

Policy & Procedures: Child Protection & Care Experienced

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 of our pupils. At Wallace High School we consider Safeguarding to be the process of protecting children from abuse, neglect, harm or the risk of these as well as providing care and support for children. 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. The link for the guidelines can be found below.

Staff are regularly trained on safeguarding and child protection procedures; the designated Child Protection Lead for the school is Depute Head Teacher responsible for Pupil Support, and the Head Teacher.

The links below are the National and Local Authority safeguarding policies:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17fHyatQ5JPE6AJ9szyw58TVVenQKq0DC/view?usp=sharing>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BVGfK6BLb8Q1xD_lvsm5AJg10U_RPfXo/view?usp=sharing

'Care Experienced' is an umbrella term, defined by the Scottish Government, that means any child or young person who is:

- **Looked after at home** through a Compulsory Supervision Order (CSO).
- **Looked after away from home** in a residential children's house, in a foster placement or in a kinship placement (Looked After or Not Looked After).
- **Previously looked after**, where at some point in their lives they have had any of the above experiences. The child / young person may never have been formally looked after.

These are the main terms for being looked after but there are more types of care people experience:

<https://thepromise.scot/resources/https://sites.google.com/stirlingschools.net/stirlingcouncilvirtualheadteam/supporting-care-experienced-children-and-young-people>