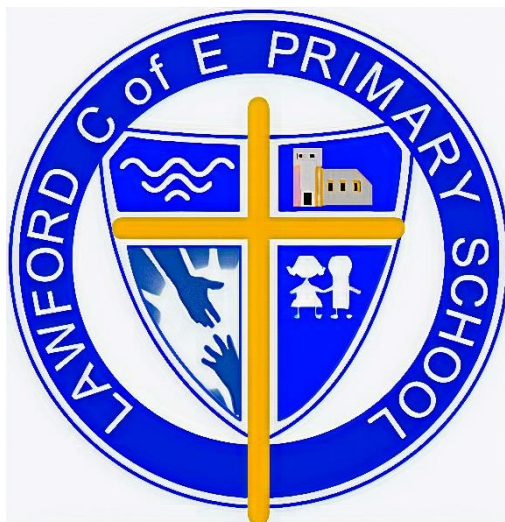# CHILD ON CHILD HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY FOR LAWFORD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1. Introduction

Children's sexual behaviour exists on a wide continuum. It ranges from normal and developmentally expected (age-appropriate), to inappropriate, problematic, abusive, and violent. Problematic, abusive, and violent sexual behaviour is developmentally inappropriate and may cause developmental damage. This is known as Harmful Sexual Behaviour, which children can experience in various settings, including at school, at home (or in another home), in public places, online or in person, or simultaneously. Our school recognises that children are vulnerable to, and capable of, harmful sexual behaviour.

We take any allegation of abuse between our children seriously and follow our child protection procedures if a report of harmful sexual behaviour is made. This may include seeking advice and support from other agencies as appropriate. Decisions are made taking into account the age and developmental stages of any child involved. We also consider any other factors as appropriate and balance this with our duty and responsibilities to protect all children.

Within this policy we use the following widely used and recognised terms in places: 'victim(s)' and 'alleged perpetrator(s)'. We recognise that a child who has disclosed abuse may not consider themselves to be a victim and may not want to be described in this way. We also recognise that a child who is reported to have displayed harmful or abusive behaviour may not consider that they have done so, and that they will also need a safeguarding response. When managing reports of abuse, we are mindful of the language used, particularly when speaking with children, and will adapt this according to the needs of the child.

2. What harmful sexual behaviour means

The Department for Education (DfE) publishes statutory guidance for all education settings: [Keeping children safe in education](#) (DfE). Part five of this statutory guidance sets out how schools should manage reports of child-on-child sexual violence and harassment (harmful sexual behaviour).

Sexual violence
This means sexual offences under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 as described below:

- rape;

- assault by penetration;

- sexual assault (which includes inappropriate or unwanted sexualised touching); and

- causing someone to engage in sexual activity without consent (consent is about having the freedom and capacity to choose – a child under the age of 13 can never consent to any sexual activity).

Sexual harassment

This means unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, which can occur online and offline and both inside and outside of school, including:

- sexual comments (telling sexual stories, making lewd comments, making sexual remarks about clothes and appearance, calling someone sexualised names);

- sexual 'jokes' or taunting;

- physical behaviour, such as deliberately brushing against someone, or interfering with someone's clothes;

- displaying pictures, photos, or drawings of a sexual nature; and

- upskirting, which typically involves taking a picture or video under a person's clothing without them knowing, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks to obtain sexual gratification, and / or to cause the victim humiliation, distress, or alarm (this is a criminal offence).

Online harmful sexual behaviour

This can be a single event, or part of a wider pattern of sexual harassment and / or sexual violence. It may include:

- consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos (this is a criminal offence);

- sharing of unwanted explicit content;

- sexualised online bullying;

- unwanted sexual comments and messages, including, on social media;

- sexual exploitation, coercion, and threats; and

- coercing others into sharing images of themselves or performing acts they are not comfortable with online.

3. Whole school approach to harmful sexual behaviour

Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly online and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal, and social lives in a positive way.

Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education (DfE, 2021)

Children

We use lessons and assemblies to teach children in an age-appropriate way about healthy, positive, and respectful relationships. We help our children to understand what is meant by boundaries and privacy, online and offline. We aim to provide children with the language to report abuse and explain how they can report concerns and tell a trusted adult if someone is behaving in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.

We balance teaching children about making sensible decisions to stay safe (online and offline), whilst being clear that abuse is never the fault of a victim, and why victim blaming is always wrong. These subjects complement our delivery of health education, including physical and mental health and wellbeing, and are part of our whole-setting approach to safeguarding our children.

You can find more information in our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy and also our Online Safety Policy both are available here.

Parents and carers

It is important that parents and carers understand what is meant by harmful sexual behaviour and that they reinforce key messages from school at home. We work in partnership with parents and carers to support our children and want to help them to keep their child/ren safe. Parents and carers should understand:

- the nature of harmful sexual behaviour;

- the effects of harmful sexual behaviour on children;

- the likely indicators that such behaviour may be taking place; and

- what to do if it is suspected that child-on-child harmful sexual behaviour has occurred.

Further information to support parents and carers in relation to harmful sexual behaviour is available online, including on the NSPCC and Lucy Faithfull Foundation websites.

Staff

Our staff undertake annual safeguarding training to ensure they are aware of the signs of abuse and how to recognise them. Staff also receive regular updates on a number of safeguarding issues, including harmful sexual behaviour. The training ensures that our staff know what to do if they receive a report that harmful sexual behaviour may have occurred, including how to support our children.

Online Safety

It is essential that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. We have systems in school to filter information and block internet access to harmful sites and inappropriate content. These systems are monitored and regularly reviewed to ensure they are effective, and all staff are trained in online safety and how to report concerns.

4. Procedures for responding to harmful sexual behaviour

How we respond to harmful sexual behaviour is very important. The wellbeing of our children is always central to our approach. Any child reporting a concern will be treated respectfully. We always reassure them

that they are being taken seriously and that they will be supported and kept safe. No child will ever be made to feel that they are creating a problem by reporting harmful sexual behaviour or to feel ashamed.

We will do this by:

- wherever possible, managing any report of harmful sexual behaviour with two members of staff present. This will usually include our Designated Safeguarding Lead (or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).

- listening carefully to a child in a non-judgemental way and ensuring we are clear about how the report will be progressed. We will ensure our children know they can speak to our staff again if they wish to provide more information, or for any other reason.

- where a report includes an online element, we will work to the government advice in [Searching screening and confiscation](#) and [UKCIS Sharing nudes and semi nudes advice for education settings working with children and young people](#). We will never view an illegal image of a child as part of our response to a report of harmful sexual behaviour, unless absolutely necessary in exceptional circumstances. We will never forward an illegal image of a child.

- working in partnership with other agencies (including statutory partners) to ensure that concerns are appropriately managed. Where a child already has Children's Social Care involvement, such as a Looked After Child, a Child In Need or a child with a Child Protection Plan, we will inform the child's Social Worker and work in partnership with them as appropriate.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead will take the lead in our setting where harmful sexual behaviour has occurred. They will liaise with other agencies as appropriate, including the statutory agencies for safeguarding when required. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will ensure that accurate safeguarding records are kept, and that all relevant information is included in the Child Protection file of any child involved.

Confidentiality and information sharing

Our staff will never guarantee confidentiality to anyone (including children or parents/carers) about a safeguarding concern, nor promise to keep a secret. In accordance with statutory requirements, where there is a child protection concern, this must be reported to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) and may require further referral to and subsequent investigation by a statutory agency (police and / or Social Care). Parents and carers will normally be informed about any report of abuse, unless we consider that this may place a child at greater risk.

In some cases, where we may need to involve another agency, this may be against the wishes of a child and / or their parent / carers. In such cases, we will explain our reasons for doing so and support them accordingly.

Anonymity

It is important that any child (victim or perpetrator) is safeguarded when an incident of harmful sexual behaviour has occurred. We will do all we reasonably can to protect the anonymity of all children involved and will make decisions about sharing information, and with whom, based on the individual circumstances.

