

Further information

Further information can be found from the sources detailed below:

- College policies, including the Child Protection and Safeguarding policy. This can be found on our website at www.newcollege.leicester.sch.uk and on request from the college
- NSPCC - www.nspcc.org.uk
- Leicester City Council - www.leicester.gov.uk
- Leicester Safeguarding Children Board - www.lcitylscb.org

Values of New College Leicester

- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Resilience**
- **Resourcefulness**

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**Child Protection at
New College Leicester**
Guidance for parents and carers

Child Protection in College

At New College Leicester we see children's welfare as our first priority. We are committed to working with parents and other professionals to ensure that our students have a happy and safe learning environment both at college and at home.

Children and young people have a right to be protected from harm. Families have a right to expect schools and colleges to provide a safe and secure environment.

As a college we have a legal duty to safeguard your child's welfare. We follow the model policies and protocols outlined by Leicester City Council in order to ensure the welfare of our students. All members of staff in New College Leicester are trained to safeguard children and are committed to ensuring the safety of all our students.

If the college is worried about a student's welfare and that a child is at risk of harm, we must legally look into the matter and follow:

- the law
- guidance from the Department for Education
- local multi-agency child protection procedures.

What sort of harm?

Harm in these circumstances means child abuse or child maltreatment. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by harming them or not acting to prevent harm. Harm is defined by the NSPCC as:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect
- Radicalisation

Enquiries also have to be made if a child is living with someone who has previously been involved in the abuse of another child.

How do I report concerns about a child?

We all have a duty to protect children from harm. If you are concerned about a child who attends New College

Leicester, then please report your concerns immediately to:

- Mrs E Rudge-Tezcan (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs B Walker (Designated Member of Staff)
- Mrs F Rogers (Designated Member of Staff)

All three members of staff can be contacted on 0116 231 8500.

If you are unable to contact us, or have a concern relating to the Principal of the College, please contact the Local Authority Duty and Assessment Safeguarding Team on 0116 454 1004.

What will New College Leicester do if a child is at risk of harm?

If a member of staff is concerned that a child is at risk of suffering harm, they will report it to the members of our staff responsible for Child Protection matters:

- Mrs E Rudge-Tezcan (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs B Walker (Designated Member of Staff)
- Mrs F Rogers (Designated Member of Staff)

If we have concerns about any child's welfare, we must by law, refer this on to the Social Care and Health Department of the Local Authority or the Police.

When the child is referred to Social Care and Health or the Police the college will share all relevant information about that student. The Data Protection Act allows the college to share personal information with other agencies where there are child protection concerns about any child.

Staff at New College Leicester may let the child's parent(s) know when the child is referred, but will not contact parents if we think this could put the child at risk.

What happens next?

A Social Worker, sometimes together with a Police Officer, will talk to everyone in the family. The Social Worker will talk to all children who are old enough, to find out how they feel and what worries them.

If there are a lot of concerns about a child, a Child Protection conference, will be arranged. People who know the child and their family, e.g. a teacher, a doctor or health visitor, will be invited to this meeting, together with parents, partners and in some cases older children.

The conference will talk about what has happened and what can be done to help. If necessary a Child Protection Plan will be agreed containing all of the things people will do to help the child and the family.

Sometimes it may be necessary for a doctor to see the child. This will normally be a doctor who has a lot of experience working with children. If there are other children in the family they may also need to be seen.

Parents will be asked permission before the child is seen by a doctor.

Social Care and Health will contact the parents/carer to let them know what is happening as soon as possible.

Will my child be taken away from me?

This is often a very real concern for families. In most cases, it is usually agreed that it is in the best interests of the child to remain at home with the family. This is often where problems are sorted out most effectively.

However, the law says that Children's Social Care departments must make sure that children are safe. If it is not safe for a child to continue to live at home, the Social Worker will see if the child can stay with another member of the family. If that is not possible then the social worker will arrange for the child to stay with a foster carer or in a children's residential home until it is safe for the child to go back home.

What happens after the investigation?

One of several things may happen after the investigation:

- No further action is taken
- Advice and support is offered (this may be provided by other professionals or agencies)
- A meeting is arranged to decide what will happen next