



The Orchards Primary Academy

Child Friendly Child Protection Policy

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What is this policy?

Our Academy has a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families, governors and visitors. This is our most important policy because it ensures that our children are all safe. This is a child-friendly version for all of our pupils.

What is it for?

To help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support when you need it.

Is someone bullying you?

You MUST tell someone at school so that we can help you. This might be a teacher, a lunchtime supervisor or a friend. Anyone that you feel comfortable talking to.

DO NOT KEEP IT A SECRET!



Is someone saying unkind things to you?

If someone says something unkind to you, that makes you feel sad or upset, you MUST tell someone so that we can help you. They could be doing this during school time, during lessons, outside of school or even online. Wherever it happens...

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Here are some of the people you can talk to:



Mrs Carrier
Head Teacher



Mr O'Neill
Deputy Head
Teacher



Miss Byrne
Assistant Head
Teacher



Dr Bedward
SENCo



Miss Gauntlet
Pre-Academy



Brian Walsh
Malachi

You can also talk to any other member of staff in the school if these people are not available.

Is someone touching you in a way that you do not like?

Some people like hugs, some people don't. If someone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, tell someone. This could be hugging, poking or they may touch you in a place that you do not like. If this happens...

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Is someone hitting, punching or smacking you?

Has a 'friend' or an adult hit, punched, smacked or hurt you in any way? If so, it is important that you tell someone. Again, this could be a friend, a teacher or another adult in school that you feel comfortable with.

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Keeping safe online

Many of us enjoy playing games online and chatting to our friends, but this can also lead to problems. Although the internet is a wonderful thing when used correctly, it can sometimes be used for the wrong reasons.

In order to keep ourselves safe, it's important to remember the following:

- Only use APPs which are age appropriate. If you are unsure, there is information on our school website
- Do not talk to anyone you do not know
- Never send pictures or videos online
- Let your parents know what you are doing and let them check your devices
- If you ever get unkind messages online - tell an adult immediately. Do not keep it to yourself



How does our Academy work to protect children?

There are lots of different ways but one of the main ways is making sure that everyone who comes in to our school understands how to keep you all safe and happy. This also means making sure you have someone to talk to if you need to.

Your Head Teacher is here to support children and families if there something that is concerning us.

The terms 'Safeguarding' and 'Child Protection' are big words but they really mean the same. They both mean that we look after children and keep them safe from harm.

Sometimes a member of staff might be a little worried about you or need to check something. They will need to speak to Mrs Carrier to share their concerns. If she can help sort any problems out, then she will.

There may be times when Mrs Carrier will need to contact other people (we also call them agencies) to get a little bit more help. This could be places like Malachi or Children's Services, but there are many more. If this happens, Mrs Carrier will talk to you about it and explain anything that you need answers to. You can always go to any member of staff and ask them questions if you are unsure about anything. The biggest thing to remember is:

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