We are aware of the potential impact on safeguarding where a victim or perpetrator's identity is exposed and will take all necessary action to prevent this from happening in order to keep children involved safe. Where the use of social media becomes a factor and compromises the safety of any child, we will address this and involve other agencies as appropriate.

Recording incidents

It is essential that we record all reports about harmful sexual behaviour within our school, as with any other child protection concern, in line with our Child Protection Policy. Any member of staff receiving a report of harmful sexual behaviour or noticing signs or indicators of this will record it as soon as possible, noting what was said or seen (if appropriate, using a body map to record), giving the date, time, and location. The record will then be presented to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), who will decide on appropriate action and record this accordingly.

If a child is at immediate risk of harm, our staff will speak with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) first as soon as possible, and deal with recording afterwards.

Brook Traffic Light Tool

At our school/setting, we have undertaken training and hold a licence for Brook's nationally recognised Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool. This tool helps professionals to identify, understand and respond appropriately to sexual behaviours in children and young people. It helps us make consistent and informed decisions about our response to sexual behaviours and it supports our existing safeguarding arrangements.

Risk Assessment

We will usually complete a risk assessment following a report of harmful sexual behaviour. Our risk assessment will include the following considerations:

- the victim, and any actions that may be appropriate to protect them;

- whether there may have been other victims;

- the alleged perpetrator(s);

- the time and location of the incident(s), and any action required to make the location(s) safer; and

- all other children (and, if appropriate, our staff) at the school, especially any actions that are appropriate to protect them from the alleged perpetrator(s), or from future harms.

Our risk assessment will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains relevant and fit for purpose. Wherever possible, the victim, alleged perpetrator, and their parents and carers will be invited to contribute to the completion and subsequent reviews of the risk assessment.

At all times, we will be actively considering any risks that are identified through our risk assessment, and its ongoing review, to our children. We will put measures in place to protect our children accordingly.

Principles

We will, at all times, take a balanced and proportionate approach to harmful sexual behaviour, based on the principle that it is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Our approach will help us to ensure that all children are protected and supported appropriately.

Whilst inappropriate behaviours will be challenged and addressed, it is in the context of providing appropriate support to all children in our school where harmful sexual behaviour has occurred. We understand there are many factors which may lead a child to display abusive behaviours towards other children, and that these matters are sensitive and often complex. We recognise our school may be the only stable, secure, and safe element in the lives of some children, particularly those who have experienced harm and trauma.

Cases of harmful sexual behaviour will be considered carefully on an individual basis, and in conjunction with other agencies when they are involved. The safety of all our children is paramount and we have a duty of care to all pupils.

The following principles will guide us:

- the wishes of the victim in terms of how they want to proceed;

- the nature of the alleged incident(s), including whether a crime may have been committed and/or whether harmful sexual behaviour has been displayed;

- the ages and developmental stages of all children involved;

- consideration of any power imbalance between the children involved;

- consideration of whether the alleged incident is a one-off or part of a sustained pattern of abuse;

- that sexual violence and sexual harassment can take place within intimate personal relationships between children;

- the importance of understanding intra-familial harms and any necessary support for siblings following incidents;

- consideration of any ongoing risks to the victim, other children, or school staff; and

- consideration of any other related issues and wider context.

Safeguarding and supporting a victim

We will assess what short-term and long-term support a child may need to help them manage the immediate aftermath of an incident, and to recover from what they have experienced. A child's existing support network will be central to this work; we will work with other partners as appropriate and in accordance with a child's wishes and, wherever appropriate, in discussion with parents and carers.

We will consider what is necessary to support a victim straightaway. For example, making adaptations to their timetable and in-school support and taking steps to protect them from attention or peer pressure they may experience due to making a report. We will also ensure there is regular review of arrangements to be confident they meet the needs of all children involved.

It may be necessary to make requests for support to mental health and wellbeing services or for therapeutic intervention. We may also need to liaise with other agencies to remove inappropriate material from the Internet, such as the [Internet Watch Foundation](#).

