

SMC SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

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ST MARY'S
COLLEGE

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION 2022

The Key Changes

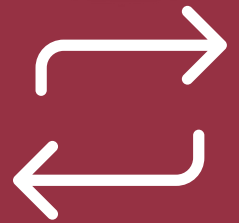
- Children may not feel ready, or know how to tell someone they are being abused, exploited or neglected, but this shouldn't stop staff from having a 'professional curiosity' and speaking to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)

Domestic abuse

- Children who witness domestic abuse are also victims
- Witnessing domestic abuse can have a lasting impact on children
- Children can be victims in their own relationships too
- Schools play a crucial role in preventative education. This is in the context of a whole-school approach to preparing pupils for life in modern Britain and a culture of zero tolerance to sexism, misogyny/misandry, homophobia, bi-phobic and sexual violence/harassment.

This will be underpinned by:

- Behaviour policy
- Pastoral support system
- A planned programme of RSHE delivered regularly, tackling issues such as: boundaries; consent; body confidence; stereotyping; and sexual harassment
- A focus on reinforcing the importance of online safety, including making parents aware of what you ask children to do online. We use National Online Safety to assist with this.



Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):
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Safeguarding Officer
Miss R Clixby



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Safeguarding Assistant
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Child-on-Child abuse is the new name for peer-on peer abuse

LGBTQ support

It is vital that you provide a safe space for these children to speak out and share their concerns

Low Level Concerns

- These can arise in several ways from various sources, e.g. suspicion, complaint or a disclosure
- Schools should have procedures in place for confidentially sharing low-level concerns: lowlevelconcerns@smchull.org
- KCSIE has replaced sexualised language with 'humiliating pupils'
- All victims that the law on child-on-child abuse is there to protect them, not criminalise them

Contextual Safeguarding:

The safeguarding risks outside of the home

Main Priorities at SMC:

Neglect and Mental Health & Wellbeing

Wider city concerns:

Child Criminal Exploitation, Child Sexual Exploitation

KEY REMINDERS

- Complete your annual Safeguarding Training with National Online Safety no later than 18th September
- Do your KSIE quiz and complete the Code of Conduct form on Forms
- Lanyards must be worn at all times.
- Please sign in and out of school on the Inventory system screen.
- Do not let visitors follow you into reception behind you as you walk in

