

Contextual Safeguarding



Contextual safeguarding identifies that no child or young person should be seen in isolation from the environment around them.

What is contextual safeguarding?

Contextual safeguarding, recognises that as young people grow and develop they are influenced by a whole range of environments and people outside of their family. For example, in school or college, in the local community, in their peer groups or online.

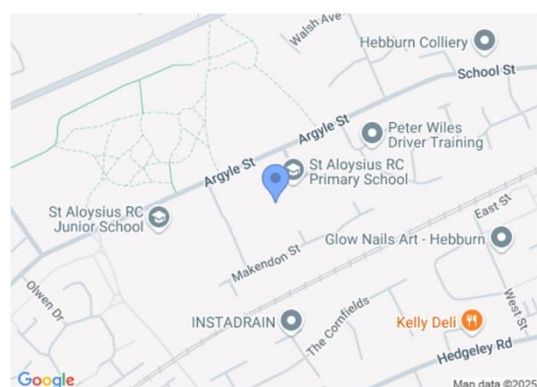
Children and young people may encounter risk in any of these environments. Sometimes the different contexts are inter-related and can mean that children and young people may encounter multiple risks. Contextual safeguarding looks at how we can best understand these risks, engage with children and young people and help to keep them safe. It's an approach that's often been used to apply to adolescents, though the lessons can equally be applied to younger children, especially in today's changing world.

Understanding our environment

St. Aloysius's safeguarding policies and procedures set out our organisation's commitment to protecting children and young people, how we will keep them safe and how to respond to concerns. St. Aloysius is, of course, one of the contexts in which young people will spend their time. But not all the risks that young people face will happen within our school and that's where contextual safeguarding comes in. The children and young people we work with will be affected by, and may be exposed to harm in, different environments. And their experiences may also influence the way they behave and live their lives in other situations.

Work with others in our community

There's no escaping the fact that schools are under huge pressure; resources are tight and the risks that young people face are changing. It can be difficult to know what to do, but by working together with others in our local area, as well as with parents, families and local residents, we help keep children and young people safe and act swiftly when they're not.



How do we approach Contextual Safeguarding within St. Aloysius?

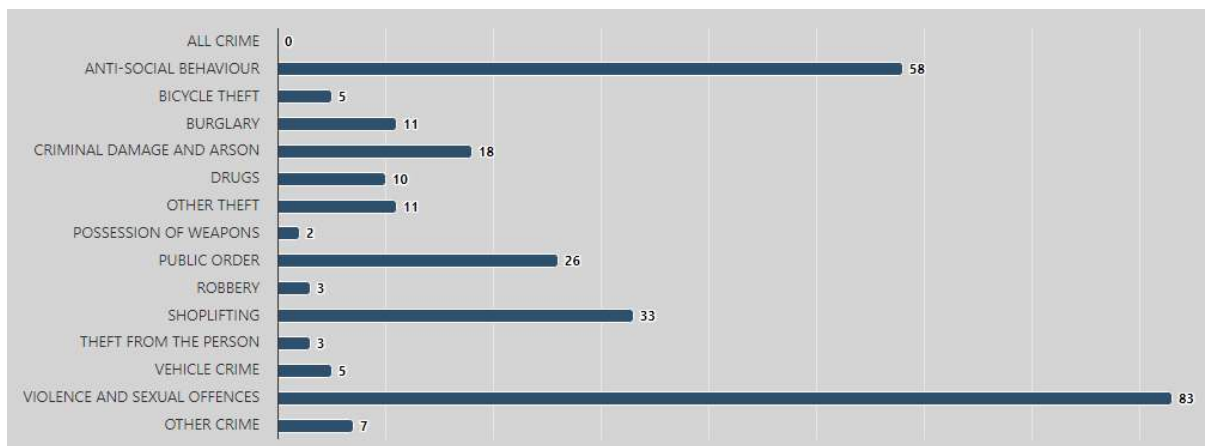
Our comprehensive *Safeguarding Across the Curriculum* document documents the full coverage of our safeguarding curriculum. We regularly review the local crime statistics and share this with parents and staff; this ensures that our curriculum can be, and is, regularly adapted to support the needs of the children.

September 2024

In total, there were **275** incidents reported in September 2024.

A significant portion of these incidents took place on **On or near Shopping Area**.

1 SHOPPING AREA	31 REPORTED CRIMES
2 GREENBANK	14 REPORTED CRIMES
3 WALSH AVENUE	13 REPORTED CRIMES
4 VINE STREET	8 REPORTED CRIMES
5 STATION ROAD	6 REPORTED CRIMES
6 JARROW BUS STATION	6 REPORTED CRIMES
7 ETON SQUARE	6 REPORTED CRIMES
8 MYRTLE GROVE	6 REPORTED CRIMES
9 WINDSOR CRESCENT	6 REPORTED CRIMES
10 WILLOW GROVE	5 REPORTED CRIMES