Safeguarding and supporting an alleged perpetrator
We will also protect and support children who have displayed harmful sexual behaviour. We will do this through considering a child's needs, any risks to their safety and what multi-agency responses are needed to support them and their family.

Some children may not realise they have behaved abusively. We aim to avoid language that may make them feel judged or criminalised and to ensure that any intervention will effectively address the behaviour at the appropriate level of need. We want to ensure that children receive the right help at the right time.

We will carefully consider when to inform an alleged perpetrator(s) about a report of harmful sexual behaviour made against them. Where contact with Children's Social Care and / or the police is required, our Designated Safeguarding Lead will speak to those agencies to discuss next steps, including when and how the alleged perpetrator(s) will be informed of the allegations. This will not prevent us from taking immediate action to safeguard children, where required.

We will consider appropriate sanctions using our behaviour policy, and work with a child and their support network to consider measures that may help to address their behaviour.

Information to parents and carers
In line with our child protection procedures, we inform parents or carers about reports of harmful sexual behaviour, unless to do so may place a child at additional risk. We will seek advice from other safeguarding partners in individual cases based on the circumstances of the individual case. Where we have been advised that parents / carers should not be immediately informed, we will continue to support any child involved, according to their needs. This is likely to be with the support of Children's Social Care and / or the police and any other appropriate specialist agencies.

Ongoing support for our children
We will consider what ongoing support our children may need, and tailor this on a case-by-case basis, according to the needs of all children involved. Support, where it is required, may include pastoral support, counselling services, provision of a trusted adult or a referral to an external specialist agency. Where other agencies are involved, decisions about support will be made in the context of partnership working, with the needs of the child central to these discussions.

We may also need to provide support to children who have witnessed harmful sexual behaviour, or who have otherwise been affected. This will be informed by our risk assessment and our ongoing work.

We will also consider whether any intervention or support is required as part of a whole-setting approach for our children, or with the wider community of our setting.

5. Outcomes

We will always seek to ensure that outcomes are appropriate and proportionate to the circumstances in relation to an actual or alleged incident, liaising with our safeguarding partners as appropriate.

The following scenarios may apply:

Manage internally

In some cases of sexual harassment, for example one-off incidents, we may take the view that the children involved are not in need of early help or statutory intervention. In these cases, we will follow our other school policies in addressing matters, for example our child protection / behaviour / anti-bullying policies and provide pastoral support where appropriate:

Early Help

Where statutory intervention is not required or agreed, we may use an early help approach instead. This means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life. We will work with parents and carers and other relevant partners when following this approach, which can be particularly useful in addressing non-violent harmful sexual behaviour and may prevent escalation.

Requests for support to Children's Social Care

Where a child has been harmed, is at risk of harm, or is in immediate danger, we will make a request for support to Children's Social Care. We will inform parents and carers of this unless to do so may put a child at additional risk. We will seek advice from other safeguarding partners in individual cases.

If we make a request for support, Children's Social Care will consider whether the children involved need protection or other services. Where statutory assessments are undertaken, the school will work with Children's Social Care and other agencies as appropriate. Partnership working helps to ensure the best possible package of coordinated support is implemented for the victim and, where appropriate, the alleged perpetrator and any other children that require support.

In some cases, Children's Social Care will review the evidence and decide a statutory intervention is not appropriate. If a statutory assessment is not considered appropriate by Children's Social Care, we will consider what other support for the children involved may be required. We will make further requests for support to Children's Social Care if we consider that a child is at risk of harm.

Reporting to the police

Where a report of rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault is made, we are required to report it to the police. Whilst the age of criminal responsibility is ten, if the alleged perpetrator(s) is under ten, the starting principle of reporting to the police remains. However, the police will take a welfare, rather than a criminal justice, approach.

Where we have made a report to the police, we will consult with them and agree what information can be disclosed to our staff and others, in particular the alleged perpetrator and their parents or carers. We will also discuss the best way to protect the victim and their anonymity.

