

Safeguarding Family Blog

Neglect



'The children are at the centre of everything we do'

A safe culture within our school

At Glastonbury Thorn School, we strive to keep our children and families safe and happy. In this blog, we cover some of the issues surrounding neglect.

The definition of neglect is: the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. Neglect may occur during pregnancy, for example, as a result of maternal substance abuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to: provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment); protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger; ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers); or ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

At GTS, we are proud of the early help we can offer any of our families who need our help. In these difficult times, if you feel that you are struggling please speak to a DSL at the school. If you have concerns about neglect, you can also speak to us.

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