



FGM statement

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Schools play a vital role in protecting and supporting girls at risk of or affected by FGM. Young people should be engaged empowered to know about issues that affect them, their peers and their communities.

We are focused not only on awareness but also the role that everyone can play in supporting girls and ending the practice.

Pupils are equipped to be able to support themselves, their peers and their siblings who may be at risk of or affected by FGM.

What is FGM?

Girls of any age are at risk from the tradition of removal or partial removal of female genitalia. It is a violation of women's rights. It is illegal in the UK since 2013 and carries a sentence of 14 years imprisonment. In 2015 a mandatory reporting duty was introduced.

Who is at risk?

Mainly girls from families from these countries, though families from other countries can be involved.

- **Egypt**
- **Ethiopia**
- **Eritrea**
- **Nigeria**
- **Sierra Leone**
- **Somalia**
- **Sudan**
- **Chad**
- **Guinea Bissau**
- **Gambia**

Risk level at UTC@harbourside

Risk level is very low as there are no families from the risk areas.

We continue to be vigilant about any girls being taken out of the school for extended breaks to any country. Any concerns will be reported to the DSL.

Who is responsible?

Everyone is responsible.

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The school will follow Child Protection Procedures. Whole school safeguarding training which included FGM was delivered on 4th September 2017 and staff will be updated as needed. Staff have opportunities to ask questions during staff/support meetings.

Responsibilities

School assesses risk and will contact relevant agencies if they have any concerns.

Contact details

NSPCC – 08000 283550

SPOA – 1st point of contact for all referrals East and West of county

Tel: 01323 464222

Email: spoa@eastsussex.gov.uk

LADO

Tel: 07825 782793

Email: Amanda.glover@eastsussex.gov.uk

Safeguarding unit

Tel: 01323 466606

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Contact police to conduct investigation

FGM helpline: 08000 283550

Email: fgmhelp@nspcc.org

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