



WALLACE
HIGH SCHOOL

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

At Wallace High School we believe that every child should be kept safe and that everyone here has a responsibility to safeguard our pupils. Children and young people cannot learn or develop effectively unless they feel secure.

At Wallace High School we have a strong pastoral tradition. It is our aim to create an ethos which contributes to the care, safety, and wellbeing of all our pupils. At Wallace High School we consider Child Protection to be part of Safeguarding. It refers to the actions taken by the staff and the agencies engaged in protecting children from harm when a disclosure is made.

Wallace High school follows the National Guidelines for the safeguarding of children. Click on link below:

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2023/08/national-guidance-child-protection-scotland-2021-updated-2023/documents/national-guidance-child-protection-scotland-2021-updated-2023/national-guidance-child-protection-scotland-2021-updated-2023/govscot%3Adocument/national-guidance-child-protection-scotland-2021-updated-2023.pdf>

Staff are regularly trained on safeguarding and child protection procedures.

The designated **Child Protection Lead** for the school is Depute Head teacher **Miss Julie Christie**.

If Miss Christie is not available, Mr Pennock the Head teacher or the other Depute Heads are trained to respond to a child protection concern.

If you have concerns about a pupil or they have disclosed something, remember the following:

- 1. Listen - do not judge, react or ask leading questions.**
- 2. Record - make a note of the date, time, write down the conversation and the words/terms the pupil used.**
- 3. Reassure - make sure the pupil knows that you need to pass the concern on, and they will be given support.**
- 4. Report - pass on the concern as soon as possible to the CP Coordinator.**