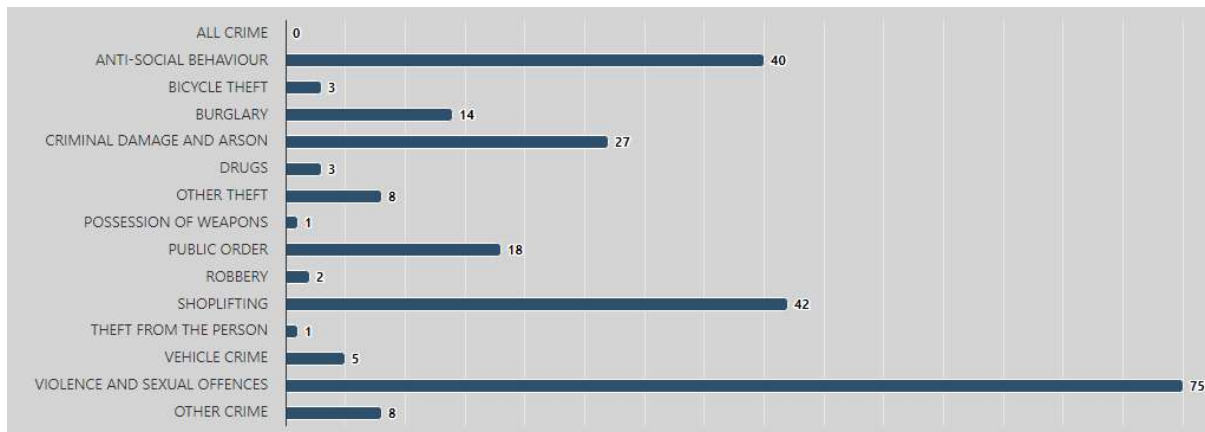
Our curriculum covered ensuring that the children understand the local area; we teach this through looking at maps so that children know where the metro lines are, main roads and safe places to cross. Some classes walk the local area with staff to understand the area in greater depth. Older children, who are allowed to walk home, talked about the safe routes to and from school.

October 2024

In total, there were **247** incidents reported in October 2024.

A significant portion of these incidents took place on **On or near Shopping Area**.

1 SHOPPING AREA	48 REPORTED CRIMES
2 LUMLEY COURT	7 REPORTED CRIMES
3 SUPERMARKET	6 REPORTED CRIMES
4 HEBBURN	5 REPORTED CRIMES
5 JARROW BUS STATION	5 REPORTED CRIMES
6 CAMPBELL PARK ROAD	5 REPORTED CRIMES
7 TWEED STREET	5 REPORTED CRIMES
8 WINDSOR CRESCENT	5 REPORTED CRIMES
9 MOUNTBATTEN AVENUE	4 REPORTED CRIMES
10 VINE STREET	4 REPORTED CRIMES



Following a comprehensive review of local statistics, our curriculum covered ensuring that the children understand the staying in brightly lit places in the dark evenings and what clothing can be worn to help us stay safe.

Older children were again reminded of their routes home and how to stay safe.

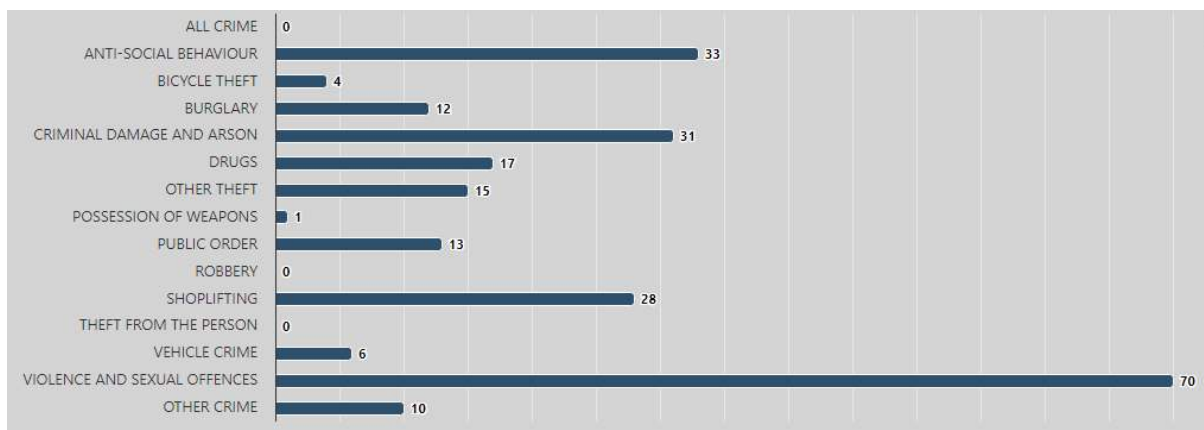
As a high proportion of crime statistics were concentrated in the local shopping area and parks, it was discussed what to look out for and how to avoid danger.

November 2024

In total, there were **240** incidents reported in November 2024.

A significant portion of these incidents took place on **On or near Shopping Area**.

1 SHOPPING AREA	28 REPORTED CRIMES
2 SPORTS/RECREATION AREA	16 REPORTED CRIMES
3 ETON SQUARE	10 REPORTED CRIMES
4 LUMLEY COURT	7 REPORTED CRIMES
5 TWEED STREET	6 REPORTED CRIMES
6 CAROLINE STREET	6 REPORTED CRIMES
7 ALN STREET	5 REPORTED CRIMES
8 PARKING AREA	5 REPORTED CRIMES
9 PARKING AREA	5 REPORTED CRIMES
10 GREENBANK	4 REPORTED CRIMES



Following our monthly review of local statistics, our curriculum covered ensuring that the children understand how to keep their property safe and how to lock up bikes securely.

All children discussed who or where they could ask for help or how to report a crime.

Older children discussed the high statistics around shoplifting.

December 2024

Results are not produced of this month yet, as of 1st February 2024.