**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 Bruisingo Fractureso Fresh scars or minor cutso 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*** ***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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