



Cheney School - Child on Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment/Sexual Violence and Harmful Sexual Behaviours

Since the tragic death of Sarah Everard and the Everyone's Invited initiative, this issue has become the prominent safeguarding issue for schools across the country and we recognise that sexual violence and harassment does happen between students who attend our school. This document aims to explain the nature of child on child sexual abuse and harassment as well as outlining our response to this important issue. It should be read in conjunction with our existing [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#) and [Respect for Learning](#) policies.

Sexual harassment creates an atmosphere that, if not challenged, can normalise inappropriate behaviours and provide an environment that may lead to sexual violence.

Identifying Child on Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment

Child on Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment can take a number of forms; it is unwanted conduct of a sexual nature that can occur online and offline, which can include:

- Sexual comments, such as: telling sexual stories, making lewd comments, making sexual remarks about clothes and appearance and calling someone sexualised names
- Sexual 'jokes' or taunting
- Physical behaviour, such as: deliberately brushing against someone, interfering with someone's clothes
- Displaying pictures, photos or drawings of a sexual nature
- Upskirting
- Online sexual harassment which can include:
 - Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or videos
 - Sharing of unwanted explicit content
 - Sexualised online bullying
 - Unwanted sexual comments and messages, including on social media
 - Sexual exploitation; coercion and threats
 - Coercing others into sharing images of themselves or performing acts they're not comfortable with online

Reporting incidents of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment

Any incidents should be reported to the Safeguarding Team, who can work alongside other agencies to deal with such incidents including [OSARCC](#) (Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre) and the [NSPCC](#) (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). For further information on how to report a concern, please click [here](#).

Responding to incidents of Child on Child abuse and Sexual Harassment

We follow the guidance outlined by the Department for Education document [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) which includes a specific section on 'Child on Child Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment'

At Cheney School we never pass an incident off as “banter”, “part of growing up” , “having a laugh” or “boys being boys” even if the victim says that they don’t mind. We recognise the gendered nature of Child on Child Abuse (that girls will more likely be victims and boys more likely be perpetrators), but that all forms of harassment are unacceptable and will be taken seriously. We understand that child perpetrators of sexual harassment are likely to have experienced or witnessed harm or inappropriate behaviour themselves and may need support beyond the Behaviour policy.

- All incidents of Child on Child Sexual Harassment are treated as a safeguarding concern and safeguarding procedures are followed
- Any incidents of unwanted touching under clothes (even if over underwear) will be reported to the Police and MASH
- We report all incidents of Child on Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment in line with our Respect for Learning Policy, Anti-Bullying and Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- All students are taught about consent through their PSHE lessons
- Staff receive additional training on dealing with disclosures