

## The Prevent Duty & our responsibilities

In 2010 the Government published the Prevent Strategy and since then there has been an awareness to specifically safeguard children, young people and their families from violent extremism. At Wirral Met College we consistently strive to ensure a safe environment for our community by training staff, teaching British Values to our students, raising awareness of associated dangers with students and ensuring appropriate support is implemented for anyone who becomes involved in or is affected by violent extremism.

## Key Safeguarding Legislation & Statutory Guidance

- The Children Act 1989
- The Education Act 2002
- The Sexual Offences Act 2003
- The Care Act 2014
- The Counter Terrorism Act 2015
- Section 74 of the Serious Crime Act 2015
- The Prevent Duty
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (*September 2024*)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (*July 2023*)

Safeguarding and Protection of  
Children and Adults at Risk,  
If you wish to discuss our approach  
to

or

if you have a concern please  
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**OUR APPROACH TO  
SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTION OF  
CHILDREN & ADULTS AT RISK**

**Wirral Met College** understands its lawful, statutory and moral duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children and adults at risk (for ease of description in this leaflet referred to as “*students*”).

The College has a policy approved by the Board of Governors which applies to those under the age of 18 (children) and any person over the age of 18 who has needs for care and support, who is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect and as a result of their care needs - is unable to protect themselves. ((Care Act 2014) (Adult at Risk)). The Policy and procedure also applies to students who due to their circumstances may require safeguarding arrangements to be implemented i.e. domestic/relationship abuse, under 18 and have caring responsibilities, child looked after/care leaver, under 18 and estranged from family, young parent or young mum to be, student involved in offending behaviour.

This updated policy is kept on the Safeguarding webpage on the staff intranet and is available in printed form on request.

The College has appointed a Safeguarding Manager and senior manager responsible for our approach to safeguarding and protection of children and adults at risk.

Whenever we are made aware of an allegation or suspicion that a *student* has been abused or there is a concern that a

*student* may require the support of an (external) support service or that a member of staff has acted inappropriately, this will be taken seriously and handled in an appropriate and sensitive manner.

***Our approach to safeguarding seeks to:***

- provide a safe environment for *students* in which to learn
- provide procedures for identifying, reporting and referring *student* concerns
- aid the identification of students who are suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm and take immediate steps to keep them safe
- take appropriate action to promote and support the safety and welfare of *students*, at college, online, at home and out in the community
- raise awareness of issues relating to the protection, safety and welfare of *students* and training to know how to respond
- establish procedures for reporting and dealing with allegations of abuse against members of staff
- ensure the safe recruitment of staff in compliance with legislation
- work closely with other agencies to keep *students* safe and follow-up and resolve concerns

- manage risks associated with safeguarding and protection of children and adults at risk.

**What are we safeguarding against?**

- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
- Financial/Material Abuse

***Other Specific Safeguarding Issues include:***

- Radicalisation & Extremism
- Child Exploitation (*CE*) both *sexual and criminal*
- Children who have been trafficked/Modern Slavery
- Domestic Abuse/Relationship Abuse
- Children affected by gang activity
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Forced Marriage
- Faith Abuse
- Child on Child Abuse including sexual harassment/assault
- Fabricated Induced Illness
- Organisational Abuse
- Self Neglect