FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) Risk Assessment
Danehill CE Primary School
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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 the 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. Where appropriate, pupils 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 has been 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 the following countries (although families from other countries can also be involved):
Egypt; Ethopia; Eritrea; Nigeria; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Sudan; Chad; Guinea; Bissau; Gambia.

Risk level at Danehill Primary
The risk level at Danehill is **very low**, however 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 Designated Safeguarding Lead, Katie Jones.

Who is responsible for reporting?
The FGM mandatory reporting duty is a legal duty provided for in the FGM Act 2003 (as amended by the Serious Crime Act 2015). The legislation requires regulated health and

social care professionals and teachers in England and Wales to make a report to the police where, in the course of their professional duties, they either:
• are informed by a girl under 18 that an act of FGM has been carried out on her;
or • observe physical signs which appear to show that an act of FGM has been carried out on a girl under 18 and they have no reason to believe that the act was necessary for the girl's physical or mental health or for purposes connected with labour or birth.

For the purposes of the duty, the relevant age is the girl's age at the time of the disclosure/identification of FGM (i.e. it does not apply where a woman aged 18 or over discloses she had FGM when she was under 18).

Annual whole school safeguarding training includes FGM. The Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead are up to date with their training which included FGM. The school assesses the risk and will contact relevant agencies in they have any concerns.

Contacts for more information and support
NSPCC – 0800 0283550 for advice and concerns fgmhelp@nspcc.org
Department of Health: FGM Safeguarding and Risk Assessment
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): Consultation via the online portal here

Referrals into Early Help and Social Care Single Point of Advice: 01323 464222 or Contacting the Single Point of Advice (SPoA) | East Sussex County Council

Emergency Duty Service (after hours, weekends and public holidays): 01273 335906 or 01273 335905