



PROTECTION PRACTICES FOR PARENT/ADULT HELPERS

SITUATIONS TO AVOID

- 1. Infringing on personal space, eg:**
 - standing too close to students
 - eyeing them over
 - leaning over students so that they feel crowded
 - sitting on tables/benches
- 2. Being in a one-on-one situation, with a student.**
- 3. Do not touch a student unless it is to deal with some emergency, in which case you should ask permission/have assistance.**
- 4. Be especially careful when off the school site – eg, camps, outdoor activities, field trips etc. At these times professional distance can sometimes be blurred by the less formal situation.**
- 5. Watch what you say, eg:**
 - comments about a pupil to other students (comments about an absent student can often be relayed inaccurately to that student or to others)
 - personal comments re appearance/innuendo
 - 'slagging off' and making insulting remarks/swearing
 - in talking about personal issues – eg, boyfriend/girlfriends (the buddy syndrome)
 - getting into a situation where a student confides intimate things
 - comparisons with older/younger brothers/sisters