

Safeguarding at The Holy Family Catholic School

The Holy Family Catholic School has a deep commitment to safeguard and promote the welfare of students at the School. Clear procedures are in place to manage child protection. We believe that all staff, volunteers and visitors have an important role to play in child protection. The School's Child Protection and Safeguarding policy lays out procedures to prevent incidents of potential harm: through encouraging openness and support; to train staff to provide protection to young people; and to offer support where necessary.

Staff in school also follow the DFE's statutory guidance which can be found in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document (updated 2023 – see link in this folder)

All staff who work with young people in school are trained on the key elements of good safeguarding practice and this is updated throughout the school year.

Our tutor and PSHE programme seeks to equip all of our students with the guidance they need to help to safeguard themselves and the confidence to ask for support should they need it.

Information for parents

At The Holy Family Catholic School, we recognise that your child is our responsibility and concern. We want to work in partnership with you, and discuss with you, any concerns we may have or that you may have.

It is a priority to inform and involve you at every stage in your child's time at the school.

Since the first priority is your child's welfare, there may be rare occasions when our concern about your child means that we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you.

The Bradford District Safeguarding Children Partnership has laid down the procedures we follow, and the school has adopted a Child Protection Policy in line with this for the safety of all.

If you want to know more about our procedures or the policy, please speak to the Safeguarding Team at HFCS

Our students are encouraged and support and look after themselves and one another, but we also ensure that they are taught about key 'society and community needs' through our PSHE and RSHE curriculum. In these lessons they learn about essential topics which will further promote their safety and wellbeing. Some are listed here:

- Sex and relationships
- Cyber bullying and staying safe online
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)
- Extremism
- British Values

Advice for students

The Holy Family Catholic School is a safe space.

If someone is hurting or upsetting you or making you feel scared, it is not your fault.

You are not alone, there are people who can help you and stop people from making you feel scared or hurt.

You may be frightened of the person hurting you or your friends, but there are things you can do to get help and make it better.

This may include someone who may be frightening you on the internet or on your mobile

You should:

Tell someone you trust. Such as your friends, teachers, parents, grandparents. Other people at school may be able to help.

Let people help to make things better by stopping the person from hurting you or your friends.

You shouldn't:

- Feel embarrassed or alone.
- Feel that it is your fault or that you are to blame for someone hurting, frightening or touching you. Anyone who tells you that is a liar.
- Keep it a secret.
- Feel you have no one to turn to – people are there to help.

Mental Health Support

www.kooth.com

Kooth- mental health videos

Please [click here](#) to access a KS3 session

Please [click here](#) to access a KS4 session.

Useful websites and support

NSPCC - is the UK's leading children's charity, preventing abuse and helping those affected to recover www.nspcc.org.uk

Barnardos - Barnardos helps bring out the best in children – no matter who they are or what they have been through. www.barnardos.org.uk

CEOP - information on on-line safety for parents and students <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/Parents/>

Child line - information and advice on bullying, health and mental and emotional health, sex and relationships, family issues etc <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/>

Child Bereavement UK - advice on bereavement and also dealing with children who may be frightened following national, traumatic events such as terror attacks <https://childbereavementuk.org/>

Childnet - advice and activities for children, parents and staff on e-safety <http://www.childnet.com/> or www.saferinternet.org.uk

Seed offers support services to people affected by eating disorders

www.seedeatingdisorders.org.uk

Papyrus - Prevention of Young suicide

www.papyrus-uk.org