



Welcome to this, our first safeguarding briefing of the 2021-22 academic year. After the unpredictability of the last 18 months, we believe that safeguarding is more than ever a collective responsibility and, in that spirit, we will be sharing a range of safeguarding information, assistance and updates with you on a regular basis. We appreciate that much of what we publish may not be pleasant, however our children are facing more issues of an increasingly serious nature by the day, and we firmly believe that the more that we, as educationalists, parents and carers know and understand, the better we can protect those in our care.

This half term has seen the relaunch of safeguarding at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic High School. This has meant we have also increased the capacity within the team and between us we cover a wide range of expertise to support the needs of our students.

The Safeguarding Team



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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Mrs Downing

If you or your child have a non-emergency concern, please contact safeguarding@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk for advice and support. For emergencies please call 999.



As part of the relaunch of our safeguarding programme, the promotion and visibility has increased around the school. Students has been given clear guidance about how to seek support if they need to.



The image of this Umbrella is now widely visible around school to let students know that it is the responsibility of all staff members to keep them safe and the umbrella indicates that there is a member of staff who will listen to them.



Student Safeguarding Awareness

On Friday 15th October a presentation was shared with all students this informed them of many key aspects:

- ✓ What is safeguarding
- ✓ Who the safeguarding team are and how to identify them
- ✓ How to report a concern about themselves or a friend
- ✓ Peer-on-Peer abuse, this is in line with the Governments focus on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in schools

Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Earlier this year, Ofsted was asked by the government to carry out a rapid review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges (Peer-on-Peer abuse).

Students have been informed of what this means and its different forms. We are proud of the inclusivity and diversity of our community and endeavour to create a climate that does not tolerate negative behaviours. To support this, all staff members have also been given up to date information and training in recognising and challenging such behaviours.

Please visit the Safeguarding page on the school website to see the full presentation.

Mental Health Support and Awareness

Like all schools, we are experiencing unprecedented levels of mental health issues with our young people; both as a result of lockdowns and the continued unpredictability of the world around us. You will have seen in the press that waiting lists for mental health services, and indeed any services, are very long and we, as a school, are doing what we can to support yourselves and students with any issues. Our Safeguarding Bulletins are designed to keep you up to date with the changing issues that our children face and our Safeguarding and Wellbeing pages on our website provide information and signposting support for both students and parents. **"Teen Mental**



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Health – A Guide for Parents" <https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/parents/teen-mental-health-a-guide-for-parents/>

Mission and Personal Development Event

Our school community joined together on Friday 22nd October to launch and continue to raise awareness of our mission and values. A key part of the day was focussing on Mental Health and Wellbeing. Students took part in a number of activities to reinforce the importance of each student's and our community's wellbeing.

Please see our Social Media channels for more details.

Online Safety

Report Remove

The NSPCC's service for children and young people, Childline, has launched the Report Remove tool with the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) to help young people remove nude images of themselves from the internet. The Report Remove tool can be used by any young person under 18 to report a nude image or video of themselves that's appeared online. The IWF then review these reports, and works to have the content removed if it breaks the law



Staying Safe over Half Term



As you will be aware there are many risks that come with this time of year and together with Cheshire Police and our SSYP Police Officer PC Jane Tetlow we have shared this PowerPoint with students to highlight the dangers and also how to stay safe.

Please visit the Safeguarding page on the School website to access the PowerPoint