

SMC SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



ST MARY'S
COLLEGE

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NEGLECT

Every child deserves to be loved, cared for and protected.

But 1 in 10 children have experienced neglect.

What is neglect?

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and the most common form of child abuse.

A child might be left hungry or dirty, or without proper clothing, shelter, supervision or health care. This can put children and young people in danger. It can also have long-term effects on their physical and mental wellbeing.

Types of neglect:

Neglect can be a lot of different things, which can make it hard to spot. Broadly speaking, there are 4 types of neglect:

Physical neglect:

A child's basic needs such as food, clothing or shelter, are not met or they aren't properly supervised or kept safe

Educational neglect:

A parent doesn't ensure their child is given an education

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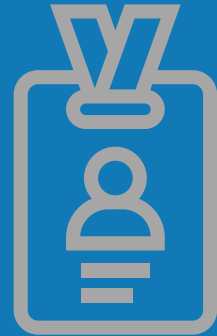
Emotional neglect:

A child doesn't get the nurture and stimulation they need. This could be through ignoring, humiliating, intimidating or isolating them

Medical neglect:

A child isn't given proper health care. This includes dental care and refusing or ignoring medical recommendations

KEY MESSAGES



- Lanyards must be worn at all times.
- Please remember to sign in and out of school with the Inventory system screen.



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Signs of neglect:

- Neglect can be difficult to spot.
- Having one of the signs doesn't necessarily mean a child is being neglected, but if you notice multiple signs that last for a while, they might show there is a serious problem.
- As a class teacher, tutor, TA or pastoral staff, we should look out for the following:

Poor appearance & hygiene	Health & development problems
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• being smelly or dirty• being hungry or not given money for food• having unwashed clothes• having the wrong clothing, such as no warm clothes in winter• shoes- are there holes in them or split?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• poor dental health• poor language or social skills• regular illness or infections• repeated accidental injuries, often caused by lack of supervision• skin issues, such as sores, rashes or bites• medical conditions not effectively managed e.g. eczema• head lice• tiredness• untreated injuries• weight or growth issues.
Housing & family issues	Change in behaviour
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• living in an unsuitable home environment, such as having no heating or hot water• being left alone for a long time• taking on the role of a carer for other family members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• becoming clingy• becoming aggressive• being withdrawn, depressed or anxious• changes in eating habits• displaying obsessive behaviour• finding it hard to concentrate or take part in activities• missing school• showing signs of self-harm• using drugs or alcohol.

Effects of neglect:



Neglect changes childhood.

Children who've been neglected might experience short-term and long-term effects. These can include:

- problems with brain development
- taking risks, like running away from home, using drugs and alcohol or breaking the law
- getting into dangerous relationships
- difficulty with relationships later in life, including with their own children
- a higher chance of having mental health problems, including depression.