

Keeping YOU Safe

The *United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child* provides protection for children around the world. Based on that...

In De La Salle College YOU matter.

**YOU
MATTER.**

Any member of staff will always help you with any problems, worries or fears.

'Keeping YOU safe' or 'Safeguarding' refers to what every member of the school does **to keep you safe and protect you from harm every day**. It is our job and our duty. You have a right to feel safe.



What to do if you feel worried about anything



If you, or someone you know is feeling worried, unhappy or unsafe always tell someone you trust.



Remember if you don't feel able to tell us you can write it down and give it to a trusted adult.

A trusted adult could be your Form Teacher, Year Head or one of the

teachers from the Safeguarding Team.

Safeguarding Team

'The Safeguarding Team' are a team of teachers who have a responsibility to keep pupils safe and will be able to help you no matter what problem you may have. If a member of staff is worried about you, he or she will talk to the Safeguarding Team.

The Safeguarding Team in De La Salle College are:

- Ms M O'Neill
- Mrs M Healy
- Mrs O Rodgers
- Mr J Stitt
- Mrs V Hanna



We value and care for everyone in our De La Salle school community. We want you to be safe, happy and successful. We will always help.

Safeguarding means keeping YOURSELF safe. This includes...

- ❑ Sharing your problems with a trusted adult
- ❑ Protecting yourself when using social media
- ❑ Choosing your friends carefully
- ❑ Asking for help when you need it
- ❑ Saying **NO** when something doesn't feel right



Sources of Help in School...

- Safeguarding Team
- ANY member of staff
- A trusted friend could speak to staff for you
- Family Works Counsellor:
 - Paul Sloane
- SPSS Teacher: Mrs Stark
- SPSS Mentor: Mr Sean Donnelly
- Resilience Programme: Ciara MacKenzie

If we think you aren't safe

We in De La Salle are responsible for your care, welfare, safety and protection during school hours. For example, visitors must always sign in at reception and wear a "Visitor's Badge" to show they have permission to be in De La Salle. We care about your safety outside of school. If we think you are at risk of any sort of harm outside of school we will seek help for you immediately. Your safety always comes first. You Matter!

Help & Support Outside of School:

Talk to your family & friends

 ChildLine: 0800 1111

(www.childline.org.uk)

 Lifeline: 0808 808 8000

(www.lifelinehelpline.info)

 Samaritans: 116 123

(www.samaritans.org)

 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

(www.nspcc.org.uk)

Text -A-Nurse 07507 328290

CEOP: Child Exploitation & Online Protection (www.ceop.police.uk)



De La Salle College, Belfast



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**Information for Pupils
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