Where there is a criminal investigation, we will work closely with the police and other agencies as appropriate to support all children involved (including potential witnesses). This will help to ensure that any

actions we take do not jeopardise a police investigation. Sometimes the police will decide that further action is not required. In these circumstances we will continue to engage with other agencies to support the children involved.

Appendix 1: Harmful Sexual Behaviour: Individual Risk Assessment and Safety Plan

[Keeping children safe in education (DfE, 2024)](#) advises that an immediate risk and needs assessment is made following a report of sexual violence. Where sexual harassment is reported, the need for a risk assessment should be considered on a case-by-case basis. The setting risk assessment and safety plan is not designed to replace risk assessments created by other agencies such as Children's Social Care or the police - these professional risk assessments should inform the setting's response and assessment.

This individual risk assessment and safety plan template can be used to assess the risks for the victim and the alleged perpetrator. Each child or young person (CYP) will need a separate individual risk assessment and safety plan. The tool should be used immediately after the incident to help inform the response and should be updated as the situation develops and reviewed regularly.

When completing this risk assessment and safety plan, settings will need to consider whether the sexual behaviours displayed are harmful. The NSPCC website page ['Understanding sexualised behaviour in children'](#) provides support for settings to be able to distinguish developmentally typical sexual behaviour from sexual behaviours that are problematic or harmful. The tool is based upon Hackett's Sexualised Behaviour Continuum (2010), as referenced in Keeping children safe in education, and provides settings with guidance, training, and resources. Settings that have a licence to use the Brook Traffic Light Tool can also use this to assess the behaviour.

In this document, we use the terms 'victim' and 'alleged perpetrator'. These are widely recognised and understood terms and helpful for the purposes of this guidance. However, it is important that settings are mindful of the language used to describe CYP and that they use appropriate language and terms. It is also important to understand that not all those who have experienced abuse will recognise themselves as a 'victim' and to understand that 'alleged perpetrators' may also be 'victims' of abuse themselves.

The Individual Risk Assessment and Safety Plan has the following sections:

1. Child or Young Person's details and risk assessment information
2. Incident and response details
3. Risk considerations
4. Risk factors and protective factors
5. Safety plan
6. Risk assessment and Safety Plan agreement
7. Annex A to Appendix 1: Risk and Protective Factors - examples

1. Child or Young Person's details and risk assessment information

CYP details	
Name	
Date of birth	

Risk assessment and safety plan details	
Risk assessment and safety plan completed by:	
Agencies contributing to the risk assessment and safety plan: *Include the agency name and worker name*	
Date risk assessment and safety plan completed:	
Date to be reviewed:	
Dates the risk assessment and safety plan has been updated:	

The incident/behaviours	
Date and time of incident	
Location of incident	
Name and age of the victim	
Name and age of the CYP displaying the harmful sexual behaviour	
Is there a power imbalance between the CYP involved? *For example, is there a difference in: age, maturity, confidence, social status? Does one CYP have a disability or learning difficulty? Was there consent or the possibility of forced consent/coercion?*	
How the incident became known to staff	
Detail of the incident *Include the types of behaviour and language observed/reported. Record any harm caused that you are aware of*	
Has a crime possibly been committed as part of this incident? *See the Common Language Framework (Appendix B) for crime definitions*	*If you have answered yes to this question, you need to seek advice from both the Police and Social Care as part of your response. The seriousness of the potential crime will impact the method you use to contact these Statutory Partners. For guidance, see Appendix E – Contacting other agencies, including statutory agencies'.*

Is this the first time that the CYP has displayed harmful sexual behaviours? *If no, detail the previous incidents/behaviours. Is there a potential pattern of concerning, problematic or inappropriate behaviour? Are there any patterns to the behaviour such as similar times/locations/victims etc*	
Could there potentially be other victims?	
Assessed category for this behaviour	*Normal, inappropriate, problematic, abusive or violent*
Reasoning for assessing the behaviour in the category	

Contextual information about the CYP

Is the CYP currently known/open to Social Care? Have they previously been known/open? *If yes, please detail the level of involvement: Child Protection (CP), Child in Need (CiN), Child in Care (CiC) or Family Solutions.*	
Does the CYP have a One Plan or EHCP?	
Does the CYP have any health needs, including mental health concerns?	
Are any other professionals involved with the CYP or their family? *If yes, please detail the agency, name of the worker and the worker's role.*	
Who are the CYP's parent/carers and siblings? What is the family background?	

