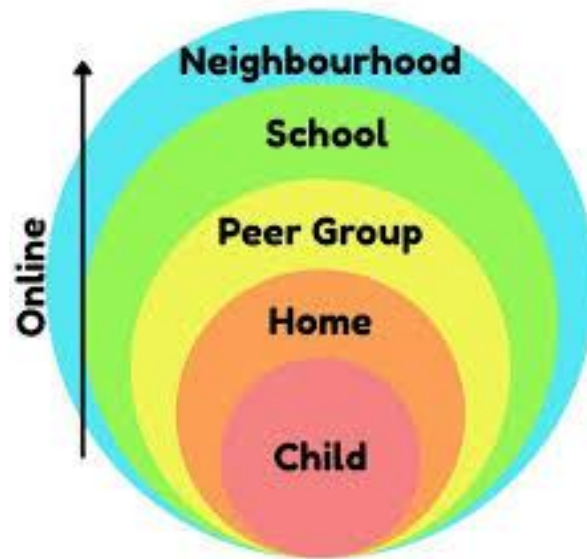


Contextual Safeguarding



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What is Contextual Safeguarding?

Contextual safeguarding means keeping you and others safe in places outside your home. This includes places like school, your neighbourhood, parks, shops or online.

It is about things that might be unsafe, like:

- Friends or other kids who might encourage risky behaviour
- Adults who try to take advantage of young people, getting them to do things for them they would not usually do
- Any dangerous or worrying situations in the community.

What is a Contextual Safeguarding Meeting?

A Contextual Safeguarding meeting is when different adults like social workers, police, teachers, and youth workers get together to talk about how to keep children safe in their community.



- The professionals will talk about the risks you and others may be facing **in the community**
- They will listen to **your thoughts and feelings** about these risks
- They will create a plan to **help you**, and others **feel safer** and more supported.

Do I Have to Attend the Meeting?

- Attendance at the meeting is a choice for you. **You do not have to attend** the meeting, but **you can still be part of the discussion** if you choose to and want to share your views via a Trusted Adult beforehand.

How Will a Trusted Adult Help Support Me?



A trusted adult will help you share your views before or during the meeting. A trusted adult may be your Teacher, Social Worker or Youth Worker. They can make sure that:

- Your voice is heard
- You understand what is happening
- Your rights are respected.

What are Your Rights in the Contextual Safeguarding Process?



- You have the right to be heard. What you think and how you feel matters.
- You have the right to be safe. If you say something it will only be shared with adults who need to know to allow them to help keep you and others safe.
- You have the right to ask questions. If something doesn't make sense, you can ask an adult to explain it.
- You have the right to say who supports you. You can choose a Trusted Adult to speak for you.

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