

Peer on peer abuse

Children can abuse other children. This is generally referred to as peer on peer / child on child abuse and can take many forms. It can happen both inside and outside of school and online.

It is most likely to include, but may not be limited to:

- **bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying)**
- **abuse in intimate personal relationships between peers**
- **physical abuse**
- **sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault**
- **sexual harassment**
- **consensual or non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos**
- **causing someone to engage in sexual activity without consent**
- **upskirting**
- **initiation/hazing type violence and rituals**
- **child criminal exploitation**
- **gang association and serious violence (including County Lines)**
- **radicalisation**

What is sexual harrassment?

‘Unwanted conduct of a sexual nature’ that can occur online and offline, both inside and outside of school.

Calling someone sexualised names

Displaying pictures, photos or drawings of a sexual nature

Sexual comments

VERBAL

Making lewd comments

Telling sexual stories

Sexual “jokes” or taunting

Making sexual remarks about clothes and appearance

Deliberately brushing against someone

Upskirting (is a criminal offence)

PHYSICAL

Interfering with someone’s clothes

Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos

ONLINE

Sexualised online bullying

Sharing of unwanted explicit content

Sexual exploitation; coercion and threats

Unwanted sexual comments and messages, including, on social media

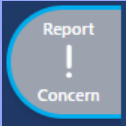
What can we do?

Parents

- Talk to your child about their experiences of sexual harassment, online and offline, both inside and outside of school
- Model good behaviour and discuss what is not acceptable
- Set up parental control filters on the Internet / phones and regularly check your child's phone
- Spot the signs – are there changes in your child's behaviour?
- Talk to the school if you have concerns or need support
- Visit the school's safeguarding page for more information: <https://biddulphhigh.co.uk/safeguarding/>

Students

- Know what behaviours are sexual harassment
- Call out sexual harassment when you see it
- Report sexual harassment to the safeguarding team, the pastoral team or *any* member of school staff
- Report in person, use the Report Concern button on the portal or email safeguarding@biddulphhighschool.co.uk
- Contact the Report Abuse in Education helpline 0800 136 663



School

- Regular conversations about sexual harassment in PSHE, assemblies and enrichment
- Zero-tolerance: sexual harassment is not 'banter', 'just growing up' and will *always* be dealt with
- Ensure all students know who to talk to in school if they have an issue
- Make it easy for students to report issues and ensure they are involved in what happens next
- Consult with students about what we can do better