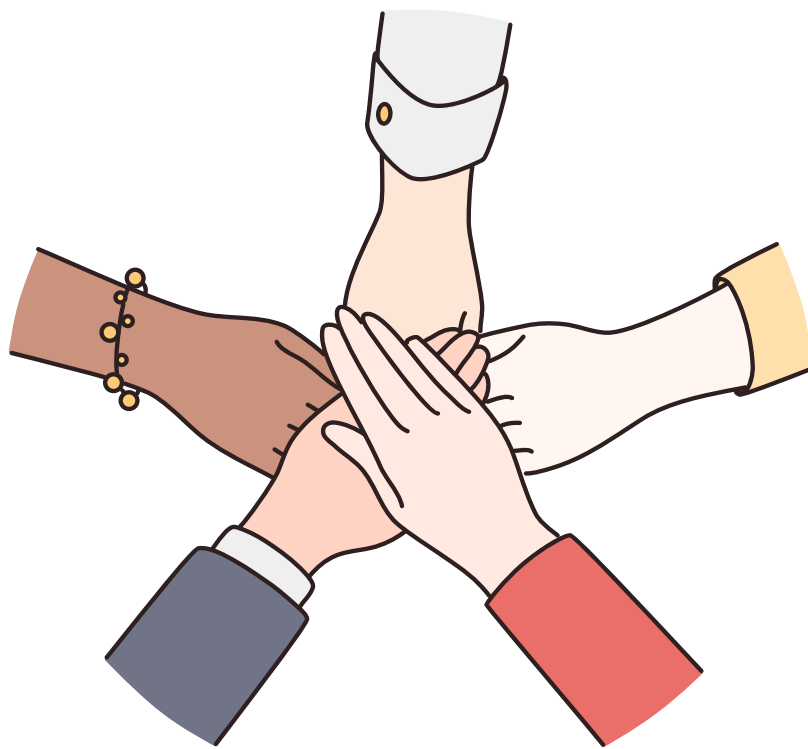


Safeguarding Policy: Protecting You From Harm



Child Friendly Version



Bosley

St. Mary's CE Primary School



What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding at school means making sure everyone is safe and protected. It's like having a plan to keep us all out of harm's way and feeling secure while we learn and play.

Safeguarding means that adults in school should:

- Protect you from harm;
- Make sure nothing stops you from being healthy or developing properly;
- Make sure you are safely looked after;
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful

How Will Adults In School Protect Me?

There are lots of things adults will do:

- We will always try to provide a safe and secure place for you to learn;
- We help to make sure that you remain safe at home, as well as at school;
- We will make sure you know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.

Ms Hadfield and Miss Forbes are our Designated Safeguarding Leads. This means they are responsible for making sure you are healthy, safe and happy.

You can talk to **ANY** adult in school!

What is Abuse?

When someone hurts you it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful like:

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you in different ways.
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings which makes you feel scared, sad, upset or frightened.
- If someone shouts, threatens, hits or hurts someone you love whilst you are around which makes you scared, unhappy or worried.
- If someone doesn't take proper care of you so you feel abandoned, 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 on time.
- If someone touches you in a way that you don't like for example touching your private parts.
- If someone makes you look at things which make you feel ashamed, embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty. They may ask you to keep it a secret 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 it to stop.

What Will School Do?

We will always:

- Do our best to spot if there is a problem. All of the adults in school have had lessons in how to keep everyone safe;
- Work with other people (including people at home) to help protect you and solve any problems you may have;
- Listen to you if you want to talk to us and need our help. We will always take you seriously;
- Support and encourage you and will respect your wishes and views.

During school time:

- People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with you on your own;
- The building, outside areas and fields will be as safe as they can be for you so that you don't hurt yourself, although accidents can happen if you are not careful!
- Staff will look after you if the fire alarm goes off and you should know what to do and where to go;
- When leave school to go on a trip somewhere, the staff will make sure they can keep you safe wherever you are going.

How Can I Keep Safe?

Bullying - If you think a child or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your parents / carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It won't stop unless you do.

Saying funny things to you - If a child or a grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your parents / carers, a teacher or someone you can trust.

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. You must tell your parents / carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Hitting, punching or smacking you - if a child or a grown up hits you, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your parents / carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

How Can I Keep Safe?

Secrets - Secrets, such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept.

Presents - Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents / carers 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, phones, cigarettes or drugs and alcohol). This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can.

On the computer or your phone - Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends or family, but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people that want to hurt you or get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites.

If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you have seen on your computer or mobile then you can also contact www.thinkyouknow.co.uk as well as adults in school

Important To Know!

- 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;
- Every child should enjoy their right to a happy and safe childhood.

