

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

UPDATES FROM ST. AIDAN'S C OF E HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2022

SPOTTING THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

- absence from setting or disengagement from setting activities
- physical injuries
- mental or emotional health issues
- becoming withdrawn – lack of self esteem
- lack of sleep
- alcohol or substance misuse
- changes in behaviour
- inappropriate behaviour for age
- abusive towards others

VULNERABLE GROUPS:

- abuse can happen to anyone at any age. Both boys and girls can be victims;
- black and minority ethnic young people often under identified as victims and over-identified as perpetrators;
- young people with intra-familial abuse in their histories or those living with domestic abuse are more likely to be vulnerable;
- young people in care and those who have experienced loss of a parent, sibling or friend through bereavement;
- young people with SEND are three times more likely to be abused than their peers;
- young people who have been abused or have abused their peers.



For more information on peer on peer abuse please refer to section 46 in [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021](#)

Any concerns please see any of the following staff immediately:

Kate Douglas - Acting DSL

Clair King - Deputy DSL

Lucy Holt - Deputy DSL



For more information on peer on peer abuse, please click on the following

St. Aidan's policies:

1. School Child Protection Manual

2. Anti-Bullying Policy

3. Behaviour Policy