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Child on Child Abuse Policy (Pupil version)

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CHILD-ON-CHILD ABUSE POLICY (STUDENT VERSION)

Staying Safe at School

Our Promise

At The Gateway, we want everyone to feel safe, respected, happy and supported. Sometimes children can be hurt, upset or made to feel unsafe by other children. This is called child abuse. Tell a trusted adult if you are worried about yourself or someone else.

What is Child-on-Child Abuse?

Behaviour by another child that causes harm. It can happen in school, outside school or online. It includes bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, sharing sexual images, physical or emotional abuse, relationship abuse, online abuse and prejudice-based abuse. It should never be dismissed as banter or a joke.

Bullying

Physical: hitting, kicking, pushing, damaging belongings. Verbal: name-calling, threats, insults. Emotional: leaving people out, rumours, embarrassment. Online: hurtful messages, fake accounts, sharing images or videos.

Sexual Harassment

Unwanted behaviour of a sexual nature that makes someone feel uncomfortable, upset, embarrassed or unsafe, including sexual comments, jokes, unwanted touching, sexual messages and sharing sexual images.

Sharing Sexual Images

Never pressure someone to send images, threaten them for images or share images without permission. If this happens, tell a trusted adult immediately.

Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships

Healthy relationships feel safe, respectful and equal. Unhealthy relationships involve controlling behaviour, threats, pressure, sexual pressure, pressure to send images or behaviour that makes you feel scared.

Signs Someone May Need Help

Being withdrawn, anxious, upset, missing school, having trouble sleeping, unexplained injuries, losing confidence or becoming isolated from friends.

If You Are Being Abused

Tell a trusted adult such as your Tutor, Teacher, Head of Year, Pastoral Team, DSL or Parent/Carer. It is not your fault, you will be listened to and supported.

If You Are Worried About Someone Else

Tell a trusted adult immediately. Support your friend, but do not keep abuse a secret or put yourself in danger.

How We Will Help

We will listen, take concerns seriously, investigate appropriately, provide support and take action to keep children safe.

DSL: Mrs Johansson

Deputy DSL(s): Mr Renihan, Miss Diggin, Mrs Swannell, Miss Stafford and Mr Griffiths

Pastoral Team: Miss Newsham, Mrs Gamberini, Mr Cambray, Miss Barford, Miss Partridge. Miss George

If something does not feel right, tell someone. You are never alone.