

# Mowbray School Safeguarding Bulletin - June 2021

## Contextual Safeguarding Hidden Harm Campaign

Dear Parents and Carers

The North Yorkshire's Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) is asking everyone in North Yorkshire to be alert to changes in children and young people that could suggest they are suffering "hidden harm" or abuse.

As more meeting places, clubs and venues open up as further Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, they are asking you to be their eyes and ears in the community and report any concerns you might have for children.

Pressures on families arising from periods of social isolation during the pandemic have increased the risk of mental and physical harm to children and young people, but these signs of harm have been harder to detect, due to the lack of usual face-to-face interaction.

North Yorkshire County Council's head of safeguarding, Danielle Johnson shared,

"We know lockdown restrictions have brought additional pressures for some families and increased the risk of issues such as domestic abuse. We would urge anyone in need of support for themselves, or their children, to speak to someone. Please don't suffer in silence."

Read more about how to spot the signs of hidden harm on the NYSCP website here:

[www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/what-is-hidden-harm](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/what-is-hidden-harm)

NYSCP have also produced a podcast about Hidden Harm – listen [here](#).

You can report any concerns about a child or young person anonymously on 01609 780780.

**Worried about a child?**  
Call 01609 780 780 &  
#TellUsYourConcerns



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**We need your eyes and ears**  
Look out for signs of abuse or neglect in children and young people

- Unkempt clothing
- Hungry
- Overly tired or poor concentration
- Appearing overly anxious
- Self-harm
- Changes in behaviour and associations
- Having no money or having more money and items they usually couldn't afford, such as a new phone.

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