



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Proposed CPD sessions

coming up....

- ◆ Attachment
- ◆ Stress Management
- ◆ Radicalisation

Please email Kimberley Maynard if you would be interested in more comprehensive training in these subjects.

Free basic online FGM Training...

How much do you know about FGM? If you'll remember in the first newsletter that was sent out there has been recent changes in the law that require any member of staff to report possible FGM to the police and safeguarding services. There is a free online training course that is available for all to do. It will teach you about what FGM is and how you may be able to identify possible victims for more information please visit <https://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/>

Children involved in Gang Activity

As outlined on the Government website, all practitioners who have contact with children and young people should be able to recognise when a child is vulnerable to, or at risk of harm from, gang involvement or activity. There are certain indicators and risk factors that make some children more vulnerable to becoming involved in a gang than others. These risk factors will usually come under three categories. The Childs Development, The Family and Environment and Parenting Capacity. One of the big risk factors for a child becoming involved in a gang is if a sibling or other family member is already been or previously been involved in gang activity. A more

exhaustive list of the risk factors can be found by opening the hyperlink https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/288804/Safeguarding_children_Gang_activity.pdf

Where Schools and Educational Establishments have concerns about students having gang involvement we are required to report concerns to Social Services and the police. In the first instance if you have any concerns about any of the students that you teach or work with please report your concerns to myself for immediate action.



GREAT NEWS!!! We have become the first secondary school in Sandwell to achieve the Bronze Award for our work with Young Carers. Starting in the new term I will be running nurture groups for our Young Carers and working with them individually to produce an individual plan in terms of their needs whilst they are in school. If you are aware of a Young Carer that you think hasn't been identified to the service please email me.

New Record of Concern Form for the School

In accordance with ECMAT procedures there has been a new Record of Concern Form made for you to report your Safeguarding Concerns to the Safeguarding Team. It is very important that all your safeguarding concerns for any student in the school comes through to the team on one of these forms. If you are unsure of whether your concern is worth reporting you can speak to the welfare manager for your year and they will advise whether to report it to safeguarding or not. However if you are still unsure, err on the side of caution and send one over

anyway and it will be dealt with accordingly.

If you are worried that your concern has not been picked up or you haven't received a confirmation email, please do not be afraid to chase up your concern with an email or a phone call my extension number is 6009.

Each concern is logged onto a safeguarding spreadsheet and the concern will be filed so we can build up a bigger picture as you may not be the only member of staff reporting concerns for that child so the Record of

Concerns form is a crucial piece of evidence to help the team safeguard the students.

All forms can be sent to k.maynard@acesch.co.uk

We thank you for your continuing support when it comes to keeping children safe in education. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and requires joined up working and maximum communication.