

# Student Safeguarding Information

If you are experiencing any problems that make you feel unsafe, unhappy or uncomfortable please talk directly to a member of our **Safeguarding Team**. You may be experiencing problems at home with your family, or found yourself in a position that made you feel vulnerable and distressed in or out of school. The **Safeguarding Team** will listen carefully, offer advice and provide any support that is necessary to keep you safe.

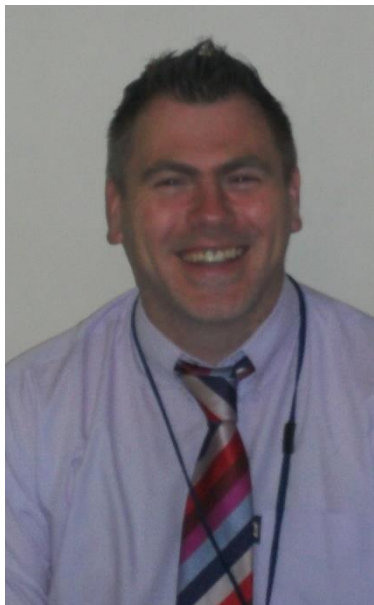
If you are concerned about **your own safety** or the safety of **another** student please discuss these concerns immediately with a member of our **Safeguarding Team**. For example, you may be concerned about;

- Smoking, drinking alcohol or using illegal drugs
- Sending inappropriate images of themselves via social media
- Meeting someone they have chatted to on-line
- Having sex under the age of 16
- Self-harming
- Being influenced by extremist views online, in school or in the community
- Being hit by parents, members of their family or boyfriend
- Being victimised for disrespecting the 'honour' of your family / community
- Being left at home unsupervised
- Being forced to do something against their will, ie - being forced to marry someone they do not want to marry or forced into sexual activity with someone against your will
- Staying out very late in the evening or not going home.
- Becoming involved in local gangs
- Being bullied physically, emotionally or on-line via social media sites
- Being forced to leave the country against your will to undergo, for example, a female genital operation.

**Please discuss all concerns about your or another student's safety with a member of our Safeguarding Team.**

# The Hillcrest School Safeguarding Team

Steven Connor-Hemming  
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**The Safeguarding Team will listen to your concerns, offer advice and put support in place to ensure EVERY student is SAFE.**