

Connaught School for Girls



Child Protection Policy Student friendly

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Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy - Child friendly

This child friendly policy is designed for you. We created this policy to help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support. There may be times when you want to talk to someone in school about a problem that might be upsetting you.

What is Child Protection about?

It's about you.

- Your health, safety and welfare are very important to us
- We respect all students and help protect their rights
- We want you to remain safe, in school and at home

Safeguarding means that all staff will:

- Protect you from harm and make sure nothing stops you from being happy
- Make sure you are safely looked after
- Make sure you have the best life chances

How will we try to protect our students?

There are lots of different ways how we, as a school work to protect our students:

- We try to provide a safe environment for students to learn in.
- We help you to recognise risks and to stay safe.
- We offer support to students who are experiencing difficulties in school or at home.
- Make sure you always have someone to talk to.
- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem.

The four main areas of child protection concern are:

Physical Abuse

Hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc

Sexual Abuse

Be aware, this doesn't always mean actually touching a child. It could also be someone making you watch things to do with sex or encouraging you to act in an inappropriate way

Neglect

This means things like not providing you with clothes, food or warmth. It could also mean not taking you to the Doctors when you need to go. There are many different ways and reasons why a child is neglected, it is really important that we know so we can help.

Emotional Abuse

This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. Also, if someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.

Abuse is never ok and if you are being or have been abused you must remember- it is not your fault. You must always tell someone and they will have to stop it. There is always some one that can help you.

What are the next steps?

Sometimes a member of staff will need to check things with Ms Hickes, who is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and then if they can deal with the issues themselves, they will.

There are times though when we may need to contact some other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police. There are lots of other agencies who support children and their families as well.

Your teachers are here to support you and will explain all of this to you, you can always go and ask them questions if you are unsure of anything.

Need to talk?

Please talk to an adult you feel comfortable talking to, this could be your Form Tutor or your Head of Year, they are a great place to start! We are here for you.

If you feel you are unable to talk to someone at school, please call Childline on 0800 1111, they can also offer you guidance and support.

Tips for keeping yourself safe:

Bullying - If you think a student or an adult is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Verbal things - If anyone says something to you or you hear something that upsets you, you must tell your parent/carers, a teacher or someone you trust as soon as you can.

Physical contact - If someone is hitting, smacking and hurting you or if someone is touching you in inappropriate places, you might be asked to keep it a secret. Secrets like this are **not** to be kept. You must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. Your body belongs to you and no one else.

Presents - Presents are a good thing to receive from family and friends on a birthday or celebration but sometimes other adults may try and give you sweets, money or gifts to trick you into doing things that are not right. This is called a bribe. Always check with a parent/carers first.

Computers/Phones/Social Media - Everyone uses computers and phones to talk to friends and family and share pictures and stories. This also makes it easier for bullies and other people that

want to hurt you or get close to you. It is important you know how to stay safe online and on the computer, your phone and on social media.

Please talk to an adult if you have seen something on a device that makes you feel uncomfortable or unhappy. You can also contact www.thinkyouknow.co.uk.

The Safeguarding and Welfare team at school are:

Ms Hickes - Assistant Headteacher, **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Mr Silk - Headteacher, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (online safety)

Ms El Khandari - Associate Assistant Headteacher/HoY, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Diamond - Associate Assistant Headteacher/HoY, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Petersen - HoY, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Zulic - Attendance Officer, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Massela - Learning Mentor

Ms Brown - Counsellor

Ms R. Hickes - June 2025