



## **Safeguarding Newsletter** **Edition 3, September 2020**

Welcome to edition 3 of the safeguarding Newsletter. As the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Khalsa Secondary Academy, staff and parents will receive termly updates on Safeguarding. The Newsletters will focus on issues that relate to the school and wider community.

This edition introduces the safeguarding team for the 2020-2021 academic year and raises awareness of peer on peer (child on child) abuse.



# **SAFEGUARDING**



Should you have any concerns / issues regarding **SAFEGUARDING**, you can talk to the following DESIGNATED **SAFE GUARDING LEAD(S)** in the school.



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### **Khalsa Secondary Academy Safeguarding Statement**

**Khalsa Secondary Academy is committed to safeguarding children. We believe that children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them. We expect that all staff, volunteers, outside agencies and service providers adhere to our policies and share in our commitment to safeguard all children in our care.**



## What is peer-on-peer abuse?

Peer-on-peer abuse is any form of physical, sexual, emotional and financial abuse, and coercive control exercised between children, and within children's relationships (both intimate and non-intimate), friendships, and wider peer associations.

Peer-on-peer abuse can take various forms, including (but not limited to): serious bullying (including cyberbullying), relationship abuse, domestic violence and abuse, child sexual exploitation, youth and serious youth violence, harmful sexual behaviour and/or prejudice-based violence including, but not limited to, gender-based violence.

Online peer-on-peer abuse is any form of peer-on-peer abuse with a digital element, for example, sexting, online abuse, coercion and exploitation, peer-on-peer grooming, threatening language delivered via online means, the distribution of sexualised content, and harassment.

The following statistics highlight the extent of this issue:

- One in five girls in England suffered physical violence from their boyfriend
- More than four in ten teenage schoolgirls aged between 13 and 17 in England have experienced sexual coercion.
- The rates of violence were higher for girls in England than in other countries.
- Nearly half (48%) of girls reported instances of emotional and online abuse from their partners.
- Over a third of young boys in England admitted watching pornography and held negative attitudes towards women.

## Our Philosophy

Khalsa Secondary Academy believe that all pupils have the right to be taught in a safe environment to enable them to elevate their learning and achievement. We expect all pupils to develop self-discipline and respect for others and to feel valued and supported. The school promotes the values of **excellence, care, kindness and respect** to create a nurturing environment for young people to excel in. We take all matters of peer-on-peer abuse seriously.

In order to prevent peer-on-peer abuse, at Khalsa Secondary Academy, we have a clear set of values and standards underpinned by our behaviour policy and pastoral system. We also cover important matters in our Safeguarding and PHSE/RSE/personal development curriculum and utilise assemblies and outside agencies to promote topics such as:

- Healthy relationships
- Respectful behaviour
- Gender roles, stereotyping and equality
- Body confidence and self-esteem
- Prejudiced behaviour
- That sexual violence and sexual harassment is always wrong
- Hate crime
- Bullying

## Further information and support

If you are worried that your child has an unhealthy or abusive friendship and/or relationship, or you have any concerns about the matters highlighted above please contact any member of the Safeguarding team.

Best Wishes,  
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Designated Safeguarding Lead