**Understanding Risks Outside of the Home**

**What is Contextual Safeguarding?**

Contextual Safeguarding is an**approach to understanding, and responding to, young people’s experiences of significant harm beyond their families**. It recognises that the different relationships that young people form in their neighbourhoods, schools and online can feature violence and abuse.

In a contextual approach to safeguarding, parents are involved as partners in safeguarding children outside of the home, including online, and are supported to understand and recognise indicators of extra-familial harm. Safety planning in responses to extra-familial risk should be informed by the needs of the whole family and not just focused on the individual child.



**Please watch the two videos below to find out more:**

[Contextual Safeguarding: Re-writing the rules of child protection | Carlene Firmin | TEDxTottenham - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCFZQcaIgDM)

[What is contextual safeguarding? - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0lE-XENewM)

If you have any concerns about risks outside of the home, please contact the police for further support.