

HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL



Appendix 1 to MAT Safeguarding Policy

Appendix to Safeguarding Policy for FGM

Rationale:

Horsington Church School has robust and rigorous safeguarding procedures and takes its responsibilities of child protection seriously.

Female Genital Mutilation is a form of child abuse and as such is dealt with under the school's Safeguarding policy. At Horsington Church School the Headteacher and Governors expect Safeguarding to be everybody's responsibility and expect all staff to adhere to and follow these policies. The school uses the World Health Organisation definition as written below.

Definition of FGM:

'Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) comprises of all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs whether for cultural or non-therapeutic reasons.' (World Health Organisation – 1997)

At Horsington Church School we believe that all our pupils should be kept safe from harm. FGM affects girls particularly from north African countries including Egypt, Sudan, Somalia and Sierra Leone. Although our school has no children from these backgrounds and we consider girls in our school safe from FGM, we will continue to review our policy annually.

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