



SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Guidance for pupils



At Swanmore College of Technology we believe that EVERYONE should be respected and treated fairly

- We have a special responsibility to safeguard and look after the welfare of our pupils.
- Your safety is the responsibility of adults but we have put together some information about how you can help keep yourself safe

Respecting yourself and others – Pupils' Code of Ethics

- Respect all members of the college community
- Work and play safely and watch out for each other
- Make the most of learning opportunities and cooperate with staff
- Never bring weapons, alcohol or drugs to college
- Know that bullying is wrong – stand up to it
- Respect the college – don't steal or damage property

Policies to safeguard everyone.

We have:

- A Child Protection policy. This policy explains how children may be harmed, the signs to look for and what staff should do. All staff have been trained in this and they know what to do if they are concerned about a pupil.
- Policies that provide information for pupils, staff and parents about bullying, internet safety and physical contact

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We have:

- A Health & Safety policy that covers fire regulations, first aid, food safety and generally ensures that the college site is safe.
- A Safer Recruitment policy to assess staff's suitability to work with young people.
- A Complaints policy for anyone who feels they are not being treated fairly.

All policies can be seen on the website:
General Information; Policies

What the college does to keep you safe:

- We have members of staff who have received special training in protecting children from abuse and neglect and who make sure the child protection procedures are followed. The Senior Child Protection Liaison Officer is Mrs Chadderton and the College Governor in charge of Child Protection is Mr Patrick Horwood
- We respect all pupils as individuals and don't tolerate discrimination

What the college does to keep you safe:

- We give pupils information to help them keep safe
- We encourage pupils to tell us when something is wrong
- We work in partnership with your parents and carers to keep you safe
- We work in partnership with the police and other agencies who work to keep young people safe

Tips for keeping yourself safe in and out of college

- Look confident - people are less likely to pick on you
- If you go out alone always tell someone where you are going and what time you will return
- If you are worried about something don't keep it to yourself – talk to a trusted adult at home or in college
- Put emergency numbers – your parents, the police, a trusted adult on speed dial so you can call quickly if necessary

(Remember – phones switched off in college!!)

Tips for keeping yourself safe in and out of college

- Don't accept a lift from someone you don't know well. Call someone to pick you up.
- Stick to well lit areas where other people are around.
- Alcohol and drugs not only harm your health but can encourage you to take unnecessary risks.

Tips for keeping safe in Cyberspace

- Don't put up with abusive texts, photos or videos. Show them to an adult and don't reply
- Think about the language you use in texts : if you wouldn't like it said about you, don't say it about anyone else
- Don't lend your mobile to anyone else unless it is an emergency
- Don't reveal your full name, address or phone number to people you meet on the internet.
- Don't allow anyone online to trick you into doing something against your wishes.

Tips for keeping safe in Cyberspace

- Remember that emails or photos online can't be destroyed. They're there for ever. Think before you post!!!
- Never meet up with someone you meet online until you tell your parents.
- Don't use your real name in chatrooms or use any handle that reveals personal details.
- Block any users who you are unsure about and break off contact with anyone who makes you feel worried.
- You can report internet abuse at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

What to do if you are unhappy or worried:

In College:

- Talk to a trusted teacher or other adult. They may have to pass on your concern but your welfare is the most important thing.
- If you feel there is something the college could do to improve safety and well-being raise this with your House Committee rep as an urgent matter or talk to your Head or Deputy Head of House

Outside College:

- Talk to your parents or another trusted adult.

DO NOT SUFFER IN SILENCE



Other useful contacts:

- Childline 0800 1111
- NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000
- Textline 0800 096 7719
- www.beatbullying.org
- www.There4me.com
- www.childline.org.uk
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk