



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

CHILD FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING POLICY



“There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they can grow up in peace.” — Kofi Annan

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INTRODUCTION

Our school has a Safeguarding Policy for all staff, families, and governors to help keep children safe. This child friendly policy has been designed by the school's Safeguarding Advocates for children and should be read as a guide to our main policy and procedures. The Safeguarding Advocates have tried to write this in a way that makes sense to all children as the Safeguarding Policy is very long!

WHAT IS IT FOR?

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 to understand *why* you might need to talk to someone.

WHAT IS A DSL?

You might have seen or heard the phrase DSL, but what does it mean? 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. Staff have training and are taught how to keep children safe as it is the most important part of their job.

In our school, the DSL is Mr Adams. If Mr Adams is poorly not in school for some reason, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Farrington can act as a DSL. Mrs Bradley is our Safeguarding Link Governor. It is the job of everyone that works at our school to keep you safe so remember you can talk to any grown up that you trust.



Mr Adams



Mrs Farrington



Mrs Johnston

If someone has said something to you, or you have heard something that you don't like or upsets you, you **MUST** tell someone at school so we can help you.

REMEMBER, you can talk to any adult that you trust.

HAS SOMEONE TOUCHED YOU ON A PART OF YOUR BODY THAT YOU DON'T LIKE, HIT OR HURT YOU?

It is not okay for someone to touch you and make you feel uncomfortable. People who do things like this sometimes lie and tell you things to worry you and make sure you don't tell anyone. You **MUST** tell someone at school so we can help you - it is not your fault, and you will be taken care of and supported. If someone has hit, punched, smacked you or hurt you in anyway, you **MUST** tell an adult that you trust.



REMEMBER, any visitors in school will be wearing a special sticker. Adults who work in the school will be wearing a lanyard. If you see an adult without a sticker or a lanyard, tell a trusted adult immediately!

WHAT IS ABUSE?

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

The four main types of abuse that would cause us to worry about a child in school are:

1. Physical Abuse – This is hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc.
2. Sexual Abuse – This is when someone touches you on a part of your body that you don't like but it could also be someone making you watch things or encouraging you to act on an inappropriate way.
3. Neglect – This is when things like food, warmth or clothing are not given to you. It could also be not taking you to the doctor 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 is when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. Someone in your family may say horrible things to you to make you feel sad and worthless.



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HOW DOES OUR SCHOOL KEEP YOU SAFE?

All the staff at school know how to keep you safe. The DSL makes sure that they are trained so that they know how to do this.

Make sure you talk to a trusted adult if you need to. Don't keep your worries a secret.



The DSL is here to support children and their families if there is a Child Protection or Safeguarding concern.

If you speak to a grown up, sometimes they will need to check things with the 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. It might sound a little bit scary, but the Social Workers and Police will be specialist trained professionals who are great at helping children and young people.

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.

Here is some useful information you might need to know. **REMEMBER**, you can talk to any adult that you trust if you have any worries.

