

Keeping Children Safe

All children play a very important part in keeping themselves and other **children** safe at school or when taking part in wider school activities.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

We must all take steps to keep **ourselves** safe. Our actions can sometimes be seen in a way that was not intended. Unity Academy promotes safe working practices for everyone on the school site. Examples of this include:

- Wearing safety equipment e.g. goggles
- Following all instructions
- Reporting unacceptable behaviour to staff
- Knowing that conversations with other children may be seen by them as mean, unfair, bullying or harassment, even if this was not intended
- Reporting any safety concerns to a trusted adult

How safe do you feel at school?

- Do you feel safe? What would you do if you felt unsafe for any reason?
- Who would you talk to?
- What else can staff and other students at school do to help everyone stay safe?
- How would you make a suggestion to improve safeguarding at Unity Academy?

Please be vigilant and follow the advice in this leaflet.

Keep yourself and other children safe.

What are we safeguarding against?

Anything which causes **you or us** to be concerned that **you or others** might be at risk of serious harm.

Good advice

- Do not give out personal information e.g. name, address, mobile number, email address or personal websites to strangers
- Do not accept or respond to a stranger attempting to give personal information.
- Do not accept physical or verbal abuse
- If this happens, report it immediately to a member of staff
- If someone says something you are worried about – tell someone

If you are worried about something, please ask for help. Report your concerns to the member of staff who is working with you.

They will report this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

(Mr Buckley - Senior Leader)

Child protection is about:

- What we would do if we think you are being harmed (or likely to be harmed)
- What you should do if you think someone else was being harmed
- What we do if we think you are about to harm someone else

Safeguarding is about what we need you to do, to keep yourself and others safe.

Harm:

- Is anything which is happening to you which is hurtful, emotionally or physically
- Could mean bullying, sexual abuse, physical attack, being neglected or being forced to do something you don't want to
- Could be at home, at school, in the community, with friends, online, in the street or anywhere

Confidentiality means that you can share personal information with any of the staff here.

If the staff member feels that what you tell them puts you or any other young person at risk of harm, they must pass details on to a member of the safeguarding team who will take active steps to support you or others and keep everyone safe.

Staff will only tell those who **need** to know. Sometimes the school will need to refer to other Agencies. Not everything will be passed on – only what needs to be.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

The safety and wellbeing of students is our paramount concern.

If you have any concerns, please talk to any of the following trusted adults:

- Your teacher
- Your Form Tutor
- Pastoral Team (Caseworkers)
- Impact staff
- Your Phase Lead
- Teaching Assistant
- School Nurse
- School counsellor
- Member of the safeguarding team
- Member of the Senior Leadership Team
- Any member of staff

or

Blackpool Social Care
Daytime hours: 01253 477299
Out of hours: 01253 477600



Academy contact details

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Blackpool,
Lancashire.
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Tel: 01253 355493 Fax: 01253 357981

E-mail: admin@unity.blackpool.org.uk

Safeguarding information is also available from the school website www.unity.blackpool.org.uk

Any child protection concerns will be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or a Designated Safeguarding Person.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mr Buckley
(Senior Leader)

Designated Safeguarding Persons

Kathryn Bentley, Richard Brimley,
Stephen Cooke, Simon Brennand,
Beth Latham, Rebecca Lemar,
Kelly Shaw, Toni Shaw, Karen Whittham

Safeguarding Children



Guidance for pupils and students of Unity Academy

This leaflet provides some guidance on working safely at school and provides guidance as to what to do if you have a concern.

Please read it carefully and do not hesitate to ask a trusted adult if you require any further information.

Mr Buckley
Senior Leader and DSL

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