



Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy

Hawthorn Primary School



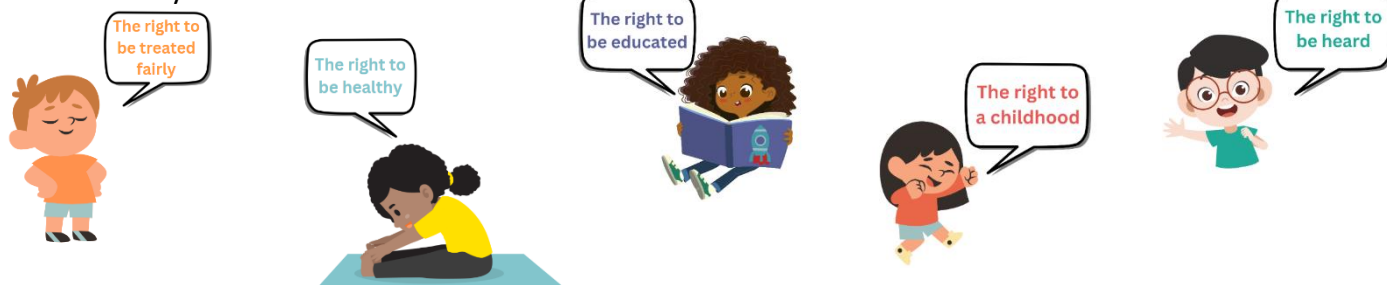
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What is this?

Our school has a safeguarding policy for staff, families and governors. This child friendly policy is designed for children by our children.



What is it for?

To help you decide what could be a problem and where to go to get help and support. Our school is a safe place where the adults do everything they can to make sure you are protected and happy. Safeguarding means adults in school make sure you are safe, healthy and looked after. They help you have the best life chances, to grow up happy and successful. They are there for you to talk to and will give you safe messages in lessons to help you learn how to look after yourself both online and in the real world.



All children and young people have the right to feel safe. When we feel safe we usually feel good about ourselves. We can relax, enjoy life and learn.

Abuse

This is when someone does something to you deliberately (this means on purpose) that hurts you, injures you or makes you unhappy. This may make you feel scared, sad, upset or frightened. It can also include:

- If someone shouts, threatens, hits or hurts someone you love, whilst you are around;
- If someone doesn't take proper care of you so you feel lonely or neglected. You might not be able to eat or wash regularly, or you might not be able to come to school every day or be on time.
- If someone touches you in a way that you don't like (like touching your private parts) or makes you look at things which make you feel ashamed, embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty. They may ask you to keep secrets or give you presents.

Abuse is never ok and if you are being or have been abused you must remember – it is not your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help.

In and Out of School

All adults in school make sure the building and outside areas are safe for you to learn and spend time in.

All staff wear an identification (ID) badge on their blue lanyard, so you know who everyone is in school. All visitors sign in at the school office and wear a visitor badge on a yellow lanyard. You will never be left alone with someone you do not know. Visitors are given our safeguarding policy, so they can follow the rules too.



Staff will look after you if the fire alarm goes off, so you know what to do and where to go. When you leave school to go on a trip, staff will make sure they keep you safe wherever you are going.

What we will do

Adults will do our best to spot if there is a problem. Sometimes we may need to work with other people to help protect you. We will listen to you and always take you seriously, making sure we encourage you and respect your wishes and views.

It is never your fault, if someone is hurting or abusing you.

There is always someone who can help you.

If someone is hurting you, they might also be hurting someone else, so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop.

There are lots of adults you can talk to in school, they will always listen. We also have **Designated Safeguarding Leads** in school who will help you. They have special training to help you feel safe in school. If you would like to talk to us, let your teacher know or come to the school office. Our safeguarding leads are...



Jane Dube
Head Teacher



Lorraine Shields
Family Support
Coordinator



Rachel Clayton
Assistant Head
Teacher



Sara Mulvey
Assistant Head
Teacher

Tips for keeping yourself safe

If any of the following have happened or are happening to you, you must tell a trusted adult as soon as you can...

- **Bullying** - If you think a pupil or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know.
- **Saying funny things to you** - If a pupil or a grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you.
- **Touching you** - Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. If someone touches you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like, it is not ok.
- **Hitting, punching or smacking you** - If a pupil or a grown up hits, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way.
- **Secrets** - Secrets such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept. Bullying should not be kept a secret and no-one should ask you to keep a kiss, hug or touch a secret.
- **Presents** - Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents first. Most of the time it will be ok, but sometimes people try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money or phones). This is sometimes called a bribe or grooming. If it does not feel right, tell a trusted adult as soon as you can.
- **On the computer or mobile phone** - Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends/family. They can make it easier for bullies to hurt you or to get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, phone and online. We have an E-safety policy which is there to protect you. All computers and iPads are monitored at school to keep you safe. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you've seen on your computer or mobile phone tell a trusted adult immediately. You can also contact www.thinkuknow.co.uk



**Do not be scared to tell someone
straight away – we will always listen**

Useful Numbers and Websites



Childline 0800 11 11
NSPCC 0808 800 5000



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline>