



GREENGATE LANE  
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# Contextual Safeguarding at Greengate Lane



## Safeguarding Children Policy Front Sheet

**Name of Setting: Greengate Lane Academy**

**Academic Year: 2020-21**

We all have a statutory duty to “safeguard and promote the welfare of children”.

If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

Some issues e.g. a child’s appearance, hygiene, general behaviour, can be shared with any teacher or member of support staff in this setting. Do not worry that you may be reporting small matters – we would rather that you tell us things which turn out to be small than miss a worrying situation.

**However, if you think the matter is very serious and may be related to a child protection concern, where the child has been harmed or is at risk of harm e.g. physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect, you must talk to one of the people below immediately. If you are unable to contact them you can ask the school office staff to find them and ask them to speak to you straight away about a confidential and urgent matter.**

The people you should talk to at this setting are:



### **The Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Name: Paul Cross

Their office is located next to ... Main entrance

Their tel. no / mobile no is... 0114 2848322



### **The Designated Safeguarding Deputy**

Name: Kara Robinson

Their office is located next to... Foundation Stage

**Any allegation or disclosure involving someone who works with children in a paid or voluntary capacity must** be reported directly to the Head Teacher, Principal or Senior Manager, unless it involves them and then it should be reported directly to the Chair of the

Governing Body or Management Committee.

**This document can be laminated & used at your reception for supply staff & visiting professionals, to help them to identify your safeguarding team quickly & enable them to share information easily**



# What is Contextual Safeguarding?

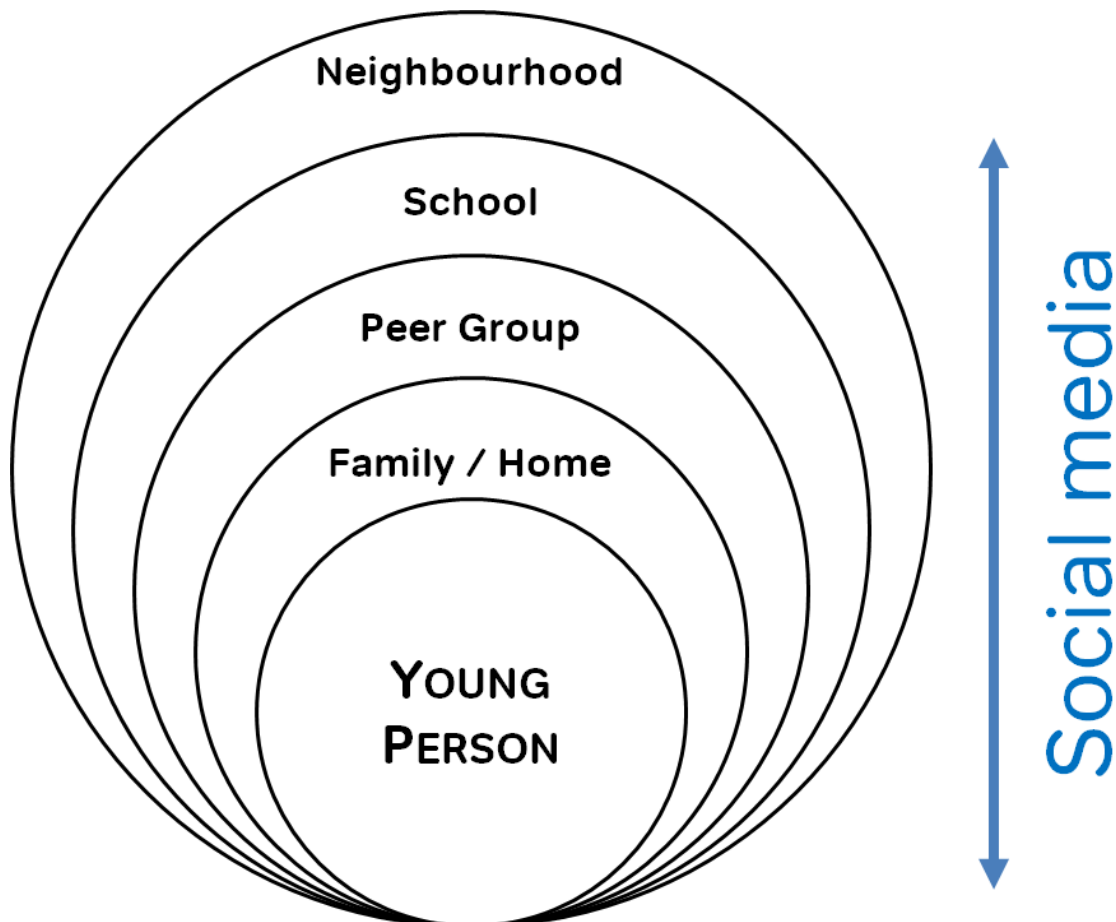
Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families.

It recognises that the different relationships that young people form in their neighbourhoods, schools and online can feature violence and abuse. Parents and carers have little influence over these contexts, and young people's experiences of extra-familial abuse can undermine parent-child relationships.

Therefore, children's social care practitioners, child protection systems and wider safeguarding partnerships need to engage with individuals and sectors who do have influence over/within extra-familial contexts, and recognise that assessment of, and intervention with, these spaces are a critical part of safeguarding practices.

Contextual Safeguarding, therefore, expands the objectives of child protection systems in recognition that young people are vulnerable to abuse beyond their front doors.

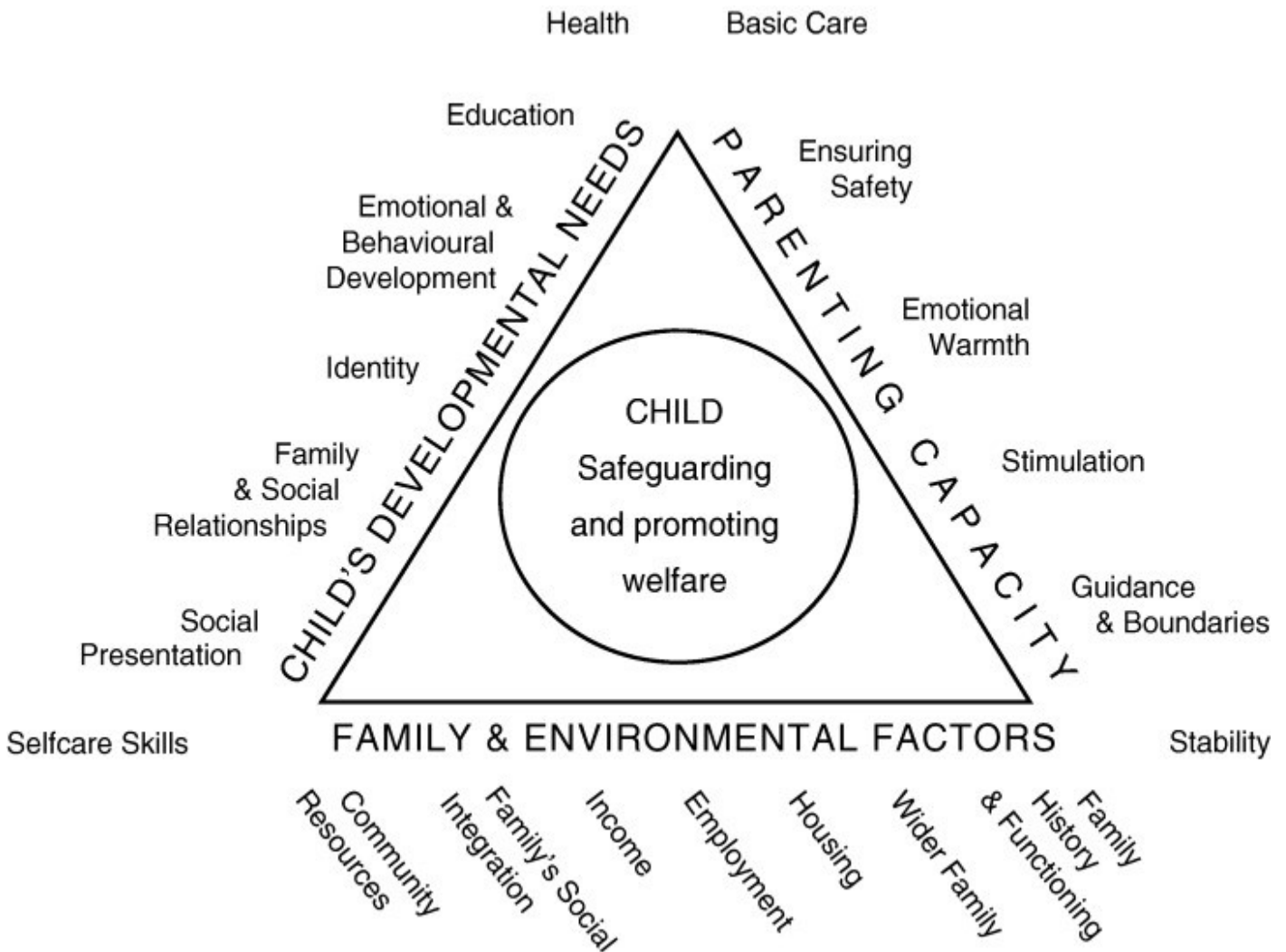
The model below shows areas we need to consider at Greengate Lane in order to fully understand the wider vulnerabilities of our children





At Greengate Lane we are aware of the wide variety of elements of Vulnerabilities our children may experience. Some of these may be stand alone vulnerabilities but often children face several different vulnerabilities at the same time.

Below is a model of many of the vulnerabilities we consider for our children and wider families



At Greengate Lane we gather information in several ways.

Pupil voice questionnaires help us to assess the particular needs of children within school.

We work with teachers to triangulate the needs of our children across a wide range of vulnerable categories through a termly "Well Being " assessment.

We work with outside agencies such as Early Help , MAST and Social Services as well as seeking support and training through the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub and Astrea MAT to work towards supporting our children and families at the earliest possible stage.

If you have any concerns around any of these issues please contact our safeguarding team