



Safeguarding Newsletter

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Welcome to the latest edition of our Parent Safeguarding Newsletter from the William Edwards Safeguarding Team. Where we aim to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice on issues we feel may be of importance to you and your child. This month we are discussing child on child abuse and what it looks like.

Child on Child Abuse

So what is child on child abuse? The term refers to inappropriate behaviours between children that are abusive in nature including physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, exploitation, sexual harassment, all forms of bullying, coercive control, hazing/initiation rituals between children and young people, both on and offline.

Prejudice based abuse

Prejudice based bullying is repeated hurtful behaviour that exploits or abuses someone based on protected characteristics. The following protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010 are particularly relevant in school settings: age, disability, gender/sex, gender identity, race/ethnicity, religion and sexuality.

Hate Crimes

A hate crime is an offence that is motivated by prejudice on the basis of ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or disability. Hate crimes can be both physical and verbal.

What to look out for

- Unexplained injuries, e.g. bruises, scratches
- Missing or damaged items, e.g. clothing
- 'Loses' items often, e.g. money, lunch
- Resisting going to school or feeling ill in the morning
- Difficulty concentrating or decreasing attainment
- Refusal to discuss what's upsetting them
- Withdrawing from school life and peers
- Difficulty forming new relationships
- Frequent tears or anger
- Changes to sleeping and/or eating patterns
- Low self-esteem, depression or anxiety
- Self-harm

External Support

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