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FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) Statement

Schools play a vital role in protecting and supporting girls at risk of or affected by FGM (Female Genital Mutilation). 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.

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 (Female Genital Mutilation)?

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 UK since 2013 and carries a sentence of 14 years imprisonment. In 2015 a mandatory reporting duty was introduced.

Who is at risk?

Girls from families from these mainly these countries:

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

Risk Level at Alfriston 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.

Who is responsible?

Everyone is responsible. The school will follow Child Protection Procedures.

Training

The DSL and Deputy DSLs have all receive up to date training. Training on FGM is shared with staff at least yearly and safeguarding is a standing item on all agendas.

Responsibilities

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

Contact details

NSPCC – 0800 028 3550 for advice and concerns

SPOA (1st Point of Contact for all referrals East and West of county)

Telephone: 01323 464222 Email: spoa@eastsussex.gov.uk

LADO

Telephone: 07825 782793

Email: amanda.glover@eastsussex.gov.uk

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

Telephone: 01323 466606

Email: lado@eastsussex.gov.uk

Contact police to conduct investigation

FGM helpline 0800 028 3550 fgmhelp@nspcc.org