

Dumfries Academy

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy



Advice for Parents and Carers

At Dumfries Academy, child welfare, safety and protection is our number one priority. We firmly believe that every young person has the right to grow and develop in an environment at home and school which is safe and nurturing. We aim to develop young people who are confident, caring, healthy and understand a responsible moral compass.

To enable young people to fulfil their potential in school and wider life they must first and foremost be safe. To this end Dumfries and Galloway School Services School has a very clear policy on Child Protection and Safeguarding in order that we ensure that students are safe and healthy at all times.

Young People have the right to live in an environment where they are free from physical, mental, emotional and sexual abuse.

Staff and pupils at Dumfries Academy are acutely aware of this. In order to ensure this the school adheres to the following procedures.

- All staff, teaching and non-teaching undertake regular, regional and school based training on Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures
- The school has an identified member of the Senior Management Team with a direct responsibility for Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Pupils are made aware of the 'Rights and Responsibilities' of all and are encouraged to talk to staff if they have concerns regarding their own safety or the safety of others
- Parents are encouraged to notify the school of concerns about the welfare of a young person or young people
- All instances of Child Protection and Safeguarding concerns will be dealt with in the utmost confidentiality, and national guidelines are adhered to. All concerns are recorded and passed on to appropriate authorities.

If you have any concerns regarding the physical, mental, emotional or sexual safety of a young person you should contact the school on 01387 274350 for advice, where your concerns will be dealt with confidentially and as a matter of utmost priority.