co-ordinator in school. Ms Brown is the designated Child Protection Co-ordinator, but in her absence, concerns should be reported immediately to Mrs Wynn. Details of Management Circular 57 are always on display on the staffroom notice board and attached to this policy. The HT speaks annually to all staff, to refresh the understanding of their responsibilities.

We want all our children to be safe, well and achieving their potential. Support staff and teaching staff, who work with pupils in different contexts, must be equally vigilant.

#### **Signs to Look For:**

1. If a child is being ill treated, **CHANGES** in what is normal behaviour for them, may become apparent.
2. Their attendance may fall.
3. They may become withdrawn, secretive and isolated from their group.
4. They may lose interest in their work.
5. They may behave badly or act aggressively.
6. They may lose interest in food.

These are sometimes known by the generic term **Failure To Thrive**.

#### **If a Child AT RISK of DRUG ABUSE:**

1. They may appear disorientated and highly agitated.
2. They may have mood swings.
3. They may have facial rashes associated with solvent abuse.

#### **If a Child is AT RISK of SEXUAL ABUSE:**

1. They may become clingy, tearful and withdrawn.
2. Expose themselves or encourage others to do so.
3. Begin masturbatory behaviour.
4. Display great anger.
5. Betray inappropriate experience through role-play or drawings.

#### **If a Child is Suffering from PHYSICAL or EMOTIONAL NEGLECT**

1. They may be pale or under-slept
2. They may have bruises or other unexplained injuries.
3. They may be complaining of constant sore stomachs or heads and display lethargy or anxiety.

**In all the above cases, come directly to the Child Protection Co-ordinator.  
It is their responsibility to decide what action to take next.**