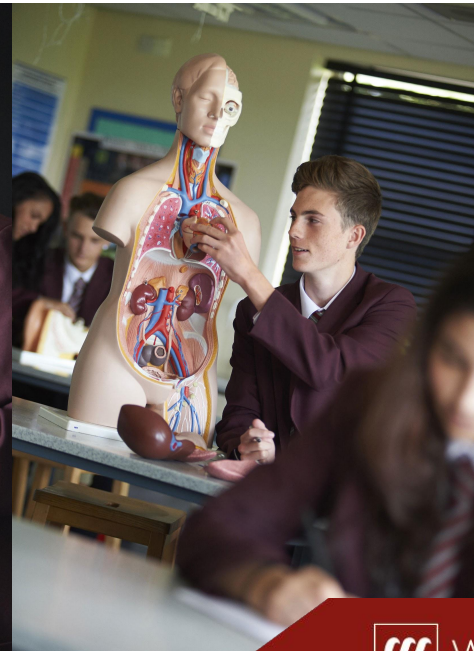




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# Safeguarding for students 2016/2017



# St. Katherine's School Safeguarding Statement



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*St. Katherine's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school.*



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## Who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead?

- Mr Southon has overall responsibility for Child Protection or Safeguarding at St. Katherine's School. He is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- Mr Humphreys, Mrs Ball, Mrs King and Miss Payne support him in this work.
- ALL members of staff have been trained in Child Protection.



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# What do we mean by Child Abuse?

- Sometimes adults hurt children or make them feel bad or afraid.
- This shouldn't happen - if it happens to you, we're here to help you and to find out what's going on.



# What do we mean by Child Abuse?

- **Physical** - when an adult deliberately hurts a child, such as hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, drowning or suffocating.
- **Neglect** - Where a child is not being looked after properly, for example, not getting enough to eat or being left alone in dangerous situations.
- **Emotional** - This would happen, for instance, when a child is all the time being unfairly blamed for everything, or told they are stupid and made to feel unhappy.
- **Sexual** - Examples would be where a child has been forced to take part in sexual activities or in the taking of rude photos.



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## **What can I do if something happens at home that I am worried about or do not think is right?**

- If you feel unhappy about something that is happening at home please talk to any member of staff.
- This could be that you feel that you are not being properly looked after or that you are subject to verbal, physical or sexual abuse.





## What happens next?

- After you have raised a concern with a member of staff they will come and speak to Mr Southon or another member of the Child Protection Team.
- Either Mr Southon or another member of staff will speak to you further about what you are unhappy about. You will be asked to write a statement or have someone write this for you.
- The member of staff may decide to contact either your parents/carers or Social Services depending on what you have said.
- You may then meet with Social Services and/or someone from the Police Child Abuse Investigation Team.
- In some cases you may go to a Police Station for an interview. If this is the case a member of staff will accompany you.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- *If I tell someone what is happening they won't believe me.*
- *If I say something it will only make it worse.*
- *I don't want to get my parents into trouble.*
- *I probably deserved it because of my behaviour.*
- *If I don't say anything hopefully it will get better.*
- *Should I say anything if I am worried about a friend?*





# Guidance for young people about adults you work with

- Adults who work with you sometimes know things about you that other adults wouldn't know.
- Adults won't keep secrets about any young person when they are worried about them and neither should you.

# Guidance for young people about adults you work with



- Adults will not have any secret contact (meetings, text messages, conversations, emails) with the young people they work with.
- Adults should never have any sexual conversations with you or talk about the personal parts of their own relationships.

# Guidance for young people about adults you work with



- Adults who work with young people will not give out their personal details – address, phone, email.
- If an adult receives a request through email or social media they will always say no.
- Adults should not make contact with young people by social media.
- Adults won't show young people any adult websites or unsuitable material from the internet or DVD.



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## Guidance for young people about adults you work with

- Adults who work with children will sometimes need to touch them as part of what they are doing e.g. PE.
- No adult should touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- When a young person behaves in a dangerous or unacceptable way, adults may need to stop this by using physical restraint.

## Guidance for young people about adults you work with



- There are times when young people become upset or distressed. Adults who work with them will try and comfort and reassure them when this happens.
- This kind of comfort will always be given openly and never in secret.
- Young people are entitled to privacy and respect. Tell another adult if you feel uncomfortable.



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## Guidance for young people about adults you work with

- It is really important that young people tell someone if they are worried, concerned, or upset by the behaviour of an adult.
- It might be difficult to speak out, but the young people who say something will not get into trouble and adults will always do their best to help you.





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## What can you do if you or someone else is being bullied?

- Tell someone you trust (a parent / carer, a teacher, a friend)
- If you feel under threat, always YELL to attract attention, RUN away from danger and TELL an adult immediately.
- You can complete a bullying incident form or email: [bullying@stkaths.org.uk](mailto:bullying@stkaths.org.uk).



## What can you do if you or someone else is being bullied?

- Don't give your personal and online contact details to people you do not trust.
- Keep any nasty messages or emails as evidence and show them to someone you trust.
- Don't be a bystander – if you see bullying happen,
- TELL someone



# Preventing cyberbullying

1. Always respect others
2. Think before you send
3. Treat your password like your toothbrush
4. Block the bully
5. Don't retaliate or reply
6. Save the evidence
7. Make sure you tell



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## Summary

- The number one priority for the staff at St. Katherine's School is your personal safety.
- It is NEVER right for an adult or anyone else to behave in an inappropriate way towards you.
- We are here to help you and support you if you have a worry or a concern.
- Look after yourself and others – pass it on.