

STV Safeguarding News

Summer Term 2024

At St Vincent's VC Academy, we have high expectations regarding the well-being of our children. All staff members have a responsibility to address issues that may arise concerning the well-being, welfare and safety of every one of our children. We welcome you to come in to school if you would like to discuss any changes your child may be going through at home. We can also provide support for any parents / carers who are struggling with home life or personal issues.

Our Child Protection Policy and other Safeguarding Policies can be found on our school website: stvhull.org

Our Safeguarding team are Mrs Joanne Bell, Mrs Lucy Windeler, Mrs Charis Mathews and Miss Rachael Barwick.

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Safeguarding Information

Helpful resources for parents

The NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> has lots of information to help support parents with whatever family life brings. We can also help support you with these in school too. Just let us know if we can help.

- [Supporting a child who has mental health problems](#)
- [What parents can do about self-harm](#)
- [Online safety information for parents](#)
- [Advice on talking to children about drugs and alcohol](#)
- [Help talking about difficult topics](#)
- [Talk PANTS with your child \(the underwear rule\)](#)
- [Helping children deal with divorce and separation](#)

FGM (Female Genital Mutilation)

This is a form of child abuse and illegal in the UK. Please see the attached sheet for more information.

Reminders

- Our school gates open at 8:45 am and close at 8:55am. Please ensure your child is at school within these times.
- If your child is going to be absent from school, you must notify us via email or telephone admin@stvhull.org 01482 342645
- Please ensure your child/ren put sun cream on before school on hot days and bring a sun hat to school. Children are also able to bring bottles of water to drink.

SAFEGUARDING MATTERS



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An information guide for parents and carers on key
Child Protection topics

What is FGM?

FGM is child abuse.

FGM means any procedure that involves partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.

FGM is also known as 'cutting' or 'female circumcision' and is sometimes referred to as 'sunna'. Although FGM is not approved by any religion, FGM is often a harmful traditional practice. Some girls die from blood loss or infection as a direct result of FGM. Women can experience health problems throughout their lives and FGM can cause difficulties with childbirth. There are no health benefits to FGM.

ENGLISH & UK LEGISLATION

Anyone found guilty of an FGM offence – or of aiding and abetting such an offence – faces a penalty of up to 14 years in prison, a fine, or both.

HELP & SUPPORT

If you are in the UK and have concerns that this may happen to you or someone you know, you can speak to a teacher, doctor, school nurse, social worker, police officer or any health, educational or social care professional. They will be able to help and support you. You can also call this 24-hour helpline for anyone concerned about girls or women at risk of FGM.

Tel 0800 028 3550

If you are in the UK and are at immediate risk, or are concerned that you may be taken overseas for the purpose of FGM please contact the police by dialling 999.

If you are abroad and require help or advice please call the British High Commission or Embassy in the country you are visiting or the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Tel: +44 (0) 20 7008 1500

FGM is a crime in Scotland and throughout the UK. It is also a crime for a person to carry out, assist or arrange the FGM of another person, even if the actual mutilation occurs outside England.

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Usually it is a girl's parents or her extended family who are responsible for arranging **FGM**. Some of the reasons given for the continued practice of FGM include; protecting family honour, preserving tradition, ensuring a woman's chastity, cleanliness and as a preparation for marriage.

Whilst FGM is often seen as an act of love, rather than cruelty, it causes significant harm and constitutes physical and emotional abuse. **FGM is considered to be child abuse in the UK** and is a violation of the child's right to life, their bodily integrity as well as of their right to health.