



Safeguarding: Peer on Peer Abuse

It is important to recognise that abuse isn't always perpetrated by adults; children can abuse other children too. This is referred to as peer-on-peer abuse and can include:

- Bullying (including online/cyberbullying)
- Sexual violence and sexual harassment (including online)
- Physical abuse (such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting etc)
- '[Sexting](#)' (also known as 'youth produced/involved sexual imagery' or sharing 'nude or semi-nude' imagery)
- Initiations, hazing type violence and social rituals

Bullying

Bullying is a type of behaviour, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group. If left unaddressed, bullying at school can have a serious impact on a young person's mental health, self-esteem and ability to thrive in education.

Bullying can/may:

- Be physical abuse, such as: hitting, kicking, shaking, biting
- Be emotional abuse, such as: name calling, spreading rumours or social inclusion
- Involve intimidation or threats of violence
- Involve racial, sexual or homophobic abuse
- Be perpetrated by an individual or a group
- Take place online or via technology (aka [cyberbullying](#))
- Be motivated by real or perceived differences
- Involve an imbalance of power
- Disproportionately impact children with SEN and disabilities

Useful links to further information and support on bullying and behaviour management:

Department for Education:

[Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)

[The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign](#)

[Childline- bullying](#)

[Kidscape](#)

[The use of seclusion, isolation and time out](#)

Hanham Woods Academy DOES NOT tolerate Bullying of any kind.

Please refer to both our Behaviour Policy and our Anti-Bullying Policy for further information.





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Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Between Children in Schools and Colleges

Sexual violence refers to crimes under the [Sexual Offences Act 2003](#) and includes rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault; whilst sexual harassment incorporates a wider range of 'unwanted conduct of a sexual nature', such as: sexual comments or lewd "jokes", sexualised bullying, non-consensual taking or sharing of sexual images/videos (such as upskirting), or physical behaviour such as: deliberately brushing against someone or 'pinging' bra straps.

'Upskirting' involves taking a picture under someone's clothing without them knowing; this is usually with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks for sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress or alarm. It is a criminal offence. Anyone of any gender, can be a victim.

Sexual violence and sexual harassment can/may:

- Occur between two children of any age and sex
- Be physical and/or verbal
- Occur online and/or offline
- Be perpetrated by individuals or groups, against individuals or groups
- Be a standalone incident, or part of a wider pattern of sexualised behaviour
- Be perpetrated against some children more than others, such as: girls, children with SEND or LGBT children.

Children who are victims of sexual violence and sexual harassment may feel intimidated, degraded or humiliated and will probably find the experience stressful and distressing; this is likely to adversely affect their educational engagement and attainment.

Hanham Woods Academy takes the following stance on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment between children:

It is NOT acceptable and WILL NOT be tolerated.

It is NOT an inevitable part of growing up and WILL NOT be dismissed as "banter" or normalised.

When responding to a concern about sexual violence or harassment between children, Hanham woods Academy ensures that all victims are taken seriously and offered appropriate support. Staff follow clear, up to date and Government Informed protocols and ensure that any action taken follows our usual safeguarding and child protection policy, procedures and referral process.

As of the 1st April 2021, the DfE have commissioned the NSPCC to run a bespoke helpline to provide appropriate support and advice to victims of sexual abuse in education and concerned adults. Young people and adults can contact the NSPCC helpline, '[Report Abuse in Education](#)' on [0800 136 663](tel:0800136663) or email help@nspcc.org.uk



Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.



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Need to talk to us, but would prefer to text?



Text us on 07749723552 between 3:00pm and 5:00pm Monday-Friday

Please speak to us for support or advice!

Contact us Via Email:

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External Agency Support



Both OTR and CYN can offer comprehensive support on all issues. They offer youth clubs, 1-1 support and their websites can be used for students to find advice and information on a range of topics.

Kooth offer free, anonymous online support. You can encourage students to use Kooth on any issue.

