

Safeguarding & Child Protection

A guide for pupils

Safety and welfare

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.



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.
- Mr Wardle, Mr Uphill, Mrs Ainsworth and Mr Connaughton 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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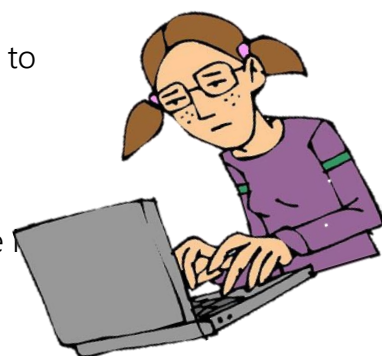
'Talk to an adult - someone in the family or someone at the academy - if anyone says or does anything that worries or frightens you'



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:

- 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.
- Think about the language you use in texts. If you wouldn't like said about you, don't say it about anyone else.
- 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.
- Don't allow anyone online to trick you into doing something against your wishes or something you know you shouldn't do.
 - Remember that any emails you send or photos you upload to the internet can't be destroyed. Think before you post something you might later regret. To remove images follow this link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2021/childline-tool-remove-nude-images-online/>
- 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.
- Never arrange to meet up with someone you meet online.
- Block any users who you are unsure about and break off contact with anyone who makes you feel worried.
- 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.





Share Concerns

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/carers/ guardian, and/or a member of staff at the academy.

Please use this page to tell us your concerns: - <https://stgeorgesblackpool.com/worried/>

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.

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: -

<https://stgeorgesblackpool.com/e-safety/>

Other 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 the customer services centre for social care enquiries, **01253 477299** and pass your concerns on directly to them.

Help for children & young people: CHILDLINE 0800 1111

Online counselling for young people: www.kooth.com

NHS Direct: 111

Family Lives, parent and family support organisation: 0808 800 2222

The Samaritans: 0330 094 5717

Talk To Frank - If you would like to know more information from the UK Government backed site covering all drug related questions in a no nonsense frank way, you can call FRANK free, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year - <https://www.talktofrank.com/>

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What is Prevent?

- Prevent is part of the Government's **Counter-terrorism Strategy**.
- The aim of Prevent is to **stop people from becoming 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](tel:0800789321)

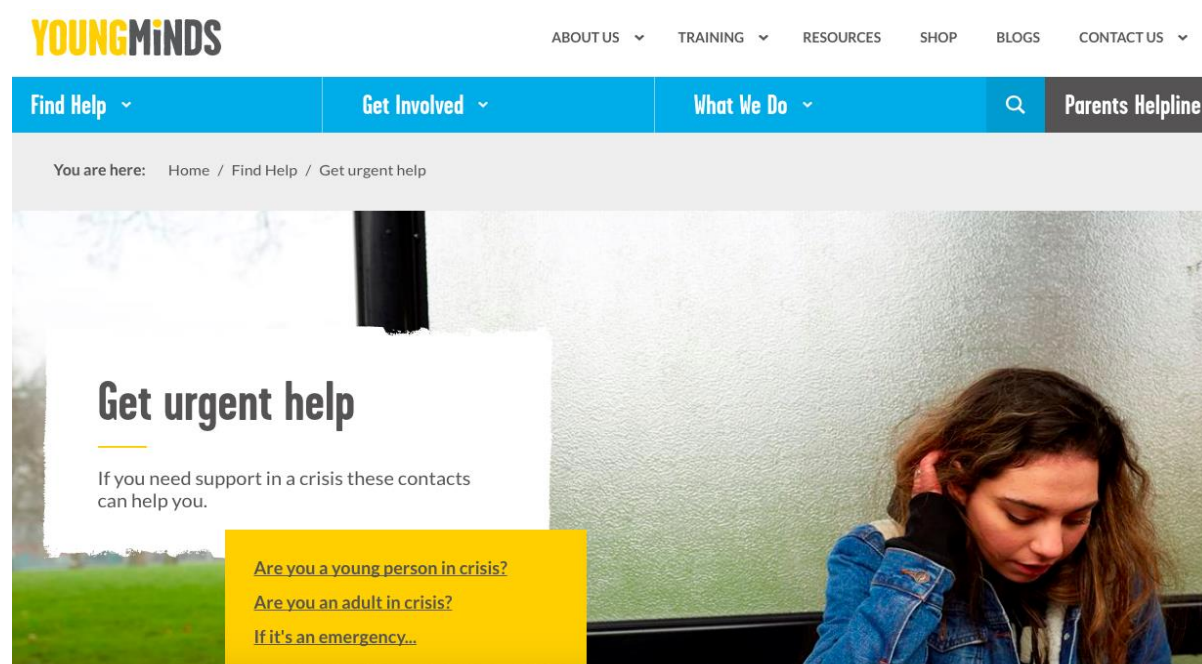




If you are being bullied or you know someone who is.
TELL SOMEONE. You can report it from home to school through SHARP: -

<https://stgeorgesblackpool.com/worried/>

If you are finding that you cannot cope and things at home or with the issues around lockdown and the CORONAVIRUS, seek help and support from school staff or visit www.youngminds.org.uk



Remember to report all of your concerns to:

- Parent or other family member
- To School



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To one of the organisations listed here.

