



Anti-Bullying

We are committed to making sure that Liverpool Football College is where our students:

- Feel safe.
- Cannot come to any physical, sexual, emotional or other harm.
- Know that we will listen to any concerns they have - whether the concern is about an issue inside or outside college – and respond swiftly and sensitively.

We want our students and their families to be confident that we will take seriously any concern about bullying and harassment reported to us and that we will act strongly if we find our students are in any actual or potential harm, whoever is causing the harm. So, please tell a teacher immediately if you are concerned about your safety and wellbeing or that of another student. You can also report a concern by calling the Student Experience Manager, Dave James on 0151 724 4983.

Liverpool Football College wants all students to feel totally safe at all times, including safe from the threat of any bullying and regardless of the reason. If you feel that you are being bullied, whether physically, verbally, face to face or through social media, it is essential that you tell a member of staff immediately.

This can be your teacher or Student Experience Manager. We would also want you, of course, to tell your parents or carers. We will always listen to you, deal sensitively with any report of bullying, take immediate action to protect students who feel that they are being bullied and always intervene to stop the alleged bully. We would also ask you to report to us on behalf of other students if you see someone being bullied. Bullying doesn't stop unless someone makes it stop, so please help us to help you to be safe and happy at all times, everywhere.

Staying Safe Online

We want all our students to be safe online. This means that it is important you know how to protect yourself and make sure that your own online activity does not hurt or harm others.

Please tell your tutor or Student Experience Manager immediately if you or anyone you know is at risk of being bullied or harmed on-line.

To keep yourself and others safe, follow these simple rules:

1. Never give out your details online. This includes your username, email, telephone number, pictures, where you live, where you are and when you will be out or on holiday etc.

2. Keep your anti-virus software up to date. Effective antivirus software can be found for free on the internet by searching 'antivirus free' in your search engine.
3. Make sure you keep your settings to private (e.g. Facebook) and ask an Adviser to show you if you don't know how to do this.
4. Always remember that people can easily lie and pretend to be someone they are not. So never trust what people who you don't know tell you about themselves online.
5. Never meet up with strangers you meet online without an adult you can trust.
6. Always be kind online. Never say something online that you wouldn't say offline in real life. Posting malicious, offensive or threatening comments online is illegal. We will always deal with online bullying through our Student Conduct Policy.
7. Never post any inappropriate indecent photos or videos online. Anything you post online usually stays on the internet for a long time and can't be deleted, this is particularly important with pictures and videos.
8. If anyone makes you feel uncomfortable or upset on line, including trying to persuade you into any form of sexual discussions, activity, extremist ideas or illegal actions, make sure you tell us immediately.

Emails/Messages

1. Don't open messages from people you don't know.
2. If something is too good to be true, it usually is and is best ignored.
3. Spam or junk mail usually contains tricks and lies, and often tries to trick you into clicking on harmful links. Never open attachments in emails from people you don't know. They could contain viruses that could destroy your hard drive or install software, including spyware that watches everything you do.

Getting Help

If you have any concerns or worries about your online safety, please speak to a member of staff or Student Experience Manager. You can also speak to the police if you wish.

There are websites, including www.getsafeonline.org and www.thinkuknow.co.uk, which have lots more information about e-safety.

Preventing Radicalisation

Liverpool Football College is committed to British Values of:

- Respecting the law
- Respecting everyone regardless of differences
- Achieving change through the democratic process of elections

This is very important because it means that we can all be free and safe. However, a very small number of people, both with and without faith, do not share these values.

These people can be capable of extremist or terrorist action that can hurt others and the environment. They can be religious, political or supporters of a particular issue. Members of these groups can attempt to persuade others, either face to face or online, to join them. This is a grooming process called radicalisation. We treat this as a bullying issue because radicalised people often become exploited, harmed, or put into prison.

We are committed to protecting our students from all harm including from being radicalised. This is in keeping with the Government strategy called Prevent. The Prevent strategy requires everyone to look out for themselves, and people they know, and prevent them from being harmed by extremists.

So, if you know of anyone trying to persuade you, or someone you know, to accept extreme views or break the law, please tell a member or staff – your teacher or Student Experience Manager.

Sexual Exploitation

Child sexual exploitation is a form of bullying, where a child or young person is exploited and abused by being given something, such as gifts, money, affection, housing, alcohol or drugs, in return for performing or taking part in sexual activity.

It can be perpetrated by anyone – family members, family friends, girlfriends or boyfriends, peers, strangers and by people in positions of trust such as teachers, doctors and religious leaders. It can happen face to face or online. Online sexual abuse is where a child or young person is forced to:

- Send sexually explicit images of themselves
- Take part in sexual activity via webcam
- Have sexual conversations by text or phone

If you or anyone you know about is worried about sexual exploitation or abuse, please tell us immediately. Inform your tutor or Student Experience Manager. For more information on Sexual Exploitation, go to <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/cse>