

# SAFEGUARDING at S. Peter's Collegiate School

## The Safeguarding Team

## Our mission



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**S. Peter's School is committed to the safeguarding of children - ensuring the wellbeing of the child is paramount.**

**For students to feel that they are able to do their best and achieve their true potential, it is important that they feel safe in the school environment.**

**Everybody working in the school, whatever their role, has been trained and is aware that issues relating to protection of children are of the highest possible importance.**

**S. Peter's School aims to prevent; protect and support all students by addressing child protection in the curriculum, pastoral activities and in the management of the school. Staff are vigilant for vulnerable students through training and information dissemination.**



<b>S</b>	Safety always comes first at S. Peter's
<b>A</b>	A safe place to grow and learn
<b>F</b>	For our community
<b>E</b>	Everyone needs to be responsible
<b>G</b>	Guarding friends and family
<b>U</b>	Understanding the risks and consequences
<b>A</b>	Avoiding dangerous behaviour
<b>R</b>	Raising awareness
<b>D</b>	Determined to do the right thing
<b>I</b>	In and out of school
<b>N</b>	Never alone – there is always help here
<b>G</b>	Guiding us to a safe and happy future

Safeguarding also includes:

- Attendance
- Bullying
- Discrimination
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- E-safety
- First Aid
- PSHCE curriculum
- Radicalisation
- Safety in lessons
- School trips

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact  
The Safeguarding Team – 01902 558600

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

S. Peter's School has policies which deals with safeguarding and child protection which are in accordance with the local authority's procedures and which comply with the DfE's Safeguarding Children statutory guidance. The school's policies are available via the school website or by contacting the school directly.

Following the update of 'Keeping Safe in Education' in September 2015, the school's safeguarding policy has been updated. This key safeguarding policy update was completed on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Following this update, a whole school staff training was completed on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016. ***'Safeguarding children - the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm - is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play'***.

The main areas that have been updated are:

### **1. Children Missing from Education**

The Government advises that knowing where children are during school hours is an extremely important aspect of safeguarding. Missing school can be an indicator of abuse and neglect and in older children may raise concerns around child sexual exploitation.

### **2. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**

The Serious Crime Act 2015 came into force in July 2015 and with it new legal powers to deal with FGM. From a school perspective, it is important to note that a new mandatory reporting duty came into force in October 2015. Staff have a duty to report to police any instance where they 'discover' that FGM has been carried out on a girl under 18. *(It is important to note that staff will become aware of FGM by disclosure, not through physical examination.)*

### **3. Prevent and Radicalisation.**

The Government has made it very clear that staff in schools are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified. As a school we build students' resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British Values and enabling them to challenge extremist views.

### **4. Youth Produced Sexual Images**

New technologies inspire children to be creative, communicate and learn. However, while the internet is a great resource, it is important that children and young people are protected from the risks they may encounter. Sharing photos and videos online is part of daily life for many people, enabling them to share their experiences, connect with friends and record their lives. ***'Making, possessing and distributing any imagery of someone under 18 which is 'indecent' is illegal. This includes imagery of yourself if you are under 18.'*** (The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (England and Wales). These laws weren't created to criminalise young people but to protect them.

### **5. Sexual Exploitation**

A form of sexual abuse where children are sexually exploited for money, power or status. It can involve violent, humiliating and degrading sexual assaults. In some cases, young people are persuaded or forced into exchanging sexual activity for money, drugs, gifts, affection or status. Consent cannot be given, even where a child may believe they are voluntarily engaging in sexual activity with the person who is exploiting them. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact and can happen online. A significant number of children who are victims of sexual exploitation go missing from home, care and education at some point. Women can also commit acts of sexual abuse, as can other children.



# Useful Safeguarding Websites for Parents

## General Safeguarding Advice



This is an excellent searchable A-Z collection of up to date information on a range of topics including:

- Online safety
- Sex and relationships
- Mental Health
- Physical health and body image
- Family Life
- School Life – exams and homework

## General Online Safety



This site aims to “make online parenting simple”.

It acknowledges that whether a parent is a technophobe or a technophile, it’s still likely that we’ll be playing catch-up with the way our children are using the internet. It asks us to think, “How can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?”

*It answers the following questions:*

- What is my child doing online?
- How do I talk to my child about what they are doing online?
- What risks might my child face?
- What tools are there to help me keep my child safe online?



Get Safe Online  
Free expert advice

Covers the full range of potential risks that children may experience online. Parents can register to receive regular updates on the latest issues.

*Also includes links to information on protecting ourselves and the family’s computer(s) while using the internet.*



For information and advice, and to report concerns directly to The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP). CEOP is a command of the National Crime Agency, and is dedicated to tackling the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and young people.



www.nspcc.org.uk

Provides support and help to professionals, parents and children on every aspect of safeguarding children.

## Cyberbullying



This site is aimed at children, but also gives an excellent insight to parents on topics such as bullying on social networks and ‘sexting’.

## Sexual Exploitation



www.wolverhampton  
safeguarding.org.uk

Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board gives advice to professionals and parents of child sexual exploitation (peer-on peer and by adults) with contact numbers to access expert help.

