

# DSL guidance for pupils returning to Primary School

Below is an overview of the advice, guidance, and support available if there is a safeguarding concern when pupils return to school.

With pupils returning to school you may see an increase in the number of safeguarding disclosures or concerns. Some family situations may have changed dramatically over the past few months and you may think a pupil has become 'newly' vulnerable. The referral procedure HAS NOT changed, and you should still go via ECIRS. However, for those cases where there is uncertainty, you want to talk through an incident, or you need guidance or advice please use the information below to guide and support your next steps. You may find it helpful to look at the Threshold of Need and Assessment Protocol document in order to support decision making and referral routes.

[https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/ealing/directory/files/ealing\\_thresholds\\_of\\_need\\_and\\_assessments\\_protocols\\_1.pdf](https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/ealing/directory/files/ealing_thresholds_of_need_and_assessments_protocols_1.pdf)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hears or sees something that doesn't feel right</li><li>Hears or sees something you think is a safeguarding concern</li><li>Receives a disclosure about an incident that has happened during lockdown</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Refer to the <a href="#">toolkit</a>, <a href="#">FAQ</a> and/or <a href="#">safeguarding process document</a></li><li>Decide from the list of service providers below who is best to speak to for further advice, guidance, support or action</li></ul>
<p><b>ACTION:</b> Raise the concern with your DSL or Deputy DSL</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Consider whether you need advice or to discuss a case, or whether you need to make a referral.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To <b>discuss 'what next'</b> or reflect on an incident go to a <b>Child Protection Adviser</b> using the CP duty desk number</li><li>To <b>make a referral</b> or to see if this incident has been referred previously go to <b>ECIRS</b></li><li>To <b>discuss a child you think may be missing</b>, has not returned to school or you are unable to contact go to the <b>CME team</b></li><li>To <b>discuss a possible case of exploitation</b>, go to the <b>Contextual Safeguarding team</b></li><li>To <b>discuss a concern about online radicalisation</b> go to the <b>Prevent team</b></li></ul>



### Services you can go to for advice, guidance and support:

Service/Officer	Email	Telephone
Child protection duty desk (for CP Adviser advice)		020 8825 8930
Contextual Safeguarding lead, Christina Evers	<a href="mailto:EversC@ealing.gov.uk">EversC@ealing.gov.uk</a>	020 8825 5951
Ealing's LADO, Paul Andrews	<a href="mailto:asv@ealing.gov.uk">asv@ealing.gov.uk</a>	020 8825 8930
Ealing Children's Integrated Response Service (ECIRS)	<a href="mailto:ecirs@ealing.gov.uk">ecirs@ealing.gov.uk</a>	020 8825 8000
Prevent team, Nazia Matin	<a href="mailto:matinn@ealing.gov.uk">matinn@ealing.gov.uk</a>	020 8825 8895
CME and school attendance service	<a href="mailto:cme@ealing.gov.uk">cme@ealing.gov.uk</a>	020 8825 5040
Early Help Assessment and Plan (EHAP) service	<a href="mailto:EHAP@ealing.gov.uk">EHAP@ealing.gov.uk</a>	020 8825 5588