



# Willingdon

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### FGM Statement

Schools play a vital role in protecting and supporting girls at risk of or affected by FGM. Young people should be engaged and empowered to know about issues that affect them, their peers and their communities.

We are focused not only on awareness but also the role that everyone can play in supporting girls and ending the practice.

Students are equipped to be able to support themselves, their peers and their siblings who may be at risk of or affected by FGM.

#### What is FGM?

Girls of any age are at risk from the tradition of removal or partial removal of female genitalia. It is a violation of woman's rights. It is illegal in the UK since 2013 and carries a sentence of 14 years imprisonment. In 2015 a mandatory reporting duty was introduced.

#### Who is at risk?

*Mainly girls from families from these countries, though families from other countries can be involved:*

- *Egypt*
- *Ethiopia*
- *Eritrea*
- *Nigeria*
- *Sierra Leone*
- *Somalia*
- *Sudan*
- *Chad*
- *Guinea Bissau*
- *Gambia*

#### Risk Level in Willingdon Community School

Risk level is very low as there are no families in school from risk areas.

We continue to be vigilant about any girls being taken out of school for extended breaks to any country. Any concerns will be reported to the DSL/ safeguarding team.

## **Who is responsible?**

Everyone is responsible. The school will follow Child Protection Procedures. Whole school safeguarding training which included FGM was last delivered in September 2017 and staff will be updated in September 2018. Staff have opportunities to ask questions during staff / support staff meetings.

There are 3 members of the safeguarding team who are up to date with the DSL training which includes FGM. One of the DSLs has completed the Home office on line training on Prevent.

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

## **Responsibilities**

School assess risk and will contact relevant agencies if they have any concerns.

## **Contact Details**

**NSPCC – 0800 0283550 for advice and concerns**

**SPOA – (1<sup>st</sup> Point Of Contact for all referrals East and West of county)**

Telephone: 01323 464222 Email: [spoa@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:spoa@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**LADO**

Telephone: 07825 782793 Email: [amanda.glover@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.glover@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING UNIT (If LADO is on leave but consultation required)**

Telephone: 01323 466606 Email: [lado@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:lado@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Contact police to conduct investigation**

**FGM helpline 0800 0283550 [fgmhelp@nspcc.org](mailto:fgmhelp@nspcc.org)**