

Female Genital Mutilation

Parents Meeting

What is FGM?

FGM Definition:

- *"All procedures involving partial or total removal of the female external genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs, whether for cultural or other non-therapeutic reasons."*

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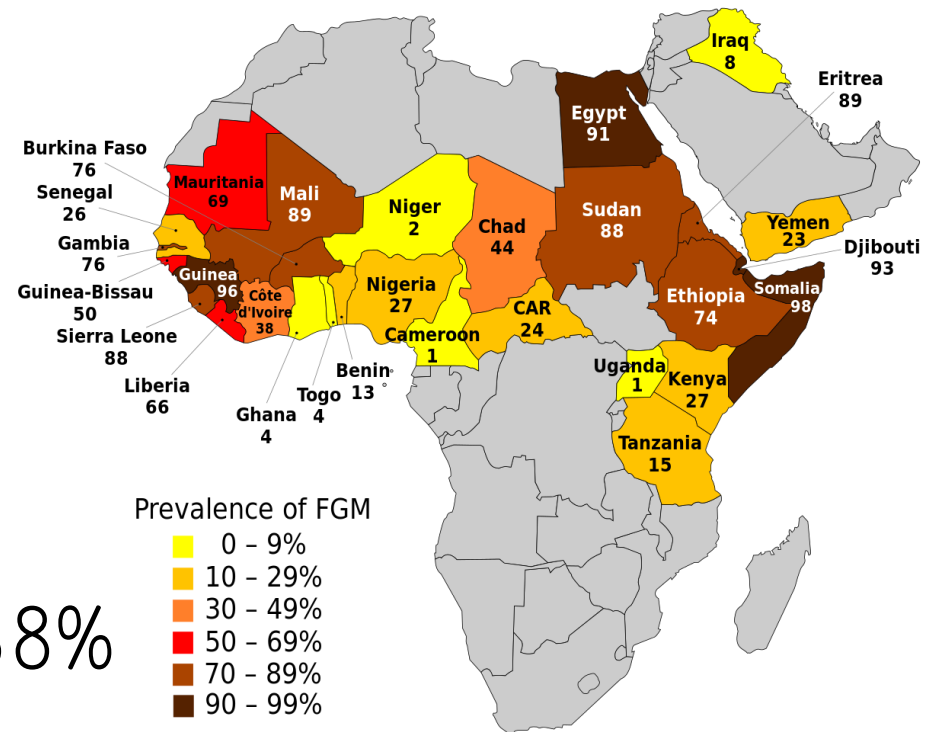
Why are Year 6 children in Leeds learning about FGM?

- Police intelligence shows that FGM is happening in Leeds
- Children who live in Leeds are being taken abroad and FGM is being carried out
- FGM is part of our Science curriculum, and is also part of our PSHE Safeguarding work
- FGM is a current OFSTED and Government Hotspot
- The previous year 6 children were taught about it through a story and it was handled sensitively and age appropriately (we've taught FGM for 3 years)
- There is more information/video clips on the year 6 school website page.

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High Risk Countries of Origin:

- Somalia- 98%
- Guinea- 96%
- Djibouti- 93%
- Egypt- 91%
- Mali and Eritrea- 89%
- Sudan & Sierra Leone- 88%



Children from these countries are currently living in Leeds

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Where is FGM being carried out?

- Mainly practiced in 28 African countries, but also in parts of Pakistan, Iraq, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and in.....
- Leeds- FGM has been carried out in **LS7, LS8, LS9, LS11 and LS12**, according to the police
- 110-140 million women are currently affected
- A further 2 million are circumcised every year....5479 a day... 4 every single minute

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Our roles as professionals in school:

- Identification of the signs and indicators of FGM- early identification is critical to:
 1. The general health and wellbeing of children and women
 2. Implementation of effective preventative strategies
 3. The protection of girls
- Teaching our children about FGM and how to stay safe

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We cover these 6 key themes in our PSHE at school, and even though they do not specifically refer to FGM, we cover lots of crucial teaching points that will help us to protect our children against FGM, and help to keep them safe in general...

1. Asking for help and identifying trusted adults
2. Exploring emotions
3. Developing social skills
4. Secrets
5. Morals and risk taking
6. Problem solving

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FGM will be taught to your child:

- As part of their PSHE unit 'Living and Growing'
- In an age appropriate and sensitive way- no images or visuals
- Boys and Girls may be taught separately for key lessons
- The FGM Unit is based on the story 'Oh Lila' and is taught in an interactive and inclusive way, with lots of opportunity for discussion, questions and problem solving with regards to dilemmas and morals

