

Dear Parent / Carer

At Cedar Mount Academy, we are committed to Safeguarding / Child Protection, and the Welfare of our students. We are guided by the principle that the health, safety and well-being of all students, staff and governors are of paramount importance.

They have a right to be protected against all forms of abuse regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture and disability.

Should any member of staff have a concern about a student, they have a duty to report their concern to a member of the Safeguarding Team.

Ethos:

**‘We all share the responsibility of Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.’**

Our approach to working with Parent/Carer’s is one of transparency and honesty, our responsibility is to Safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in our care. We do this by working in partnership with Parent/Carer’s and other Agencies when necessary.

In most cases Parent/Carers will be informed when concerns are raised about the safety and welfare of their child/young person. Parents/Carers will be informed if a referral is to be made to Children’s Services, unless it is believed that by doing so would put the Child/Young Person at risk. In such cases we will seek advice from Children and Family Service.

At Cedar Mount to support our young people further we have commissioned 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to come into our Academy for one day every week.

**As this is a CONFIDENTIAL Service for young people, it will normally be the case that students will be able to access this service without Parental consent, particularly if the young person is 14 years old or over, although we always encourage students to inform their Parent/Carer’s that they are accessing 42<sup>nd</sup> Street support. If the Young Person is under 14 years old we would usually inform Parent/Carer’s, although this too would be discretionary.**

This Service has been commissioned in response to a range of needs and issues experienced by our students including:

- Depression
- Self-Harm
- The impact of family problems/relationships
- Bereavement and Loss
- Problems with social interaction and well-being
- Other issues that can impact on learning and behaviour

42<sup>nd</sup> Street is a Free (to young people), **SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE** who **SUPPORT THE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.**

They work with young people 13 – 25 living in Manchester, Salford and Trafford providing a range of services including counselling, individual support, group work and volunteering opportunities.

**42nd Street takes referrals from young people themselves and from parents, carers and professionals.**

If you would like to refer someone to 42nd Street you can either:

- Call the helpline / referral line: **0161 228 1888**  
(Mon, Thur, Fri: 12.30 – 4.30)
- Complete a referral form and fax it back to us on  
**0161 228 0528**

**Please do not email referrals  
(This is due to Confidentiality issues)**

42nd Street will **only** accept referrals where the young person has consented to the referral being made.

The criteria for referrals to this service are

- **Young People who are 13 – 25?**
- **Live in Manchester, Salford & Trafford?**
- **Are stressed out and need someone to talk to in confidence?**

We also have our own School based Police Officer at Cedar Mount Academy, his role is to offer support and guidance to students whilst they are at school and to discuss any concerns they may have outside school hours or at home.

He works closely with the Safeguarding team at Cedar Mount and collectively we ensure the safety and welfare of the students are a priority

He is also here to assist staff with helping educate our students by assisting with class inputs on Police the law and crime.