



TUDOR GRANGE SAMWORTH ACADEMY: SAFEGUARDING TRAFFIC LIGHT CHECKER

Please use this as a guide to determine what **YOU** need to do. We all share the responsibility of keeping children safe and we will all be held to account if we do not get it right. If in doubt seek advice immediately.

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CODE RED: CHILD PROTECTION – IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED (SPECIALIST INTERVENTION)

Definition: A child/ren believed to be in immediate danger, or identified as being at risk of serious harm.

Indicators of Code Red (list not exhaustive): Child/ren currently subject to a Child Protection Plan (Statutory Local Authority involvement), any child/ren with a visible/reported physical injury or in discomfort, information to indicate physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect, attempt or threat of suicide/known incidents of self-harm.

Protocol

- Ask child directly about source of reported/visible injury/distress. Note first response given along with time and date.
- Whilst any disclosure of physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect is being made, record information being given in writing (do not interview/presume/probe just take first account seeking clarity as required) Never promise secrecy, but assure child/ren disclosing that you will be seeking advice and assistance to ensure safety going forwards.
- See a DSL immediately and in person, for advice/support/action. Approach any member of SLT if a DSL cannot be located. In the absence of, or following advice of a DSL/SLT, call Children and Young People's Duty and Advice Service. Check on address of child/ren first, all children living in the City refer to (0116) 4541004, children living in the County refer to (0116) 305 0005. Record the name of the person that you speak to and the advice you are given, and take agreed action. Brief a DSL at the first available opportunity, so that ongoing responsibilities can be determined.
- Depending on the nature of the concern you may also be advised to call the Police (999 for emergency response, 101 for non-emergency situations). Please ensure that whilst enquiries are made that the child/ren is left with a responsible adult, until identified risk concerns can be appropriately managed.
- All relevant information and action taken to be recorded/scanned into 'My Concerns', once the above steps have been taken.

CODE AMBER: CHILD IN NEED - INITIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITHIN 24 HOURS (TARGETED APPROACH)

Definition: A child/ren not viewed as being at immediate risk of serious harm, but does present with concerns indicative of identifiable unmet needs, which left unaddressed would result in harm to the child/rens wellbeing in the longer term.

Indicators of Code Amber (list not exhaustive): Child/ren currently subject to a Child In Need Plan (Statutory Involvement) or categorised as a Looked After Child (LAC) or family currently known to other Early Help/Family Support Service, and child/ren with known caring responsibilities for others, regularly late, absent or excluded, poor hygiene/ regularly unkempt, contact with parents that indicates that they are not coping/lack capacity to meet the needs of child/ren.

Protocol

- Staff member who is concerned records details onto 'My Concerns'. A DSL will then triage the information and feedback any tasks via 'My Concerns'. Please note that any further discussion or developments concerning the child/ren following the initial recording is also to be documented within 'My Concerns' to ensure that each child's chronology is accurate.
- A DSL will share concerns with other professionals involved with the child/ren or family as appropriate.
- A DSL will determine if concerns meet the threshold for Social Care advice/intervention and will complete relevant referrals for additional support/services (e.g. Early Help) and will follow up and update 'My Concerns' accordingly.

CODE GREEN: CHILD REQUIRES PREVENTATIVE INTERVENTION – INITIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITHIN 48 HOURS (UNIVERSAL SERVICES)

Definition: A child who does not present as being at risk of serious harm, nor with wider unmet needs. However, a specific issue has arisen that indicates that they are situationally vulnerable without adult guidance/intervention.

Indicators of Code Green (list not exhaustive) : Child/ren that have previously been identified as being code red/amber, information gathered informally concerning any child/ren, child/ren approaches and asks for specific advice concerning a personal/social issue, multiple children presenting with concerns linked to a specific safeguarding issue e.g. sexting.

Protocol

- Record concern on 'My Concerns'. A DSL will triage, to ascertain if this is a pattern of known behaviour or a sustained cause for concern. As this may warrant a code amber response in some cases.
- In any case a DSL will triage and feedback potential support pathways and agree the best way forwards.
- Nominated staff member to speak to child/ren about concerns noted, and offer relevant support and signposting both within and beyond school. Contact parents/guardians to highlight concern and to relay advice given/action taken, and monitor the child/rens progress in this respect going forwards. All actions and outcomes to be recorded via 'My Concerns' to update a child/rens chronology and determine future safeguarding learning opportunities.