

Safeguarding On A Page

Key Safeguarding Information for all parents and carers



What is safeguarding and why is it so important?

Safeguarding means protecting children from harm so they can grow up happy and healthy. Safeguarding children includes:

1. Protecting children from maltreatment
2. Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
3. Making sure children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
4. Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

How do you safeguard in school?

Our Relationships

Our Curriculum

Our Systems

A Culture of Safeguarding: Curriculum

Our Wellbeing curriculum is part of our wider safeguarding strategy. Wellbeing is shaped to meet the needs of our young people. Lessons are an opportunity to explicitly teach our young people about any current issues or dangers such as exploitation, body image and mental wellbeing.

The Wellbeing Curriculum covers all the statutory content outlined in the RSE Statutory Framework. The RSE Guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>. You can find our Wellbeing curriculum maps on our website.

The Wellbeing Curriculum is underpinned by the Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance.

A Culture of Safeguarding: Relationships

The Blue Coat is a safe place where all pupils are listened to and celebrated. As a community we look after and support one another. It is important that everyone feels safe.

Our relationships underpin everything we do and we understand the importance of building those relationships so that pupils recognise that there will always be a trusted adult in school to speak to should they need to.

Both staff and pupils play a huge part in making our school safe: we think about how we celebrate others and how we demonstrate appropriate behaviours towards one another. We should always treat people with compassion and kindness.

Who is my person?

A Culture of Safeguarding: Pastoral Care and Safeguarding referral

Encourage your child to identify 'their person' in school. This is someone who they would you feel most comfortable talking to if they had an issue. If they are unsure, remind them that they can always see their form tutor, DoL or one of the safeguarding leads (listed below).

How do I report a concern?

If you want to report a safeguarding incident or are worried about your child or another child in school, you can speak to one of the DSLs in school. Call 01616241484. In the first instance we recommend asking for **Miss Ahmed** or **Mrs Ryan** who are non-teaching.

Meet the School Safeguarding Leads

Designated Safeguarding Leads in School



Mrs Thompson-Boyle
DSL



Mr Kelly
KS3- DDSL



Mrs Underwood
KS3- DDSL



Mr Bourne
KS4- DDSL



Miss McMahon
KS4- DDSL



Miss Barnes
KS5- DDSL



Miss Ahmed
S/G Officer



Mrs Ryan
S/G Officer



How Can I Support at Home?

Keeping Children Safe Online

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Setting Up Parental Controls

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI3Mepm-e3-gIV4mDmCh1iGwamEAAYASAAEgIjvD_BwE

Social Media Facts and Advice

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI3Mepm-e3-gIV4mDmCh1iGwamEAAYASAAEgLnF_D_BwE

Social Media and Online Safety

It is essential that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. There are four areas of risk (the 4 Cs):

CONTENT: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate, or harmful content, for example: pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation, and extremism.

CONTACT: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example: peer to peer pressure, and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes.

CONDUCT: online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images (e.g. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography, sharing other explicit images and online bullying)

COMMERCE: risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams.



Parental Safety Guides relating to social media can be found on the OSA Websites

https://www.onlinesafetyalliance.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/combined_parental_guides.pdf

Removing the 'grey areas' - let's be really clear about what you cannot do

Sexual Harassment and Violence



There should be no non-consensual touching

We must not use sexualised language or name calling

We must not ask for, post or send inappropriate pictures

Racism and Intolerance



There must be no racial or discriminatory language

We should never single anyone out

We should not make generalisations around races, religions or cultures

LGBTQA+



We must not use homophobic or discriminatory language

We must not exclude people

We must not harass, pressure or intimidate people

Support



Nude image of you online? We can help take it down.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

Talking to children about racism

Advice to help you understand how to talk to children about race and racism, and what you can do to support a child who's experiencing racial bullying.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>



<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/supporting-young-people/lgbtq>

More Support



<https://www.kooth.com/>

An online mental wellbeing community where you can access free, safe and anonymous support



ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Free and confidential help for young people in the UK

CEOP.police.uk



Worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online? Make a report to CEOP



fighting for young people's mental health

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

A website providing young people with tools to look after their mental health