2. Incident and response details

CYP's response to the incident	
How has the CYP responded to the incident? *Capture the CYP's voice here. Consider their behaviour, mental health, whether they reported the incident, their attitude to it etc*	
If applicable, what needs could their behaviour be communicating?	

3. Risk considerations

Overview of wider risks and concerns for the CYP	
Presenting behaviour	
Dysregulation	
Relationship	
Family dynamic	

Assessment of harmful sexual behaviour risk	
CYP's risk to self	How? -
CYP's risk to/from specific CYP	Who? – How? -
CYP's risk to/from other CYP in the setting	Who? – How? -
CYP's risk to/from staff/adults	Who? – How? -
CYP's risk in the community	Who? – How? -
Does the CYP have any siblings whose risk needs to be considered as part of the setting response?	
Community	
Any other concerns	

Contextual considerations	
Record any known stressors/triggers for the behaviour. *Consider: particular lessons, activities, times of day, peers, staff, activity outside of school etc.*	
Record any risky locations identified. *Consider: Toilets, changing rooms, unsupervised areas of the school etc.*	
Record any risky activities including use of technology. *Consider: school trips, sports lessons, use of internet, computers, phones etc.*	
Record transport arrangements to and from school and associated risks	
Overview of the CYP's wellbeing	
Before the incident	
After the incident	
Are parents/family accessing support for CYP?	

4. Risk factors and protective factors

See [Annex A to Appendix 1](#) for prompts on the risk factors and protective factors to consider

Risk factors	
In the CYP	
In the family	

In the setting	
In the community	

Protective factors	
In the CYP	
In the family	
In the setting	
In the community	

5. Safety plan

Identified issue *Is the presenting behaviour/risk potential or actual?*	**Strategies to reduce the presenting behaviour/risk** *Consider protective factors and current on-going work*	**Agency/adult supporting the strategy**	**Review** *Has the presenting behaviour/risk reduced? Are the strategies effective or do they need amending?*
Example: *Evan is touching his genitals in public spaces where other CYP may witness him*	- *Education work – NSPCC Pants* - *Identifying private spaces where Evan can do this* - *Welfare check with CYP who have witnessed the behaviour*	- *DSL* - *Parent(s)*	

6. Risk assessment and Safety Plan agreement

Risk assessment and Safety Plan agreed by and shared with:		
Name	**Role**	**Signature**
	Headteacher	

	Designated Safeguarding Lead	
	Child / Young person	
	Parent / Carer	
	Other agencies	

Annex A to Appendix 1: Risk and Protective Factors

	Risk Factors	Protective Factors
In the child	• Genetic influences • Genetic disposition • Prenatal alcohol exposure • Low IQ • Learning disabilities • Specific development delay or neuro diversity • Communication difficulties • Difficult temperament • Physical illness • Academic 'failure/disappointment' • Low self-esteem • Feelings of isolation • Difficulties with impulse control • Underdeveloped executive functioning skills • Low harm avoidance • Sensation seeking • Difficulties with self-control/regulation • Aggressiveness • Anxiety • Depression • Hyperactivity/ADHD • Early persistent social, emotional and mental health needs • Early substance use • Social disengagement / Retreating coping strategy • Conduct disorder • Favourable attitudes toward drugs • Rebelliousness • Early substance use • Antisocial behaviour • Self-injury • Risk taking behaviours • Risk of knowing or knowing of someone who has completed suicide.	• Secure attachment(s) experience • Outgoing temperament as an infant • Good communication skills, sociability • Being a planner and having a belief in control • Humour • Confident • A positive attitude, optimistic approach to life • Experiences of success and achievement • Faith or spirituality • Capacity to reflect • Ability to self-regulate/self-soothe • Ability to make friends and get along with others • Positive physical development • Good self-esteem • Good coping skills and problem-solving skills • Engagement and connections in two or more of the following contexts: at school/setting, with peers, in athletics, employment, religion, culture • Identity exploration in love, work, and world view • Subjective sense of self-sufficiency, making independent decisions, becoming financially independent • Future orientation • Achievement motivation • Feeling valued
In the family	• Overt parental conflict including domestic violence • Family breakdown (including where children are taken into care or adopted) • Inconsistent or unclear boundaries and limitations • Hostile and rejecting relationships • Failure to adapt to a child's changing needs • Physical, sexual, emotional abuse, or neglect, maltreatment	• At least one good parent-child relationship (or one supportive adult) • Affection • Clear, consistent discipline • Support for education • Supportive long-term relationship or the absence of severe discord • Responsiveness • Protection from harm and fear • Opportunities to resolve conflict

