



Student's Guide to Safeguarding

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Guide to Safeguarding for Students

We have put together this booklet to give you some information about how you can help to keep you safe.

Our Safeguarding Team

We have a dedicated Safeguarding Team of experienced and specially trained staff.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Thomas

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Price

Nominated Safeguarding Governor: Vicky Recine

UET Safeguarding Compliance Officer: Ms Newton

Local Authority Safeguarding Contacts: Roz Randell

Education Safeguarding Officer East Division: Viki Hulme

All of our staff are trained in this area and can help you. Speak to a member of staff who you feel most comfortable with if you prefer to. They will be able to support you to take the best action.

Please remember, if a member of staff is worried about you getting hurt; hurting yourself; hurting someone else; or doing something dangerous, they will have to pass this information on.

Newcastle Academy Safeguarding Statement

Newcastle Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, which includes:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

What does that mean?

Safeguarding – Is how we keep our students safe

Child Protection – Is what we do for our students who are at risk of significant harm.

What is Child Abuse?

Child Abuse is causing harm to a child, it is wrong, and it is against the law!

Physical Abuse is: Harm to your body that makes you feel pain, affecting your physical health.

Emotional Abuse is: Harm to your heart and mind, affecting your mental health.

Neglect is: Not taking care of you properly; so, you feel hungry, cold, dirty and unloved.

Sexual Abuse is: Touching you in your private areas or asking you to touch their private areas. Or talking to you in a way that make you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed, either in person or online.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is: Taking advantage of you.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) is: Using power and influence to hurt you.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



A child means everyone under the age of 18.



Children need the right help at the right time to address risks



Remember 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.



We are all responsible for the welfare of children and keeping the environment safe, whatever our job.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



What do I need to do?



ALWAYS ACT
In the best interests of the child. Never promise confidentiality.



KNOW HOW
to identify children who may benefit from early help.



KNOW THE DIFFERENT
types of abuse and neglect, so that you can identify children who may be in need of help or protection.



Know what to do if a child tells you they are being abused or neglected.



Know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead is and talk to them as soon as you are concerned.



Everyone must read: Keeping Children Safe in Education Part One and Annex A, Child Protection policy, Staff behaviour policy



Any staff member can make a referral to children's social care, but they should inform the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible.



If a teacher finds Female Genital Mutilation appears to have been carried out on a girl under the age of 18, the teacher must report this to the police.



All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions should be recorded in writing.

Staff Behaviour



If you are concerned about the behaviour of any staff member, you should speak to the headteacher. Concerns about the headteacher should be referred to the Chair of Governors.

Whistleblowing



If you're worried about poor or unsafe safeguarding practices, or potential failures in the school, talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, any senior leader, or the Chair of Governors. If you feel unable to talk someone in school, you can call the NSPCC whistleblowing helpline on 0800 028 0285 or email: help@nspcc.org.uk.

For consultancy, training and advice, go to www.safeguardingschools.co.uk

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LEARN THE UNDERWEAR RULE

TALK PANTS AND YOU'VE GOT IT COVERED!

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

Parts of your body covered by underwear are private. No one should ask to see, or touch them. No one should ask you to touch or look at parts of their body that are covered by underwear. Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask if it's OK first.



A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

It's your body, no one else's. No one should make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If anyone tries, tell an adult you trust.



N O MEANS NO

You have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. Remember, you're in control of your body and your feelings are important.



T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

Secrets shouldn't make you feel upset or worried. If they do, tell an adult you trust. You will never get into trouble for sharing a secret that upsets you.



S PEAK UP. SOMEONE CAN HELP

Talk about stuff that makes you worried or upset. An adult you trust will listen, and be able to help. It doesn't have to be a family member. It can be a teacher or a friend's parent – or even ChildLine.



ChildLine is a service provided by the NSPCC.
2019591. Registered charity numbers 218401 and 5097717





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