**Safeguarding Policy Addition for Schools:**

| **Serious Youth Violence**  Serious Youth Violence includes the threat, and intentional use, of violence towards children under 18 years old. SYV usually occurs in a public place, it may or may not involve the use of weapons and can result in serious physical injury or death. Perpetrators may act alone, or as part of a group, SYV does not always happen in the context of gang activity. The intention of SYV is to cause significant injury, deprivation, psychological harm, or death.  **Signs and Indicators**: (this list is NOT exhaustive)   * Non-accidental or unexplained injuries including:   o Bruising  o Fractures  o Fresh scars or minor cuts  o Chronic pain (back, arms, upper legs)   * Suspicious injuries (appear to be inflicted by a bladed               article, or inconsistent with the explanation).   * Refusing to be referred to a hospital or GP for further                examination.   * Inconsistent explanation about how the injury was               obtained.   * Becoming defensive, angry, or hostile when exploring                the injury and sequence of events. | *This means that in our school we will:*  *Notice and listen to children/young people showing signs of being drawn in to anti-social or criminal behaviour,*  *use the risk assessment screening tool to support our referrals to MASH for any children in our school we are concerned about.*  *Be aware of and work with the Police and local organisations to disrupt as much as possible criminal exploitation*  *activity within our school.*  *This* ***includes*** *the DSL referring any concerns about possible exploitation or gangs, even when there is not a named individual, to* ***Axis****. AXIS Service triangulate and analyse information shared by partners in Hillingdon ; to inform concerns around children and young people at risk of/involved in Criminal/Child Exploitation, Serious Youth Violence or Anti-Social  Behaviour. In addition , AXIS Service can provide 1:1 support for identified children in need of intervention .*    *For further enquires please email:* [***axis@hillingdon.gov.uk***](mailto:axis@hillingdon.gov.uk) ***or call: 07823 501585***  *If a child has been a victim of crime or witnessed an incident of SYV Victim Support offer trauma informed, 1-2-1 emotional and practical support, in a safe and confidential setting. Please contact them on 0808 168 911* |
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