	• Parental or sibling psychiatric illness • Parental or sibling criminality, Substance e.g. drugs & alcoholism or personality disorder • Death and loss – including loss of friendship & pets • Permissive parenting • Parent–child conflict • Inadequate supervision and monitoring • Low parental warmth • Parental hostility • Harsh discipline • Low/high parental aspirations for child where the child is experiencing extreme pressure or feel unsupported • Fragile attachments with parents • Leaving home as a result of conflict • Homelessness • Family distress • Leaving institutional/government care (hospital, foster care, correctional facility, etc.)	• Adequate socioeconomic resources for the family • Consistent and clear boundaries and limitations implemented and maintained including family that provides structure, limits, rules, monitoring, and predictability • Language-based, rather than physical, discipline • Extended family support • Supportive relationships with family members • Clear expectations for behaviour and values • Balance of autonomy and relatedness to family • Behavioural and emotional autonomy • Healthy prenatal and early childhood development • Connectedness to adults in the extended family / family support network
In the setting	• Bullying / abuse including online (cyber) • Discrimination e.g., Racism • Breakdown in or lack of positive friendships • Peer influences towards risk taking e.g., associating/partaking with drug-using peers • Peer pressure • Fragile pupil to teacher/setting staff relationships • Experience of educational setting 'failures' • Low motivation around education setting • Accessibility/ availability • Peer rejection / lack of a sense of belonging/ Interpersonal alienation • Exclusion / Non-attendance • Aggression toward peers • Accessibility/ availability • Lack of positive role models • Low ratio of caregivers to children	• Inclusive practice • Personalised/ tailored curriculum if required • Clear policies on behaviour and bullying • Staff behaviour policy (also known as code of conduct) • 'Open door' policy for children to raise problems • A whole-setting approach to promoting good mental health • Good pupil to teacher/setting staff relationships • Positive classroom management • A sense of belonging • Positive peer influences/ friendships • Effective safeguarding and Child Protection policies. • An effective early help process • Understand their role in and be part of effective multi-agency working • Appropriate procedures to ensure staff are confident to raise concerns about policies and processes, and know they will be dealt with fairly and effectively including risk assessments • Support for early learning • Access to supplementary services to support the child's needs

			• Stable, secure attachment to childcare provider • Regulatory systems that support high quality of care • Healthy peer groups • Pupil educational setting engagement/ motivation • Positive teacher expectations • Effective classroom management • Positive partnering between educational setting and family • High academic standards • Presence of mentors and support for development of skills and interests • Opportunities for engagement within educational setting and community • Positive norms • Physical and psychological safety • Opportunities for exploration in work and setting • Positive adult role models, coaches, mentors
In the community		• Socio-economic disadvantage • Homelessness • Disaster, accidents, war, or other overwhelming events • Discrimination • Exploitation, including by criminal gangs and organised crime groups, trafficking, online abuse, sexual exploitation and the influences of extremism leading to radicalisation • Other significant life events • Presence of neighbourhood crime • Negative Social Media	• Wider supportive network • Good/stable housing • High standard of living • Opportunities for valued social roles • Range of sport/leisure activities available • Steady employment • Availability of services (social, recreational, cultural, etc) • Access to Technology