



Third Party Crime Reporting

An overview of what a third party report is and how to a report can be made

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As we are continuing to listen to our past and present pupils on their experiences, we would like to continue to encourage them – and any other person connected to the School - to come forward with your experiences, so that we can take the appropriate steps to safeguard and support you.

What is a third party report?

A third-party report offers someone the chance to report details of a crime where they believe there is a risk to the individual and where they believe that individual is unwilling or unable to make the report themselves.

Who can make a third party report?

If a student wishes to disclose potentially criminal matters to the school, then standard safeguarding procedures apply regarding reporting to the Children's Services and the police. If you have specific concerns or information relating to information surfaced on the Everyone's Invited website, then please report to [Mr John Doherty](#) or Designated Safeguarding Lead in the first instance.

If you are a student and wish to make an anonymous report to the police about any crime, then you can do so via [Fearless](#) – this is the age appropriate version of Crime Stoppers.

If you were the victim of a crime and are now an adult, you can make an anonymous report via [Crime Stoppers](#); if you wish to report non-recent peer on peer abuse to the school, then we will pass it on as a third party report.

Criteria for reporting a crime

The general principle of National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) state:

An incident will be recorded as a crime for offences against an identified victim, if, on the balance of probability:

(a) the circumstances as reported amount to a crime defined by law (the police will determine this based on their knowledge of the law and the counting rules);

and

(b) there is no credible evidence to the contrary.

What information do I need to give?

Before making a third-party report, it is important to be aware that you cannot give information to the police 'for information only' and expect that it will be treated as such. The police have a policy of taking 'positive action' – this means that they will act in line with their legal obligation to protect victims of crime, and bring offenders to justice.

In terms of the information that you give to the police, there will be need for you, as the third party to identify yourself and provide the client's name otherwise the information is of no value. The police however will treat the information sensitively and will record the information on their systems.

What will happen once I have made a report? How will the police respond?

The police policy of 'positive action' should not directly translate to 'positive arrest' – this means that while the police have a legal obligation to bring offenders to justice, any action they take should also be the best way of safeguarding the victim. However, it is important to stress that police will take a holistic approach when such an allegation is brought to their attention.