



# PHS Safeguarding Policy Pupil Guide

## What is 'Safeguarding'?

Safeguarding is **promoting** the welfare of children. This means to **protect children** from abuse or significant harm. Schools play an essential role in protecting children to ensure that a child's provision of **safe** and effective **care** is maintained.

## How do I report concerns?

**Report concerns** to a **member of staff** you feel comfortable talking to.

This will then be passed on to the **Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP)**.

If a student is considered to be in need of **support**, a referral may be made to the **appropriate services**.

If a student is considered to be **at risk of significant harm**, then advice will be sought to protect them immediately.

Staff **cannot keep a disclosure of abuse confidential** and must refer the matter on to the DSP

## Types of abuse

- **Physical abuse** may include hitting, shaking or otherwise causing physical harm to a child.
- **Emotional abuse** is the persistent emotional ill treatment of a child.
- **Sexual abuse** involves forcing or inviting a child to take part in sexual activity.
- **Neglect** is failure to meet a child's basic needs leading to serious damage to their health or development.
- **Financial abuse** includes fraud and exploitation.

**All adults have a responsibility to safeguard children against abuse.**

## Who is the Designated Safeguarding Person?



Mrs Enos (Lead Safeguarding Officer)



Mr Ally (Deputy Safeguarding Officer)



Mrs Rees (Deputy Safeguarding Officer)