

A SAFEGUARDING GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AT THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER ACADEMY

TBOWA recognises that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone. In safeguarding we ensure that all children and young people are adequately looked after and protected from harm. As such all the staff in our academy have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This duty is placed upon the academy by Section 175 of the Education Act 2002. To support you we have designated officers of child protection in our academy.

In our academy these are:

Mrs Lewendon - Deputy Vice Principal
Mrs Baldwin - Educational Social Worker

If we are concerned that a child may be at risk from significant harm or being abused, we are required to refer concerns on to Social Care and the Police if necessary. In some circumstances this may happen without the consent or knowledge of parents/carers. We also have the responsibility to act upon other concerns that we may have about a student's welfare in circumstances where there are no suspicions of child abuse.

EXAMPLES OF CONCERN:

- An adult is giving a child inappropriate substances (drugs or alcohol for example).
- An adult hitting, kicking or shaking a child, or touching them in inappropriate ways.
- A child is demonstrating inappropriate behaviour.
- A child is involved in bullying.
- Where difficulties at home are having an effect on the child's wellbeing.
- A child has attendance issues.
- A child is not being given adequate food or clothing by the person looking after them.
- A child is put in danger as a result of underage sex, self-harming, the use of drugs, smoking or alcohol.
- An adult is threatening them or making them feel bad about themselves (ugly, worthless or unwanted).
- A child is distressed as a result of witnessing/hearing of abuse or ill-treatment of others such as with domestic violence.

This list is by no means exhaustive.

At TBOWA all staff are trained to listen to any student concerns. If any of the above applies to you then you must TALK! The privacy of your family will ALWAYS be respected. Private information will only ever be shared with your knowledge and with those who can help you. Within the decision-making process, the safety of the young person is ALWAYS paramount!

Who can I talk to if I am worried about something happening to me or to someone I know?

1. Can you talk with your parents/carers?
2. Can you talk with an adult at school who you feel confident to talk to?
3. Would you feel more confident contacting a specialist organisation?

People you can talk with at the Academy:

All adults at The Bishop of Winchester Academy have a duty of care to ensure you are happy, safe and learning in school. You can talk to any adult and be assured you will be listened to. Some key adults, and their role in supporting you, at the school are:

Mentor – Your first point of contact daily during mentor time at 8:25am. Your mentor will be happy to support or direct you to the right support for any concerns you may have.

Head of Year – If you need to report an ongoing problem, or have concerns about your learning. Your Head of Year will also want to hear about any activities or achievements you are doing out of school, so that these can be celebrated with your year group.

Pastoral Support Team – Are there to support your pastoral needs. They support the Heads of Year in their role too. If you need help or advice about something in school or at home; if you need to call home regarding, lunch, kit or after school activities etc. they are the team to support you.

Wellbeing Team – If you need to speak to someone about your safety at home or in school. If you need school counselling service, or have recently experienced a bereavement or a difficult family situation. Any safeguarding issues will be supported through this team. You can drop in at break time or lunchtime if you wish. In certain circumstances you can be referred to meet the Wellbeing Team by your Head of Year.

The Wellbeing Team are here to help you cope with the following:

- Emotional difficulties
- Improve self-confidence and build self-esteem
- Anger
- Sadness
- Bereavement
- Friendship
- Relationships
- Smooth transition to Year 7

Educational Social Worker - We are privileged to have a full time Educational Social Worker (ESW) at the academy. Our ESW is able to support students and parents/carers if there are concerns or anxieties which are affecting their learning. The ESW is available for confidential conversations and will then be able to offer support you and your family to make things easier for you so that you can achieve your best in the academy.

The Attendance Team – If you are unwell, have a medical appointment or require time out of school it is important that the Attendance Officer is made aware. Attendance at school is pivotal to your progress and attainment. You should aim for 100% attendance.

SENDCo and SEND team – If you feel you need extra help or support with your learning; or have a recognised special educational need or difficulty that you would like support with. The SEND team can also assess you if you feel you need more time in exams.

Careers team – If you need advice on 6th Form, college, university, work experience, apprenticeships or employment. The Careers team will give impartial support and guidance.

A member of the leadership team – If you have any issues that others are not able to help with or have not been unresolved.

Expert people you can talk with outside of school:

Childline	0800 1111
NSPCC Helpline	0808 800 5000 / under 18's 0800111
Bournemouth Children's Social Care	01202 458101
Safer Schools Team, Dorset Police	01202 222444
The Samaritans	116123 (Freephone)
Who Cares? (for young people who are or have been in care)	02072513117
Addaction (drug and alcohol support)	01202 558855
Young Minds	02070 895050

SSCT@dorset.pnn.police.uk	Email to contact about online sexual exploitation and radicalisation
www.kooth.com	Online counselling for young people
www.there4me.com	NSPCC online counselling
www.thehideout.org.uk	For anyone whose family is suffering domestic abuse
www.youngminds.org.uk	Emotional wellbeing and mental health of children
www.spaceyouthproject.co.uk	Trans and gender identity support
www.ditchthelabel.org	Support with bullying and peer pressure
www.bullying.co.uk	Support with bullying and peer pressure
www.b-eat.co.uk	Support with eating disorders
www.brook.org.uk	Support with Sexual Health

