

Safeguarding at Our Lady's Catholic College

Everyone needs to feel safe so that they can be happy and do their best

You can talk to ANY member of staff about your concerns. Staff will listen to you and take your concerns seriously. To help you, staff will pass your concerns on to our safeguarding team.



What does 'safeguarding' mean?

The term 'safeguarding children' describes a preventative approach to keeping children safe from suffering or being likely to suffer from significant harm. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all adults.

Safeguarding includes:

- Ensuring that children grow up in safe and effective care
- Taking action to ensure all children to have the best outcomes
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Protecting children from maltreatment

The categories of abuse are:

Physical abuse	For example: Hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, suffocating. May include a parent/carer fabricating symptoms or inducing illnesses in a child.
Emotional Abuse	For example: Making a child feel worthless, unloved or not good enough. Not allowing a child to express their views, or 'making fun' of what they say. Inappropriate expectations or witnessing the poor-treatment of another. May involve serious bullying or causing children to feel frightened.
Neglect	For example: failing to provide adequate food, clothing and shelter; failing to protect a child from harm; failing to ensure enough supervision; or access to the right medical care. Not promoting good attendance at school could be deemed as neglect.
Sexual abuse	Involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may involve physical contact or include non-contact activities, such as children looking at, or being involved in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriately, or grooming a child. Sexual abuse can take place online and technology can be used for offline abuse.

If you see or hear something that doesn't feel right...

What kind of things might make you feel unsafe?

- Being hurt by an adult or another child
- Unkind or sexualised comments
- Bullying or feeling threatened
- Inappropriate online behaviours
- Being touched in a way that you don't like
- Not being looked after by people at home
- Seeing people you love being hurt

TELL SOMEONE

Worried about a friend? Friendship issues?
Has something happened to you or a friend involving an adult or another child?

Key Safeguarding Staff		
Role	Name	Concern form website link
School Safeguarding Lead	Mrs J Loxam j.loxam@olcc.lancs.sch.uk	<p>Children: https://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk/form/?pid=126&form=24</p> <p>Parents: https://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk/form/?pid=126&form=23</p>
Other School Safeguarding Leads	Mrs E Hartley e.hartley@olcc.lancs.sch.uk	
Pastoral Support Officers/ Year Safeguarding leads	Y7: Mrs Taylor v.taylor@olcc.lancs.sch.uk Y8: Mrs Baldwin l.baldwin@olcc.lancs.sch.uk Y9: Mr Preston r.preston@olcc.lancs.sch.uk Y10: Mrs Rowan s.rowan@olcc.lancs.sch.uk Y11: Mr Teasdale r.teasdale@olcc.lancs.sch.uk	

