

Child Protection Policy- Student Friendly

This child friendly policy is designed for you, to help you identify what may be a problem and help you to find the right support. There may be times when you have experienced something upsetting and would like to talk about it with a member of staff.

What is Child Protection?

Child protection is all about you. It is about;

- Your health and wellbeing
- Your rights
- Your safety in school, outside school and at home

What is safeguarding?

All staff have a responsibility to safeguard all students. This means;

- Protect you from harm.
- Make sure nothing stops you being healthy or developing properly.
- Make sure you are safely looked after.
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful.

How do we protect our students?

Everyone in the school works as a team to ensure;

- You have a safe environment to learn in
- We can help you recognise risks and how to stay safe
- We offer support to any student struggling at school or at home for any reason
- You will always have someone who you can talk to
- We can try to spot when there is a problem

What are we worried about?

There are four main causes of concern about child welfare;

- Physical abuse (e.g. hitting, shaking, burning, biting, throwing, shoving, etc.)
- Emotional abuse (when someone makes you feel bad, upset or worthless. E.g. saying nasty things)
- Neglect (when you are not being given what you need e.g. food, clothes, healthcare)
- Sexual abuse (e.g. inappropriate touching, making you act inappropriately or watch something inappropriate for your age)

If you are experiencing or have ever experienced any of these, remember that this is not your fault. Always speak to someone if any of this happens to you so that we can help make it stop and support you through it. If you need to talk, speak to a member of the pastoral and safeguarding team, or your year team or tutor. You can speak to staff about any issue, such as bullying, discrimination, concerns about social media, peer pressure, someone trying to trick you or bribe you, or anything else that you are worried about or don't think is right.

If you believe you are at immediate risk of serious harm, remember you can call the Police (999) or Childline (0800 1111).

Alternatively, you can email KC listening on listening@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk, or post a note in the worry box in the library.

You can also speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Below you can find out who they are, or alternatively your Deputy Head of Year is also trained to help and support you.

The Safeguarding Office can be located along the Performing Arts Corridor (where Drama is)

Introducing you to our key safeguarding team



Miss Eddy (designated safeguarding lead)



Mrs Johansson and Mrs Salmons (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)