

What is Contextual Safeguarding?

- Contextual Safeguarding recognises that as children and young people grow and develop they are influenced by a whole range of environments and people outside their family. For example, in school, in the local community, in their peer groups or online. Children and young people may encounter risk in any of these environments. Sometimes the different contexts are inter-related and can mean that children and young people may encounter multiple risks.
- Contextual safeguarding looks at how we can best understand these risks, engage with children and young people and help to keep them safe.
- It's an approach that is often been used to apply to adolescents, though it can be equally applied to younger children, especially in today's changing world.
- By working together with others in our local area, as well as with parents, families and local residents, to keep children and young people safe and to support them to take action when they are not
- We have delivered a presentation to parents to help them understand more about staying safe online, including parental controls
- We can support families with local support such as food banks or shelters, we have links with statutory agencies including the police and children's services