

NSG Safeguarding Bulletin Autumn 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first edition of the Northampton School for Girls Safeguarding Newsletter.

We hope that the information shared with you will give you up to date information on local and national safeguarding issues. Firstly I wanted to introduce myself and the safeguarding team here at Northampton School for Girls. I am Abigail Boddy and I have been a safeguarding lead for the last five years as well as being Deputy Headteacher at the school.

Alongside the Headteacher, I lead an incredible safeguarding team here at NSG

Deputy DSLs

- George Simmons Deputy DSL and Assistant Headteacher
- Claire Green Deputy DSL and Director of the Sixth Form
- Julia Smallman Deputy DSL and lead for looked after children
- Jay Davenport Deputy DSL and SENCO

DSL team

- Year 7 Rachael Blakey
- Year 8 Rachel Bond
- Year 9 Vanessa McGonigal and Andy Kowal
- Year 10 Emma Wilson
- Year 11 Rachael Lissaman

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of our safeguarding team using the details below;

- Telephone: 01604 679540
- Email: dsl.safeguarding@nsg.northants.sch.uk
- More information on all aspects of safeguarding at Northampton School for Girls can be found [here](#) on the school website

Through data analysis and really understanding the needs of our students and our community, we have created our **three safeguarding priorities** for this academic year.

- **Healthy Relationship**
- **Online safety**
- **Harmful Behaviours**

We are running staff training, parent online workshops, assemblies and tutor sessions, to support all stakeholders to understand how we can all take steps to keep children safe.

Parental support materials provided so far this term can be accessed via the NSG website.



Our website is currently being updated to offer you additional resources and improved signposting on how to support your child's wellbeing and safety

Please keep an eye on the website for upcoming information and workshops.

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Local Safeguarding News

As we head into winter and the days become darker much earlier, we remind our students how they can keep themselves safe on the way home.

- Make sure you let your parents and friends know where you are. Take a moment to
- check the location sharing features on your phone or social media platforms
- are turned on.
- Where possible walk home with friends and always chose the most public and well-lit
- route.
- If someone approaches you or does something that makes you feel uncomfortable
- or unsafe, go somewhere safe immediately. This could be your home, your
- school, a shop or a police station.
- Or if you see or hear something which makes you feel uncomfortable or anxious, please
- pass that information on. You could tell your parents or your tutor for example.

Passing on a concern helps keep us all informed and keeps us all safer.

Remember if you have any concerns about your safety talk to your Pastoral Officer, your Head of Year or a trusted adult.

There are also a wide variety of online apps to help students and their parents feel safe when out and about in the dark. A selection on useful links can be found [here](#)

Bradlaugh Fields

Our senior leadership team make regular visits to Bradlaugh Fields at lunch times and after school, regularly raising concerns regarding lighting, overgrown planting etc with the local council. Mrs Ferris and Mrs Burrell are also on duty in the vicinity of the school and Bradlaugh Fields every afternoon between 3.30 and 5pm



Did you know that you can anonymously tell the police about an area of Northamptonshire where you or your child feels unsafe?

It doesn't matter whether a crime has taken place or not, simply use the online tool [here](#)

National Safeguarding News

With the inquest into the tragic death of Molly Russell being in the news so recently, we wanted to give everyone a reminder to never worry on your own - Remember if you have any worries, concerns or repetitive thoughts, talk to someone. This could be your Pastoral Officer, your Head of Year or a trusted adult at home or school

What can you do?

If your child has been affected by self-harm or emotional distress, help and support is available via the [BBC Action Line](#)

The NOS, National Online Safety organisation also provides a range of resources and webinars to support parents and professionals. These include webinars on self-image and identify for example. A link can be found [here](#)