**What is safeguarding about?**

At Hope High School, all of the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are very important. In our school we respect our children and want to keep you safe and help to protect your rights. We do our best to help you to make good progress in your schoolwork and to be happy. We teach you how to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourselves and stay safe.

**How will we try to protect you?**

We will LISTEN!

We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.

We will provide a safe environment for you to learn in.

We want to ensure that you remain safe, at home as well as at school.

**What is bullying?**

“Bullying is when someone says unkind things or won’t play with you over and over again.”

“Bullying is when somebody hurts you on purpose”.

“Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumours, attacking someone physically or verbally, and leaving someone out from a group on purpose”.

**If you need to talk – we will listen!**

You can talk to **any** adult in school.

Tell a friend and then go with your friend to tell an adult.

It is Mrs Dunbavin, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Baguley, Mrs Granite and Mr Harrison’s special job to keep you safe - talk to them if you are worried.

**Our school define bullying to be repetitive, hurtful, and intentional and involves an imbalance of power.**

Bullying you

Touching you

Hitting you or hurting you.

Taking your things.

Trying to give you tablets, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol.

Saying things to you that you do not like or which upsets you.

Sending unkind messages on the internet or to your phone.