



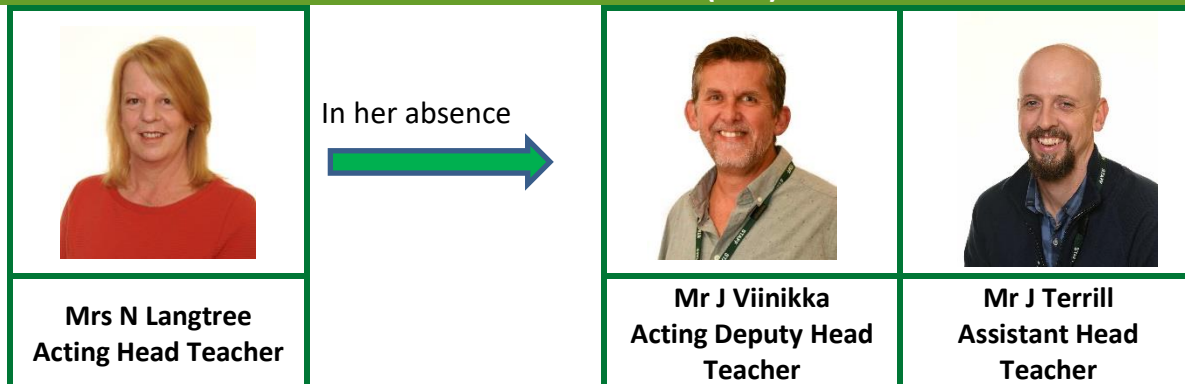
LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

HONESTY CREATIVITY RESPECT CARE

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

Every member of staff, supply staff and volunteers has a duty to be vigilant to the indicators of abuse, and to record and refer concerns to the designated member of staff.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS (DSL) FOR C.P are:



What to do if you are worried that a child is being abused or likely to be abused:

- Write down your concerns and what has made you concerned. Use a 'Pupil Concern Sheet' (copies outside Head Teacher office) or use any paper that is to hand. Treat all discussions/ notes as confidential
- Contact Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for advice and show them your notes as soon as practical
- If you feel it is urgent and are unable to contact DSL or feel your concerns are not being acted upon appropriately then contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly

Before a child will make a disclosure they must feel secure, feel that there is an adult whom they can approach in school and that they will be listened to. *Is this the case for all our pupils? Are there any pupils who could be vulnerable because they do not feel secure at school, there is not an adult they can approach or because they do not feel listened to? Do you feel pupils are vulnerable for other reasons (poor speech/language/ability to articulate? Poor attendance? Low cognitive abilities?) If yes – take action!*

What to do if a disclosure is made to you:

If child is speaking freely, listen carefully. If possible write down some of what is said. You may use a 'Pupil Concern Sheet' (copies outside Head Teacher office) or use any paper that is to hand.

- Don't promise confidentiality to the child. Try not to ask leading questions of the child
- **Unless** there is an immediate safeguarding issue, don't take any action that may demonstrate your concern at the situation: it is important remain calm
- If you feel it is urgent you must ensure that a DSL is made aware of your concern as soon as possible
- If the allegations refer to a member of staff, please contact the DSL in the first instance. If the allegation refers to the DSL (Head teacher), then contact the Chair of Governors or LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer)

In any notes, (treat all notes/discussions as confidential) ensure that you identify:

- 1) Date and time when notes were made
- 2) Dates and times of any identified incidents.
- 3) The specific reason for the concern
- 4) What was said or witnessed by whom

In any case if you feel your concerns have not been acted on you can report directly to MASH or to LADO

MASH: Telephone: **01403 229 900** Out of Hours: **0330 222 6664** Email: MASH@westsussex.gov.uk

LADO Telephone number: **01403 229900** Email: LADO@westsussex.gov.uk

Please ensure that you have read the most recent version of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'

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