

### **Social Media and mobile phones (Facebook, Twitter etc)**

Most bullying begins or continues on social media or via text messages. The following points will help prevent your child being involved in online abuse:

- Make them aware of the dangers of sharing information and making comments on social media
- Restrict and monitor the use of Facebook and how your child uses their mobile phone
- Following the academy's mobile phone policy. It is clear and in place to help safeguard students against the problems they can create; mobile phones must not be used in the academy buildings and should they not respond to a warning for using their phone it will be confiscated until a parent/carer collects it on Fridays 2.30-3pm.

The academy usually refer cases of cyber bullying to the police.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>

### **Racist, disability and homophobic or transphobic abuse**

Abuse of all kinds is not tolerated and will be dealt with seriously, efficiently and effectively. The academy provides support to students who have experienced these forms of abuse through the Hub who work with outside agencies where required. Additionally, we have experienced, trained and dedicated staff who support students from different cultures.

<http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/hatecrime>

<http://www.beyondbullying.com/homophobicbullying.html>

### **Substance misuse including alcohol**

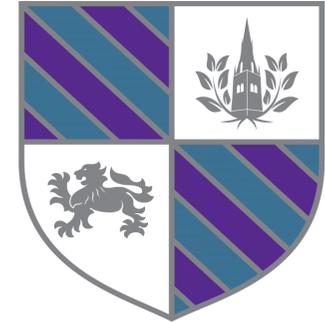
As young people grow up opportunities to experiment with drugs and alcohol increase. Parents, carers and educators need to advise and support young people to make the right choices. The following websites will be of use and of course heads of key stage will be able to refer students for support either from staff in school or to external agencies.

<http://www.adfam.org.uk/>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/alcohol/Pages/Alcoholsupport.aspx>

<http://www.parentsupportlink.org.uk/>

# Magnus Church of England Academy



## Parents' Guide to Keeping Your Child Safe

Updated April 2020

Information available at:

<https://www.magnusacademy.co.uk/parent-information/advice-support-parentscarers/>

**Safeguarding Concerns to:**

[safeguarding@magnusacademy.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@magnusacademy.co.uk)

The best way to safeguard young people is to teach them about the common dangers they may come across. We believe that it is the responsibility of all adults working with young people to work together to keep children safe.

Magnus Church of England Academy's curriculum promotes personal safety however, there is still lots that parents and carers can do. This guide contains a brief overview of some of the risks we need children to be aware of. All topics are discussed in school, some across the curriculum, others during PSHE drop down days.

Should you have concerns about any of the issues raised in this leaflet please do not hesitate to contact either your child's head of key stage or our safeguarding leads who are designated safeguarding officers. Referrals to the safeguarding team via email can be made at any time, this includes when the school is closed (such as COVID 19 outbreak).

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### **Preventing extremism and radicalisation**

Violent extremism is rare, however we all have a duty to prevent it by looking for the signs of young people being radicalised. Keeping an eye on your child's use of the internet and social media is really important. Signs of a young person being radicalised include changes in behaviour, claiming that acts of terrorism are justified, associating with violent extremists and viewing extremist material online. More information is available from our website or on the link below.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/radicalisation/>

### **Child Sexual Exploitation**

Cases of young people being sexually exploited are rare but unfortunately this is a real issue which can affect the young person and their families. E Learning for parents is available below from PACE (Parents against child sexual exploitation). The following links provide more information on this and includes the common signs that should raise concern.

<https://paceuk.info/training/keep-them-safe/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ceop>  
[www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk)

### **Using phones/tablets to take inappropriate selfies.**

Occasionally young people can be persuaded to take inappropriate pictures. This is usually by someone they are in a relationship with and believe they can trust. Unfortunately, as relationships between young people often don't last forever this trust is misplaced and the pictures can end up being sent out via snapchat, facebook etc. This results in the child being vulnerable to bullying, being embarrassed and damages the child's self esteem. Ensuring young people are aware of this danger and do not take photographs like this and the consequences for those sharing these images must be made clear.

<https://childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/sexting/>

### **Bullying**

Bullying is not tolerated at Magnus Church of England Academy and great efforts are made to ensure that when a student is experiencing bullying it is stopped immediately. The academy can only deal with bullying when it has been reported. In most cases where students feel they are being bullied it is usually the case that the academy is unaware. If your child is being bullied you must contact the tutor who will deal with the case in line with the academy's anti bullying policy and if problems continue you must contact the head of key stage so that further action can be taken. A firm stance is taken with bullying and the academy often refer cases to the police. The following links contain information to help parents and carers support their children along with information about spotting the signs of bullying early. The school have recently been re awarded the Anti Bullying Alliance All Together mark at Gold level due to the support that is in place to tackle bullying when it happens.

[www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)  
<http://www.magnusacademy.co.uk/our-academy/policies/>  
<http://www.bullying.co.uk/advice-for-parents/>  
<http://www.beyondbullying.com/parents.html>

