Lake View Primary School Child Protection & Safeguarding Flow Chart 'What to do if you are worried a child is being abused, at risk of harm or neglect'

### Actions where there are concerns about a child's welfare in and outside of school

Be alert to signs of abuse, question unusual behaviour or changes to presentation.

### Where a child discloses abuse, neglect, sexual violence, sexual harassment, online harm

- Listen to what they say, keep calm, reassure they are right to tell, and you will take action to help keep them safe.
- Inform them you need to share the information and what you are going to do next
- Do not promise confidentiality, you will need to share/ report the information to appropriate services.
- DO NOT DELAY, take any immediate necessary action to protect the child and ensure the Snr or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is informed or member of SLT in the DSL's absence.

## Discuss concerns with the Senior Designated/Named Safeguarding Lead

- The Safeguarding Lead will consider further actions including consultation with Children's Social Care/MASH (if a new concern).
- Concerns and discussion, decisions and reasons for decision should be recorded in writing and a 'confidential concerns' or a 'child protection' file should be opened, stored in line with the school child protection policy.
- At all stages, the child's circumstances should be kept under review and re-refer if concerned to ensure the child's circumstances improve – the child's best interests must come first.

# Still have concerns - Refer to MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) Social Care

Have child/families' personal details to hand and be clear about concern/allegations. Complete referral form.

## Safeguarding concern Resolved /no longer held

Support has been agreed, record decisions and any follow up

MASH Tel: 0300 500 80 90

Consultation Line Tel: 0115 977 4247 where safe consider Early Help Service

# If the child is at immediate risk dial 101 and ask for assistance

Record all decisions and actions, working to agreed outcomes and within timescales. Escalate any emerging threats/concerns by adopting Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership procedures.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nscp

Police Tel:101

Out of hours Emergency Duty Team 5.00pm –8.30am Tel: 0300 4564546

NSPCC Whistle blowing Tel: 0800 028 0285 Unmet needs identified

Decide what actions are needed to support the child.

Consult with the child young person, family, and relevant agencies: Agree support, refer to NSCP guidance 'Pathway to Provision' version 9.1.

Contacts: For any allegations/concerns regarding an adult who works with (in either paid/voluntarily) employment with children contact the LA Designated Officer (LADO) for referrals Tel:- 0115 8041272. LADO Strategic Lead Tel: 0115 9773921 Cheryl Stollery – LA Safeguarding Children in Education Officer Tel:- 0115 8041047

This flow chart is a brief guide - Please refer to our School Child Protection Policy.