

Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst: Safeguarding Traffic Light Checker

Please use this as a guide to determine what YOU need to do. We all share the responsibility of keeping children safe and we will all be held to account if we do not get it right. If in doubt, please seek advice immediately.

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CODE RED: CHILD PROTECTION – IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED (SPECIALIST INTERVENTION)

Definition: A child believed to be in immediate danger or identified as being at risk of serious harm.

Indicators of Code Red (list not exhaustive): Child currently subject to a Child Protection Plan (Statutory Local Authority involvement), any child with a visible/reported physical injury or in discomfort, information to indicate physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect, attempt or feelings of suicide/known incidents of self-harm.

Protocol

- Ask child directly about source of reported/visible injury/distress. Note first response given along with time and date.
- Whilst any disclosure of physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect is being made, record information being given in writing (do not interview/presume/probe just take first account seeking clarity as required) Never promise secrecy, but assure child disclosing that you will be seeking advice and assistance to ensure safety going forwards.
- Please ensure that whilst enquiries are made that the child is left with a responsible adult, until identified risk concerns can be appropriately managed.
- See the DSL immediately and in person for advice/support/action, or seek support from a DDSL. Approach SLT if none of the listed staff are available. In the absence of the DSL/DDSL/SLT, please call Children and Young People's Duty and Advice Service. Check on address of child first, all children living in Solihull refer to 0121 788 4300, out of hours 0121 605 6060. Children living in Birmingham refer to 0121 303 1888, out of hours 0121 675 4806. Record the name of the person that you speak to, follow the advice and take the agreed action. Brief the DSL at the first available opportunity, so that ongoing responsibilities can be determined. Depending on the nature of the concern you may also be advised to call the Police (999 for emergency response, 101 for non-emergency situations).
- All relevant information and action taken to be recorded/scanned into 'MyConcern', once the above steps have been taken, as agreed with the staff member managing the concern.

CODE AMBER: CHILD IN NEED - INITIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITHIN 24 HOURS (TARGETED APPROACH)

Definition: A child not viewed as being at immediate risk of serious harm, but does present with concerns indicative of identifiable unmet needs, which left unaddressed would result in harm to the child's wellbeing in the longer term.

Indicators of Code Amber (list not exhaustive): Child currently subject to a Child In Need Plan (Statutory Involvement) or categorised as a Looked After Child (LAC) or family currently known to other Early Help and child with known caring responsibilities for others, regularly late, absent or excluded, poor hygiene/ regularly unkempt, contact with parents that indicates that they are not coping/lack capacity to meet the needs of child.

Protocol

- Staff member who is concerned records details onto 'MyConcern'. The DSL and DDSL's will triage the information and feedback any action required via 'MyConcern'. Please note that any further discussion or developments concerning the child following the initial recording is also to be documented within 'MyConcern' to ensure that each child's chronology is accurate and up to date.
- The DSL or a DDSL will share concerns with other professionals involved with the child or family as appropriate and will also complete relevant referrals for additional support/services (e.g. Early Help) and will update 'MyConcern' accordingly.

CODE GREEN: CHILD REQUIRES PREVENTATIVE INTERVENTION – INITIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITHIN 48 HOURS (UNIVERSAL SERVICES)

Definition: A child who does not present as being at risk of serious harm nor with wider unmet needs. However, a specific issue has arisen that indicates that they are perhaps situationally vulnerable without adult guidance/intervention.

Indicators of Code Green (list not exhaustive): Child that has previously been identified as being code red/amber, information gathered informally concerning any child, or child approaches and asks for specific advice concerning a personal/social issue, multiple children presenting with concerns linked to a specific safeguarding issue.

Protocol

- Record concern on 'MyConcern' with action you have taken already. The DSL or a DDSL will triage, to ascertain if this is a pattern of known behaviour or a sustained cause for concern. In any case, feedback and potential support pathways will be shared and the best way forwards agreed.
- All actions and outcomes to be recorded via 'My Concern' to populate the child's chronology and determine future safeguarding learning opportunities and interventions.