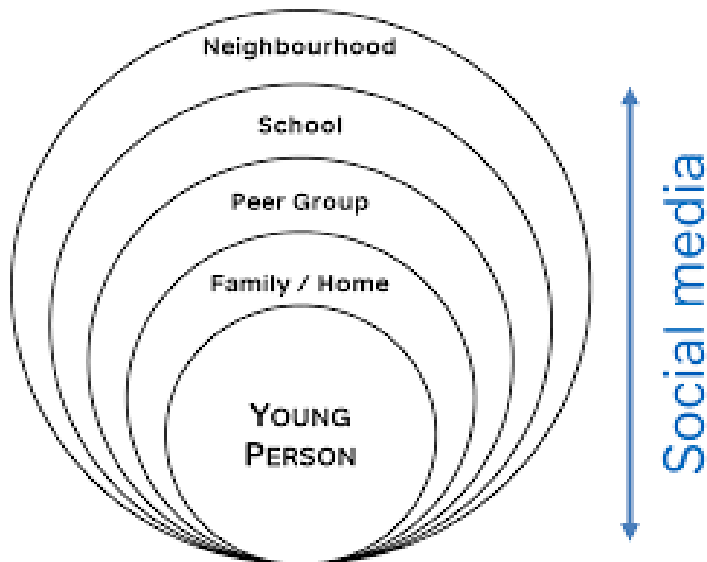


Safeguarding

Contextual safeguarding



Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families. Contextual Safeguarding, therefore, expands the objectives of child protection systems in recognition that young people are vulnerable to abuse beyond their front doors.



Have a look at the video [What is contextual safeguarding? - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0IE-XENewM) to find out more.
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TASK

After watching the video and discuss with your team the following questions:

1. Identify what unsafe experiences your children may encounter outside of the setting.
2. Do you have an awareness of public environments and spaces that may pose a risk to your children?
3. How do your policies and procedures reflect contextual safeguarding?
4. Do the children within your care have access to the internet or social media? If so, how do you support their safety?
5. How do you work with your local community to ensure any themes, ideas and actions take place to keep children safe?
6. Are you aware of any local support/schemes/programmes in your area that could be signposted?
7. Do you create time for children and parents to talk about their experiences and spaces?