



























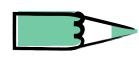
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS







BY STUDENTS WHEN DELIVERING LESSONS IN SCHOOLS



HOW MANY WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE AFFECTED BY FGM?

An estimated 200 million girls and women alive today are believed to have been subjected to FGM worldwide, but we could never know the true numbers because of how hidden it



WHICH TYPES OF FGM ARE MOST COMMON?

Types I and II are the most common, but there is variation amongst different communities



WHERE DOES THE PRACTICE COME FROM?

We don't know for sure, but it does predate Christianity and Islam - it doesn't have anything to do with religion



WHY WOULD SOMEONE WANT TO HURT GIRLS?

The adults who do this often haven't FGM lessons like you are having and believe that it can prepare a girl for marriage, or it can keep a girl clean. Parents are there to protect girls but sometimes parents can have muddled thinking, and think it's the right thing to do, but it's very harmful





Is FGM illegal?

Yes - FGM is illegal in the UK. It is illegal to perform FGM on a girl in or outside the UK, it is illegal to organise FGM for a girl, and it is illegal to force a girl to do FGM on herself



AM I AT RISK OF FGM?



If something doesn't feel right for you, you should always speak to a trusted adult - sometimes a worry or concern can be a feeling in your tummy or sometimes in your head. It's always okay to speak to a teacher or another adult you trust there is always someone there ready to help and support you.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF SOMEONE COMES TO ME WITH A WORRY OR CONCERN?

You should always encourage and support them to speak to a trusted adult, and you can also share your concerns with a trusted adult too.



WHAT CAN I DO TO END FGM?

There are lots of things you can do to help end FGM - and one of the main ones is to talk about it to raise awareness. More people need to know that the practice is harmful to bring it to an end.



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TAKE A WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO **ENDING FGM**











Developing excellence in response to FGM and other harmful practices









