



King's Academy College Park

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The Safeguarding Ambassadors of King's Academy College Park present a child's guide to Safeguarding

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Our safeguarding responsibilities:

- Making sure all children are safe is everyone's responsibility.
- Everyone who comes into contact with children has an important role to play.
- Our school adults are very important as they can quickly find out things that are wrong. They can quickly offer the children help and can stop things from getting worse.
- It is important all adults recognise the important role they play in protecting children.
- When we talk about safeguarding, a child is anyone under the age of 18.

Safeguarding and making sure all children are safe is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment (*not treating children well*)
- preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development (*making sure children develop as they should, mentally and physically*)
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care (*making sure we grow up in a safe environment and are cared for properly*)
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes (*making sure everyone helps us to live the best life we can*)

If a child tells an adult they are being abused or neglected, the adults will:

- Never promise a child that they will not tell anyone else about a report of abuse. They will always think about the best interests of the child.
- Reassure all victims (children who have had something happen to them) that they are being listened to and that they will be supported and kept safe. A victim should never be made to think they are creating a problem by making a report or be made to feel ashamed for making a report.
- Know that technology plays a big part in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues. Children are at risk of abuse and other risks online as well as face to face. In many cases abuse and other risks will take place at the same time both online and offline. Children can also abuse other children online especially through chat groups, and the sharing of abusive images, to children who do not want to see them.

Abuse and neglect.

All our school adults are able to identify children who may be in need of help or protection.

If school adults are unsure, they will always speak to the designated safeguarding lead (or deputy).



Forms of abuse and neglect.

Abuse is a form of maltreatment of a child. (This is when a child is not treated correctly.) Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by causing them harm or by not preventing harm. Children may be abused by other children or adults, inside or outside of a family.

Forms of abuse and neglect are: Physical, Emotional, Sexual and Neglect.

All school adults have an awareness of safeguarding issues that can put children at risk of harm

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Child-on-child abuse

All school staff are aware that children can abuse other children at any age. This is called child-on-child abuse. This can happen both inside and outside of school and online. All school staff are able to recognise the signs of abuse and know how to identify it and respond to reports.

Child-on-child abuse can include:

- bullying (including cyberbullying)
- abuse in intimate personal relationships between children
- physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling, or otherwise causing physical harm
- sexual violence
- sexual harassment (including online)

Everyone working with children at King's Academy College Park always have an attitude of 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned. When concerned about a child, school adults will always act in the best interests of the child. They will always share information with relevant adults to keep children safe.

If school adults have any concerns about a child's welfare, they know how to act on them immediately. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy can be viewed on our school website.



Why is all of this important?

It is important for children to receive the right help at the right time. This helps to address safeguarding risks and prevent things from getting worse.

At King's Academy College Park, you can speak to any adult if something is worrying you. You can also speak to the Safeguarding Ambassadors in your year group.

Below are some other people that can help you:

NSPCC Childline: 0800 1111

CEOP: www.ceop.org.uk (To report online abuse) www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Runaway Helpline: 116 000 www.runawayhelpline.org.uk

Samaritans: Helpline: 116 123 www.samaritans.org

Police: 101 or 999

