

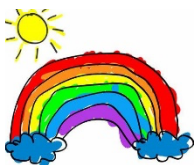
Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

Forsbrook CE Primary School



We are always here to listen to your worries and keep you **SAFE**.

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What is this?

Your school has a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families and governors.
This child friendly policy is designed for young people and this should be read as a guide to the main policy. We have tried to write this in a way that makes sense to you as the Safeguarding Policy is very long

What is it for?



To help you decide what could be a problem and where to get help and support. It is really important that you know who you can talk to and also understand why you might need to talk to someone.



What is a DSL?

DSL stands for Designated Safeguarding Lead. In every school there is always somebody who has the responsibility to keep you safe and all staff have to tell that person if they are worried about you. In our School, that person is Mrs Cooke. However, all staff have training and are taught how to keep children safe as it is the most important part of their job, so remember that you can talk to any grown up that you trust.

Have you been upset by something that someone has said or done to you?



You must tell someone at school so that we can help you. Some examples of people you can tell are:

Teacher
Teaching Assistant
Head teacher / DSL
Lunchtime Supervisor
A grown up that you trust

Has someone touched you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like?



It is not okay for someone to touch you if it makes you feel uncomfortable. People who do things like this can sometimes lie and tell you things to frighten you and make sure you don't tell anyone. You must tell someone at school so we can help you. You will be taken care of and supported.

Has someone asked you if you want a tablet or to smoke a cigarette, or have a drink of something and you do not know what it is?



Do not eat, drink or smoke what they are giving you.
You must tell someone at the school so we can help you.



Child Protection

are:

The four main areas of Child Protection concerns

1. Physical Abuse –hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc.
2. Sexual Abuse –be aware this doesn't always mean touching a child. It could be someone making you watch inappropriate things or encouraging you to act in an inappropriate way.
3. Neglect –this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing. It may be not taking you to the doctors when you need to go. There may be lots of different reasons why a child is neglected, and it is really important that we know so we can help.
4. Emotional Abuse –This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. If someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.

These are just a few examples for you and if you think you may have a problem that is like one of these then talk to someone to check.

How does your school work hard to keep you safe?



There are lots of different ways, but one of the main ways is making sure the staff here at your school know how to keep you safe and also make sure you have someone to talk to if you need to.

Your Head teacher is here to support young people and their families if there is a Child Protection concern.

Safeguarding and Child Protection mean the same thing and they mean that we look after children and keep them safe.

If you are upset or worried about something that has happened to or you or someone else then please remember you can be brave and talk to someone who will listen to you and help you.

What happens if you tell someone?



If you speak to a grown up, sometimes they will need to check things with your DSL and then if they can deal with the issue themselves, they will. Please try and understand that staff and the DSL will only want to help you and make you feel supported and better about the situation.

There are times though when they may need to contact some other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police. This is because schools can't do everything on their own and need to work with other professionals who are best placed to help with arranging other things.

There are lots of other agencies who support children and their families as well and it isn't always that people need to have a Social Worker involved with their family. Sometimes people are Youth Workers or Mentors or Family Support Workers.

Don't worry, your DSL will talk to you and explain all of this, and you can always go and ask them questions if you are unsure about anything.

OUR FORSBROOK SAFEGUARDING TEAM IS;



Mrs Cooke– Designated Safeguarding Lead- School



Mrs Lockett– Deputy Safeguarding lead- School



Mrs Holdcroft– Designated Safeguarding Lead Nursery



Mrs Turner- Deputy Safeguarding Lead- Nursery



Mrs Harrison– Deputy Safeguarding Lead– Out of School Club