

# Safeguarding and Child Protection

A guide for pupils



### Safety and welfare

**COVID-19 Edition** 

We believe that your safety and welfare is very important. During this time of lockdown you may feel lonely or you could have concerns or worries that you feel you cannot speak about. We are here for you.

Schools and Academies have a special responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. This means we should notice if you are being treated badly, listen to you if you want to talk to us about a problem and take advice from other professionals if you need extra help.

Young people are nearly always safe at home, at school and in the community, but sometimes things can happen to make them worried, upset or afraid.

When young people are hurt in some way by an adult or an older young person this might be what is called child abuse. If we think a pupil has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed, we have a set of rules we follow to help to protect you. These

rules are called safeguarding procedures and a copy of our safeguarding policy is available on the academy website.

Although your safety is the responsibility of adults there are ways you can help yourself to keep safe too so we have given you some tips to think about.

A list of people you can talk to if you are worried, upset or afraid is included on the back page of this booklet.

Remember, you don't need anybody's permission to talk about your worries and you have the right to talk to anyone you wish.



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# What we do to keep you safe

The academy does lots of things to help you to stay safe. Here are some of them:

- We have a safeguarding policy. This policy explains how children might be harmed, the signs to look for and what staff should do.
- We have other policies that provide information for staff and pupils about things like bullying, internet safety and physical contact.
- All staff go through a check to assess their suitability to work with children.
- All staff are trained to recognise signs of abuse and neglect and know what to do if they are concerned about a pupil's welfare.
- We encourage pupils to tell us when something is wrong.
- We respect all pupils as individuals and we don't tolerate discrimination.
- We give pupils information to help them keep safe.

- We do risk assessments to test whether an activity is going to be safe for pupils.
- We have a health and safety policy that covers such things as fire regulations, first aid, food safety and generally ensuring the academy premises are safe.
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Pett have received special training in protecting children from abuse and neglect and they make sure the safeguarding procedures are followed.
- We work in partnership with parents/carers/ guardians to keep their children safe.
- If necessary, we talk to other people such as social workers and police officers if we think a pupil has been harmed or might be harmed by an adult.

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'Talk to an adult someone in the family
or someone at the
academy - if anyone
says or does anything
that worries or
frightens you'





# Keeping safe online

Mobile phones and computers are a part of everyday life for most young people, they may be more in use at the moment during lockdown. Used correctly, they are an exciting source of communication, fun and education, but used incorrectly, or in the wrong hands they can be a threat to your safety. You might receive insulting or abusive texts or emails, or you may talk to someone in a chat room or on a social networking site who isn't who they say they are and who is not a safe person to be talking to.

Here are some tips for keeping yourself safe on the mobile and online.



01

Don't put up with abusive texts, photos or videos. Show them to an adult and make sure the person who sent them knows you are taking action to stop them. Keep, don't delete until the problem is sorted.

02

Think about the language you use in texts. If you wouldn't like it said about you, don't say it about anyone else.

03

Don't reveal your full name, address or phone number to people you meet on the internet unless you check it out with your parent or carer.

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Don't allow anyone online to trick you into doing something against your wishes or something you know you shouldn't do. 05

Remember that any emails you send or photos you upload to the internet can't be destroyed. They're there forever. Think before you post something you might later regret. 06

You shouldn't be meeting anyone during lockdown but people who may want to cause you harm may try and encourage you to do so.

07

Never arrange to meet up with someone you meet online.

08

Block any users who you are unsure about and break off contact with anyone who makes you feel worried.

09

Don't use your real name in chat rooms or use any handle or nickname that reveals personal details, such as the town or street you live in.



#### **Key contacts**

If you do not feel you can talk to anyone at home or in the academy, you can contact the Police, telephone number 101, (in an emergency, always ring 999), or contacting Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, 01332 641172 (Derby City) and pass your concerns on directly to them.

#### childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Help and advice about a wide range of issues for children and young people.

Call 0800 1111



NHS Direct is for if you need medical help but it isn't an emergency.

**Call 111** 



Online counselling and mental health service for young people.

Visit kooth.com



Parenting and family support organisation.

Call 0808 800 2222

#### **SAMARITANS**

Emotional support to anyone in emotional distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide.

Call 0330 094 5717



Support and advice on drugs and alcohol. You can call FRANK free, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Call 0300 123 66 00



If you are ever concerned about your safety or well-being or about the safety of another pupil, you should talk to someone such as a parent/carer/guardian, and/or a member of staff at the academy.

You can tell us your concerns through the button below.

The Sharp System

Talking about a problem helps, and if the problem cannot be resolved by the member of staff that you have talked to, they will find other people to help.

Designated Safeguarding Lead krichardson@noelbakeracademy.co.uk

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead** opett@noelbakeracademy.co.uk

For more information on staying safe and to access links to staying safe websites visit the safeguarding page and e-safety areas on the academy website.

system.

Hello, welcome to the School anti-bullying reporting page

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Noel-Baker Academy

Don't Suffer In

Report.

Silence, Make A

We all work together at Noel-Baker to help with any problems you may have in or out of school.

This is a confidential way to stop you, or a friend, or someone you have seen suffering, you can contact Mrs K Richardson, Designated Lead Safeguarding Officer

and Mrs O Pett, Child Protection Officer and Operational

We want to keep you safe at all times.

The sharp system is in place so that you can let us know if you, or someone you care about is being treated badly or

MAKE REPORT

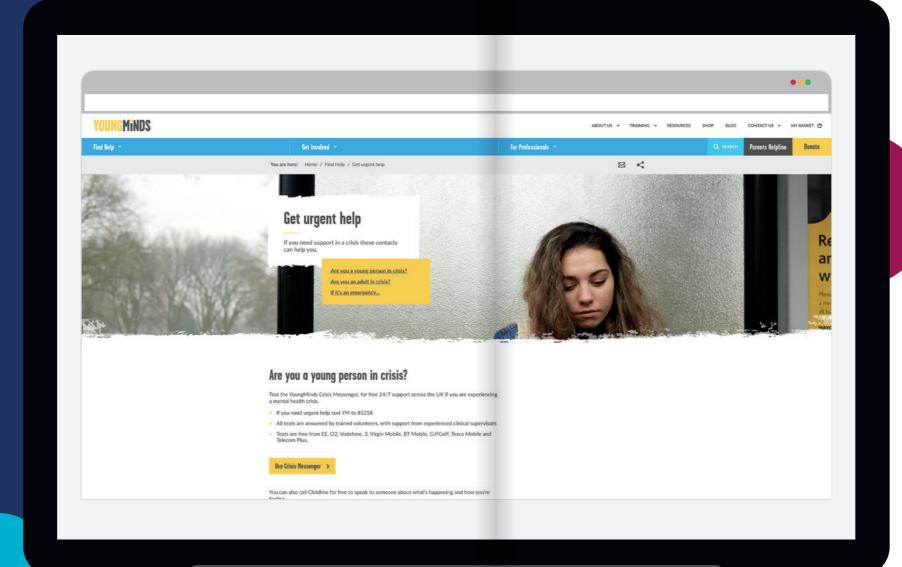


#### What is Prevent?

Prevent is part of the Government's Counter-terrorism Strategy. The aim of it is to stop people frombecoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

If you suspect someone of terrorist activity online or otherwise. Contact school or contact the police PREVENT team directly.

Telephone the Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321





## Online bullying

If you are being bullied or you know someone who is. **TELL SOMEONE.** You can report it from home to school through **SHARP.** 

If you are finding that you cannot cope and things at home or with the issues around lockdown and Covid-19, seek help and support from school staff or visit the YoungMinds website.

Remember to report all of your concerns to:

A parent, carer or family member

To the school

Or to one of the listed organisations.

Email enquiries@noelbakeracademy.co.uk

Telephone **01332 572 026** 

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