



Child-friendly Safeguarding Policy



Alsager Highfields Primary School has a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy for staff, families and governors. This child-friendly policy is designed for you, the children at our school, so that you understand what safeguarding is all about.

This policy is 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 to understand why you might need to talk to someone. It is important we know how to keep ourselves safe.

Have you ever heard of a DSL? Do you know what it means?

A DSL is a Designated Safeguarding Lead. We also have DDSLs, who are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone but the DSL and DDSLs are in charge of this and they have special training. It is the most important part of their job.

In our school. The DSL is Mrs Dyde and the DDSLs are Mrs Woollam, Mrs Riley, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Ward.

Remember, you can talk to any grown up that you trust.



What do we think of when we think about safeguarding?

Safeguarding includes lots of things and the Junior Safeguarding Champions will keep reminding you of them in our assemblies. We might think about:

- Is someone bullying you? Bullying can be verbal, physical, emotional or online. Remember, it has to be repetitive to be bullying. You must tell an adult at school if you have already tried saying "Please stop it. I don't like it." 3 times and it carries on. Most importantly, you do **not** have to keep your worries a secret!
- Has someone touched you on a part of your body like your bottom, your chest or anywhere else you do not like? It is not okay for someone to touch you and make you feel uncomfortable. You must tell someone at school so we can help you. It is not your fault and you will be listened to and supported.

- Have you been online and seen or heard something that makes you feel upset or uncomfortable? Your teacher will teach you more about how you can stay safe online.
You must tell an adult so we can help you.



The 4 main areas of child protection concerns are:

1. Physical Abuse - this means that someone is using their body to hurt you. It could include hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, biting etc.
2. Sexual abuse - be aware, this does not always mean touching in a way that is not appropriate. 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, or perhaps not taking you to school, the doctors or the dentist 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. If a family does not have enough money and has to use a foodbank, it does not mean they are neglecting their child.
4. Emotional abuse - this means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad time and time again, for example, if someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.



Just remember, you do NOT have to keep your worries a secret - in fact, you mustn't!

If you are upset or worried about something that has happened to you or someone else, then please remember you have to be brave and talk to someone. They will listen to you and help you. When you speak to a grown up, sometimes they will need to check things with your DSL or DDSL and

then if they can help to sort it out for you, they will. Our staff 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 organisations for support. These may be Children's Social Care (social workers), Family Support Workers or the police. This is because schools cannot do everything on their own and need to work with other professionals so that you get the right help. Everyone is here to support you.



If you have any questions about this policy, please speak with one of the people below:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mrs Dyde
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs)	Mrs Woollam Mrs Riley Mrs Harrison Mrs Ward

You can always speak to any member of staff in school as safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.