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Child Friendly
Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy



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Feeling Safe and Happy at School

At Inkberrow Primary, we want to make sure that you feel looked after, safe and happy when you are in and out of school.

Our school ethos is **Love to Learn, Learn to Care**. You can see it on our school logo, on our uniforms, in letters and around the school.



Sometimes, we don't know if something bad is happening, so you need to tell us.

This policy looks at keeping people safe, and what you can do when you or someone else is feeling scared, worried, being hurt or someone is doing something to them that they shouldn't be. This is called abuse.

We can help you by:

- Teaching you what safeguarding is
- Teach you what to do if you feel worried or scared
- Making sure you know who you can talk to if you are worried

If you do not understand something or have any questions about what you read, please ask your teacher for help.

What does Safeguarding mean?

Safeguarding is help to protect children and to provide them with safe and effective care. This is stop any child from being harmed.

Safeguarding means:

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

We will make sure that school is friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in; making sure it is somewhere you want to be.

We want to make sure that you know who to ask for help, and will plan lessons to help you know how to keep yourself safe online and in the real world.



Staying Safe

If you are worried about something, you can talk to a trusted adult. This could be your teacher or any other staff member. We will provide a safe environment for you to learn in as we want to make sure that you remain safe at home as well as in school. If you need to talk, **we will listen.**

We respect you and want to keep you safe, so we will do our best to help you to make progress in your learning and to be happy. We will also teach you how to recognise risks.

We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something, and we will do our best to spot if there is a problem.

We will listen and we will take you seriously.

We will always make time to listen and talk if you need us, please remember:

- You are important to us
- It is never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you
- There is always someone that can help you and you will not be in trouble
- If someone is hurting you, they may also be hurting someone else, so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop
- Every child should enjoy the right to a happy and safe childhood; do not be scared to tell someone if there is anything worrying you

Who to talk to

It is important that you tell someone you trust if someone is:

- Bullying you
- Saying things that make you feel upset or uncomfortable
- Touching a part of your body you do not like
- Hitting or hurting you
- Taking your things
- Taking unwanted photos
- Sending unkind messages on the internet or on the phone

You should speak to someone as soon as you think that you are being abused, or you think that someone else is being abused.

Speaking to someone like a parent, carer or teacher will mean that we can make it stop and doesn't happen again.

DSL stands for Designated Safeguarding Lead. In every school there is always someone who has the responsibility to keep you safe and all staff tell that person if they are worried about you.

The list below shows the people at our school who are DSLs:

Mr Duggan



Miss Yates



If you wish to seek further help, you can call or visit:

Childline on 0800 11 11 or visit www.childline.org.uk



NSPCC on 0800 200 500 or visit www.nspcc.or.uk



Kidscape on 020 7730 3300 or visit www.kidscape.org.uk



Youth Access on 020 8772 9900 or visit www.youthaccess.org.uk



Bullying

There are lots of different ways someone can be bullied both offline and online:

Emotional Bullying

This includes hurting someone's feelings, by leaving them out or bossing them around. People can sometimes use emotional bullying to take advantage of you or get their own way by making threats or making you feel like you have to do something for them.

Physical Bullying

This can include hitting, kicking, shaking, hair pulling or purposely hurting someone

Verbal Bullying

This can include insulting someone because how they look or because of their personality, and can often go beyond that. People can also use verbal bullying to be racist, sexist or homophobic.

Racist Bullying

This means some is being bullied about their race, skin colour, the country they are from or the religion they believe in.

Homophobic Bullying

This means bullying someone because of their sexuality; calling someone gay or lesbian to hurt their feelings would be homophobic

Sexist Bullying

This is bullying someone because of their gender; bullying someone because they are a boy or a girl would be sexist.

Cyber Bullying

This includes any form of bullying that takes place online. Cyberbullies send insulting messages or pictures over the internet and sometimes secret information online to hurt someone's feelings.

Bullying is not always done by one person and can often involve a group of people 'ganging up' on someone - if you ever feel that someone is being bullied, then please tell a teacher. The bully could be one of your peers, an older child or an adult. It is very important to tell an adult if you are being bullied.

Online Safety



In school, we learn a lot of different ways about staying safe when you are online. We have lots of safety measures in place which keep an eye on you in school.

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

The school will help if you being send unkind messages or if someone on the internet has asked you to do something that has made you feel uncomfortable.

If you are unhappy with the comments or photographs you have seen on your computer or mobile, you can tell a member of staff in school,

In your home link book you have this poster to help you:



Relationships

Any relationship you have should be positive and make you feel safe and comfortable. A negative relationship might make someone feel scared, confused, worried or even unsafe.

It is really important that you know the difference between a positive and negative relationship.

Positive Relationships

- You are comfortable around that person
- You can be honest with that person
- You can say how you feel and what you are thinking, and you listened to each other
- You support each other and treat each other well
- You feel safe
- You trust that person
- You do helpful things for each other
- You are never pressured to do anything that makes you feel uncomfortable
- You feel looked after

Negative Relationships

- The person might push you, hit you or even break your things
- The person might tell you what to do, what to wear or who you can see
- You might feel scared - they might say they will hurt you if you do not do something
- The person might make threats or do harmful things if you do something they did not want you to do

- The person calls you names, makes you feel bad in front of others
- The person gets angry really easy and you do not know what will make them angry - it might make you feel nervous
- The person might pressure you to do things you do not want to do or feel ready for
- The person might not take no for an answer when you say you do not want to do something



The School Building and the Playground

The school site is designed to keep you safe, with secure fences and doors.

We will make sure that you know everyone who is in school by asking visitors to sign in to the school electronic system. You will know who is a visitor as they will be wearing a sticker with their name and photograph on.

All staff in our school wear an Inkberrow Primary School lanyard.

If you see someone acting suspiciously or trying to get access to the school you should tell a teacher immediately.

People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with you on your own and they will not be allowed to walk around the school without a member of staff.

Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility