

Safeguarding

'Keeping Children Safe in Education' is a statutory guidance for schools and colleges who must have regard to it in carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Alongside 'Working Together', 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' states:

What school and college staff should know and do:

1. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined for the purposes of this guidance as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.
2. Children include everyone under the age of 18.
3. Where a child is suffering significant harm, or is likely to do so, action should be taken to protect that child. Action should also be taken to promote the welfare of a child in need of additional support, even if they are not suffering harm or are at immediate risk.

The role of the school or college

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding children. School and college staff are particularly important as they are in a position to identify concerns early and provide help for children to prevent concerns from escalating. Schools and colleges and their staff form part of the wider safeguarding system for children. This system is described in statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children'. Schools and colleges should work with social care, the police, health services and other services to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding our pupils is a priority for St Wilfrid's Catholic High school and its staff. We wish to provide pupils with access to support services for young people. The impact of distressing or difficult situations on young people can lead to confusion and an inability to access education consistently.

Mrs Murphy, Mr McCabe and Mrs James along with the pastoral team are here to assist you to access external support services.

There are many areas we need to focus safeguarding resources on in school; this is often done through our PSHCE programme and specialist services coming into school. In addition to this, there are also charities and support services locally who can help.

If you feel you are in danger please contact:

Social care direct, Wakefield can be contacted on **0345 8503503** or the police in an emergency on **999** or in non-emergency situations on **101**.