

Neglect



Neglected children are not only suffering direct harm from the neglect but are also at increased risk of physical or sexual abuse and suffer more accidents and untreated health problems.

Schools are the only agency that sees children each day and can spot a pattern of ongoing neglect.

Poverty or family crisis may lead to short term difficulties, but long term signs that school should always identify are:

- Poor hygiene
- Inappropriate clothing
- Dirty clothing
- Hunger
- Tiredness.

If the above signs are spotted staff should review the case and consider if social care help is needed.

School may contribute to the plan in supporting a neglected child through breakfast, after school and holiday clubs.

[Download neglect and young people pack](#) - A useful guide for designated child protection teachers and a basis for in-school staff training.

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