

Safeguarding Newsletter

Welcome from the Designated Safeguarding Lead

Welcome to PSI. Keeping every pupil safe and supported is our highest priority. The DSL Team are here to ensure concerns are taken seriously, acted on promptly, and that staff, pupils and families have clear routes to help. Please speak to any member of staff or contact our DSL Team directly if you have worries about a child's safety or wellbeing. Together we create a caring school where every child can thrive.



What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding means protecting children from harm, preventing abuse, and promoting their physical and emotional wellbeing. It includes safe recruitment, effective policies, teaching children how to stay safe (including online), and working with families and agencies so every pupil can learn in a secure, supportive environment.

Meet Our Safeguarding Team

The Pearling Season International School

Keeping you safe

You can speak to any adult at school about anything that is worrying you. There are also specially trained adults whose job is to help keep you safe.



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Key Focus Topic Online Safety (Starter Tips)

1. Talk Regularly About What Children Do Online

"What games are you playing recently?" or
"Who do you talk to online?"

This keeps communication open and encourages children to share their online experiences honestly.

Resources:

- Childnet International (English): [Conversation Starters for Parents](#)
- SafeSpace Qatar (Arabic/English): www.safespace.qa



2. Keep Devices in Shared Family Areas

Avoid unsupervised device use in bedrooms, especially at night.

This simple habit helps reduce exposure to strangers, harmful content, and excessive screen time.

Resources:

- Common Sense Media (English): [Family Media Agreement](#)
- SafeSpace Qatar (Arabic/English): www.safespace.qa



3. Protect Personal Information Online

Remind children not to share their full name, school, location, photos, or passwords, even with people they "only know online."

Resources:

- ConnectSafely (English): [Privacy & Sharing Guidance](#)
- SafeSpace Qatar (Arabic/English): www.safespace.qa



4. Encourage Children to Speak Up

Let your child know that if they ever see or receive something upsetting, they can come to you right away without fear of getting in trouble.

Resources:

- Family Online Safety Institute (English): [Good Digital Parenting](#)
- SafeSpace Qatar (Arabic/English): www.safespace.qa



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Safeguarding & Our School Values

This month we highlight the value of **Respect**.

Respect means treating others kindly and responsibly — both in person and online.

Modeling respectful digital behaviour helps children stay safe and make positive choices.

How to Report a Concern

If you are concerned about a student's safety or wellbeing:

1. Speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team.
2. Contact any staff member — they will connect you to the right person.
3. Email: safeguarding@psisd.sch.qa

It's always better to speak up early. No concern is too small.

Useful Contacts

1. Sidra (SCAP) -Dedicated child helpline at 4003 4000. If no one is available to answer, please leave a voicemail with your name and number.
2. Emergency (Police) - 999
3. Qatar social work foundation - 0097444040444

Online Safety — A Starter Guide for Parents

Simple Actions You Can Take Today

- ☐ Keep devices in shared family areas
- ☐ Talk regularly about what your child does online
- ☐ Encourage honesty and open communication
- ☐ Remind them not to share personal information or photos

Technical Tips

- ☐ Turn on parental controls or "Family Pairing"
- ☐ Use Restricted/Safe Mode on apps
- ☐ Set clear screen-time limits

Useful Resources

- SafeSpace Qatar: <https://www.safespace.qa>
- Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org>

Together, we can help our children build safe and healthy online habits.