



## Safeguarding

### Magdalene preschool

#### Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Policy

**All staff will undertake a course in FGM so they are aware of signs – this is updated yearly.**

At Magdalene Preschool, we respect and value all children and are committed to providing a caring, safe and secure environment. We believe that every child should be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by Magdalene Preschool. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard our children and promote their welfare by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

Adults who are close to children at Magdalene preschool are able to tune in to their verbal, sign and body language in order to understand what is being expressed and communicated. Adults who are close to children at Magdalene preschool are able to respond appropriately and when required act upon their understand of what children express and communicate. They are vigilant at nappy changing times and toileting.

**It is illegal in the United Kingdom to allow girls to undergo female genital mutilation (FGM) either in this country or abroad. People found guilty of allowing FGM to take place are punished by fines and can receive up to fourteen years in prison.**

FGM comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia for non-medical reasons. At Magdalene preschool we have a robust and rigorous safeguarding procedure protecting children in our care is paramount.

At Magdalene preschool we have a duty to report concerns we have about girls at risk of FGM to the police and social service. Therefore, we promote within our setting and to parent/carers that aiding and partaking in FGM is a criminal offence.

If there is evidence that FGM has taken place or may be imminent, we will directly report to the Chief Inspector of the local police force.

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On behalf of the management committee

‘Working together to Safeguard Children’

‘What to do if you’re worried a child is being abused’

‘EYFS safeguarding and welfare requirements’

We are aware of and comply with the requirements relating to FGM (Female Genital Mutilation)

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