

# Parent / Carer Safeguarding Newsletter

September 2024



Welcome back to the second edition of our safeguarding newsletter. Keeping children safe at Handsworth Grange Community Sports College (HGCS) is our number one priority, we know that the most effective way for us to support our young people is to work in partnership with their parents / carers.

With context and risks changing all of the time, we thought parents may find it beneficial to have access to information and guidance on key topics and how to access support. We look forward to regularly sharing updates with you.

At HGCS we have a highly qualified and experienced team who are available to support you with any concerns or worries you may have. Please don't hesitate in contacting the safeguarding team by requesting a contact via;

<https://hgcs.co.uk/contact>

You will find our safeguarding contacts at the end of this newsletter,

Rochelle, Chloe, and Sophie.



## Bereavement Support

As we start a new academic year in school, we want to continue to pay tribute to Emmanuel Francis, 'Manny' to most, by ensuring those affected by his loss continue to access support. As a school we have been blown away by the care and understanding our young people have shown each other during incredibly difficult circumstances, we have been immensely proud of our students.

We know that children grieve just as deeply as adults do and this can come out in a range of ways / emotions, a lot of parents worry about what to say or how to provide the right reassurances.

Claire Dukes is a bereavement practitioner from Child Bereavement UK who offers one-to-one counselling support for any child impacted by loss. The referral process is simple, they ask that parents / carers call the helpline directly to request support for their child on:

**0800 02 888 40**



## Young Carers

At HGCSC, we are dedicated to supporting our Young Carers and their families. As a school we have been recognized for our good practice in identifying and supporting the needs of our Young Carers as we have achieved the Bronze Award from the Carer's Trust.

We actively work to identify any Young Carers when they join us in Year 7. Each Y7 student is asked to complete a Caring Questionnaire and students identified as Young Carers from this questionnaire will be offered extra support in school if needed.

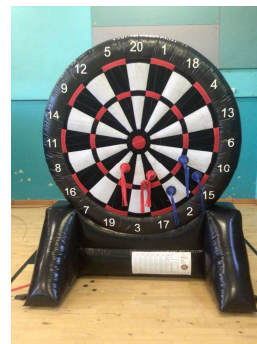
We have many fantastic and dedicated young people in our school who work selflessly and tirelessly to support and care for family members with long term health issues. We see this as a superpower, something to be celebrated and recognized. We are here to help, not to judge!

We have also just been awarded Sheffield Young Carer's 'School of the Month' in July 2024 due to the Young Carers event we put on for our Y7's in July, which was a fun fair / carnival theme.

If you would like to speak about the possibility of your child being a Young Carer, or would like to know more, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the safeguarding team, or visit Sheffield Young Carer's website at:

[www.sheffieldyoungcarers.or.uk](http://www.sheffieldyoungcarers.or.uk)

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YOUNG  
CARERS**





## Sexual Health and Relationships Clinic

Relationships are a key and normal part of growing up for young people. Our personal development curriculum is comprehensive and robust, it teaches all young people about healthy relationships, sex education and consent. We understand the importance of our young people growing up and enjoying healthy, positive and safe relationships.

For a number of years now the Sheffield Sexual Health Centre Youth Clinic has been based at Royal Hallamshire Hospital following the closure of the Mulberry Street Clinic in the City Centre. We understand that for a lot of young people this clinic isn't accessible and has meant that some young people have been without access to vital sexual health advice, treatment and contraception.

To try to mitigate the risks, the safeguarding team at HGSC have been trained by Sexual Health Sheffield to offer an outreach sexual health clinic onsite in school. This means that the safeguarding team are able to offer confidential advice, contraception, and pregnancy testing to young people where safe to do so. We can also signpost to other sexual health services such as STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) screening and treatment services and pregnancy options services. This service is confidential in line with Gillick Competence, and all young people will be risk assessed prior to receiving confidential support.



Sheffield Sexual Health Centre Youth Clinic run every:  
Mondays and Thursdays 2pm-6pm  
Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Entrance 11a, B road.



# Handsworth Grange Safeguarding Team

Here at HGCSC, we believe in exceptional education for every student every day and as such **Every Person Matters.**

We all must take responsibility for looking after each other and making sure we are safe and happy.

If you are worried about something or someone then you should share it.

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