

Support for Pupils

During their time at school most pupils will require support of some form, be it with their academic work or with any one of a wide variety of pastoral issues that arise in a school community.

The best course of action is always to speak to someone who will be able to help you. The list below gives suggestions as to who to speak with in different situations if you are having any problems:

1. PASTORAL SUPPORT

SAFEGUARDING

Child Protection including pupil safety and welfare is the most important priority within any school. All staff at Poole Grammar have been trained in Safeguarding and in addition to this we have Designated Members of Staff in this area who have more detailed knowledge.

If you have concerns about yourself or any friend, make sure that you make contact with a member of staff immediately. Whilst they will be happy to talk to you and help you, if the problem is a Safeguarding concern and any pupil is at risk they are obliged to pass on the information to one of the Designated Staff. The current members of staff are:

Mr McDonald - Deputy Head Lower Main School, who has oversight for Safeguarding in the School.

Mrs Chipping – Deputy Head Upper Main School

Miss Wilson – Pastoral Assistant Sixth Form

Mr Baker – Headteacher

Mr Stiby – Bursar

BULLYING

No pupil should tolerate being bullied or accept it happening to others. In the context of our community it is vital that we all work together to do everything we can to minimise bullying. If you are having any problems in this area or know someone who is, tell a member of staff immediately or press the "Stop Bullying – Report it!" button on Moodle and enter details. The e-mail will go to your Year Head and Deputy Head of your mini-school who will take action.

The Anti-Bullying Booklet is available both on Moodle and the school website with guidance and advice in the first instance, but it will usually be better to speak to a member of staff - see your Tutor, Year Head, Mr McDonald, Mrs Chipping, Mrs Myers, Miss Wilson, Mrs Ball, Mrs Elliott, Mr Baker or any other appropriate adult who will take details of any incident. Action will then be taken to resolve it in such a way that victims of bullying are supported and that unacceptable behaviour towards them stops.

The School Anti-Bullying group meets regularly and is open to all members of the school community. Contact Mr McDonald if you are interested in coming along. Linked to this group we have **peer mediators** who have been trained in the techniques of restorative justice who may be able to help you through organising face to face meetings with someone with whom you are having a problem.

If something happens to you outside of school in person or online the following websites and telephone numbers may be useful:

www.kidscape.org.uk/
www.childline.org.uk/bullying
www.bullying.co.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk/
www.antibullying.net/cyberbullying1.htm
<http://www.childnet.com/>
<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Childline 0800 1111
Kidscape 08451 205204

2. ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Most pupils at some stage in their school career will need help with their academic work. At school we seek to provide the staff, mechanisms and venues to ensure that all pupils are able to be supported to achieve their best and realise their potential.

If you are having any sort of problems in a given subject, in the first instance the best person to speak with is the teacher for that subject. Speak to them personally or e-mail them. Staff e-mails are [surname plus their initial @poolegrammar.com](mailto:surname_plus_their_initial@poolegrammar.com). If you are unsure about approaching a teacher directly liaise with your form tutor over any problem you may be having.

It may be that you could benefit from help from an older pupil with regard to your work as they have often been through the same experience. There are Sixth Form **Subject Ambassadors** for each department in the school who are available at lunchtime. See a member of staff who will put you in touch with them, or their contact details are displayed around the school.

Venues to support pupils studying in school are:

Before School : CR5

At lunchtime : The Lecture Theatre next to the Hall

CR2 & 3

The Learning Resources Centre

Many rooms can be used by prior arrangement with a member of staff

After School : Homework Club in CR3

Overall the mini-school system is designed so that pupils are known as individuals. It is always preferable to speak to the staff who know you best – this will be your tutor and Year Head and Pastoral Assistant for your area of the school. They will liaise with the relevant Deputy Head as necessary in pastoral matters, subject staff and their Head of Department in academic matters.

Whatever the issue and whatever the problem it will be something that in all likelihood we have dealt with before and will be able to help you. Don't bottle it up – ask!