



Torquay Girls' Grammar School
Safeguarding Newsletter Issue 5
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter is predominantly going to be focused on sexual harassment. We have been working hard with staff and students to dispel some of the myths and outdated views on sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment can take place in schools, other public places or even at home. It is important that we teach the students at TGGGS to recognise different forms of sexual harassment and equip them with the tools they may one day need, to deal with it happening to them or someone they know/see.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS

~~Banter~~

~~Just flirting~~

~~No big deal~~

NEVER ACCEPTABLE

So why are we at TGGGS teaching students about SH?

- It is imperative that we work closely with parents and students to ensure your children are as safe as can be.
- As a school we want your child to be able to open up to us and be able to report any inappropriate behaviour they experience or witness.
- We want to make sure we clear up any misconceptions about sexual harassment.

As a parent, it is important for you to know what the 4 types of sexual harassment are:

4 Types of Sexual Harassment

Verbal/ Written	Physical	Non- Verbal	Visual
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remarks of a sexual nature about a person's clothing, personal behavior, or body.Sexually explicit statements, questions, jokes, or anecdotes.Requesting sexual favors or dates.Spreading rumors about a person's personal or sexual life.Coercion of sexual activity by threat of punishment.Excessive and unwelcomed flirting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Impeding or blocking a person's physical movement.Inappropriate and unwanted touching of a person and/or their clothing.Other inappropriate touching including kissing, hugging, patting, stroking, or rubbing.Playing music with offensive or degrading language.Purposefully brushing up against another person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Looking a person's body up and down.Making derogatory gestures or facial expressions of a sexual nature.Frequently following or standing too close to a person on purpose.Whistling or staring in a sexually suggestive or offensive manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, posters, calendars, or computer screens.Showing other people sexually suggestive text messages or emails.Sharing sexually inappropriate images or videos, such as pornography, with co-workers.

The law defines sexual harassment as unwelcome verbal, visual, non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature or based on someone's sex that is severe or pervasive and affects working conditions or creates a hostile work environment.
For more information: U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) / www.eeoc.gov

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We would really appreciate you taking the time to click on the following link, which is a range of questions that focus on different scenarios involving sexual harassment, as well as the law in the UK. Please be mindful that there are some questions which may make some people feel uncomfortable, as we mention the following: sexual harassment, indecent behaviour, images being sent and transphobic slurs.

◦ <http://take.quiz-maker.com/QOUQYIJ0X>

Thank you for taking the time to engage in what we are teaching your child about at TGGs. We believe that the more our students know, the more power they have in saying no and being well respected young people, who have control over their own bodies and boundaries.

Let's Talk Teenagers

After the success of the first Let's Talk Teenagers sessions piloted earlier this year, [a second series of the online sessions will be held in June](#). These sessions are an opportunity for parents and carers of teenagers to hear about the challenges young people are facing today whilst being offered tips, techniques and resources to explore for more help and support.

Funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Safer Devon Partnership, South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership and Teignbridge Council for Voluntary Service, these evening, 90 minute sessions will be running on **consecutive Wednesdays at 7.00pm on the 15th, 22nd and 29th June**. Designed to empower parents and carers to support their teenagers through the challenges they are faced with daily, topics covered include:

- substance misuse
- exploitation
- healthy relationships
- safety online
- social risks


If you would like any more information about the session, please contact safetyandresilienceconsultancy@gmail.com.

Kindest regards,

TGGs Safeguarding Team.




Childline provide confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem.


Shout offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when immediate assistance is required
Text "SHOUT" to 85258 or visit [Shout Crisis Text Line](#)

Urgent and other support available


Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing


Information for CAMHS and CAMHS Crisis can be found [here](#)


Report Harmful Content is a national reporting centre that has been designed to assist everyone in reporting harmful content online.


Ceop: If you are worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online.

On-Line Grooming



IWF safety campaign aims to help parents have conversations with their children about keeping their 'door' closed to child sexual abusers. The campaign includes a booklet for parents, explaining the risks, explaining why children are vulnerable, and suggests practical steps that parents can take.

TALK to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

AGREE ground rules about the way you use technology.

LEARN about the platforms and apps your child loves.

KNOW how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.



For further details go to: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

USEFUL ON-LINE SAFETY WEBSITES

National Online Safety – safety guides on ALL aspects of internet use

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Internet Matters – wide range of online safety advice for parents to keep their children safe on-line.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Safeguarding contacts

During term time, school working hours: If you are worried about a child's safety or suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff. sbucklar@tqgsacademy.org, dnixon@tqgsacademy.org, lroberts@tqgsacademy.org or scross@tqgsacademy.org or telephone 01803 613215.

At any time: You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) details below:

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

Torbay residents:

- For Targeted Help, Consultation and Enquiries please contact: Telephone: 01803 208525 (9am-12pm) Email: targetedhelp@torbay.gov.uk
- For MASH please contact: Telephone: 01803 208100 Email: MASH@torbay.gov.uk
- MASH Referral Form available at <http://www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk/workers/hub/>
- For the Emergency Duty Team out of working hours please contact: 0300 456 4876
- For all LADO enquiries: Duty LADO 01803 208541 or email cpunit@torbay.gov.uk

Devon Residents:

- For MASH, Early Help, Consultation and Enquiries please contact: Telephone: 0345 155 1071 Email: mashsecure@devon.gov.uk Fax: 01392 448951
- Enquiry Form available at: Appendix 9 Appendix 10 48 <https://new.devon.gov.uk/making-a-mash-enquiry> Post: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, P.O. Box 723, Exeter EX1 9QS
- Emergency Duty Team out of hours 0845 6000 388
- Locality Early Help Mailbox North: earlyhelpnorthsecuremailbox@devon.gov.uk
- Mid & East: earlyhelpmidwestsecuremailbox@devon.gov.uk
- South & West: earlyhelpsouthsecuremailbox@devon.gov.uk
- Exeter: earlyhelpexetersecuremailbox@devon.gov.uk
- For emergencies outside of office hours please call: 0345 600 0388 or 0845 600 0388
- Police non-emergency: 101