



**Leicester  
Partnership  
School**

# **Student Friendly Safeguarding Policy**

**October 2024**

## **What is Safeguarding?**

Safeguarding is the action that is taken by staff at the LPS to promote the welfare of all of the students and to protect us from harm. Safeguarding means: protecting us from abuse and taking action to enable all students and young people to have the best outcomes.

### **Staff at the LPS have agree that they should:**

- Protect us from harm.
- Make sure that nothing stops us from being healthy or developing properly.
- Make sure that we are safely looked after.
- Make sure that we have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful.

They follow these rules all of the time (these rules are called policies).

### **There are four types of abuse:**

1. **Physical Abuse** – hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc.
2. **Sexual Abuse** – be aware this doesn't always mean actually touching a child. It could be someone making you watch things to do with sex or encouraging you to act in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.
3. **Neglect** – this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing or perhaps not taking you to the doctors 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 that we can help.
4. **Emotional Abuse** – This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. If someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.

**Abuse is never ok and if you are being, or have been, abused you must remember that it is not your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help it to stop.**

The Leicester Partnership School will make sure that we know who everyone is in school by asking visitors to sign in at reception.

We will always know who is a visitor to the school, because they will have signed in at reception and will be wearing a visitor badge around their neck. (Green means they have been checked by the police – Red means they have not).

If you see someone in school who is not wearing a badge and is not with a member of staff, you should ask them who they are and ask them to make their way to Reception. If you do not feel confident enough to do this, please let a member of staff know straight away.

### **How can you keep yourself safe?**

**Bullying** - If you think a student or an adult is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your teacher/ parent/ carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It won't stop unless you tell someone. Bullying should not be kept a secret

**Saying strange things to you** - If a student or an adult says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your teacher/ parent/ carer or someone you can trust.

**Touching you** -Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. If someone touches you on a part of your body you do not like, it is NOT OK. You must tell your teacher/ parent/ carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**Hitting, punching or slapping you** - If a student or a grown up hits, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your teacher/ parent/ carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**On the computer or your phone** - Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends or family but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people that want to hurt you to get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites. Cardinal Newman has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you have seen on your computer or mobile then you can also contact [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) as well as adults in school.

### **Staying Safe Online**

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#### **10 top tips to keeping yourself and others safe online**

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible, if you're not sure how to do this ask a parent or member of staff at school
- 4) Never give out your passwords
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent/carer/staff at school  
If people suggesting you do
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- 9) Respect other people's views. Even if you do not agree with someone else's view, you do not need to be rude
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer and tell a parent/carer/staff at school.

If someone you know is not keeping themselves safe online, you can report this to a member of staff who will step in to make sure that they are keeping themselves safe.

### **Bullying**

Bullying can happen verbally, physically, sexually, emotionally and online through social media. Bullying is never ok and will never be tolerated here at the Leicester Partnership School.

If you are being bullied or know someone who is being bullied, then you can report it by:-

- ✓ Speaking to any member of staff.
- ✓ Speaking to an Anti Bullying Ambassador.

### **Top Tips if you are being bullied online**

- 1) Tell an adult you trust if you are being cyberbullied
- 2) Block users who send you nasty messages
- 3) Save abusive emails or messages (or texts) you receive
- 4) Make a note of dates and times you receive bullying messages, as well as details you have of the user's ID and the URL.
- 5) Don't pass on any cyberbullying videos or messages – this is cyberbullying
- 6) If you are bullied repeatedly change your user ID, or profile, and use a name that doesn't give any information away about you
- 7) Visit [www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk) – this is a website where trained counsellors can support you if you are being bullied, either by chatting online or by calling their free helpline. You can also find some top tips on this website.

Bullying is never ok and if you are being or have been bullied you must remember – it is not your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help you by putting things or people in place to prevent it from happening again

### **What will you learn in school that will help you to keep safe?**

During your time at Leicester Partnership School, you will be taught PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) through regular lessons and assemblies. You will learn about lots of important

ways that you can keep yourself safe and healthy from mental health issues, keeping safe online, exploitation, body image, drugs and healthy lifestyles etc....

**People in school who can help you:**

All Staff

**Safeguarding Contacts:**



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- Cooper Hutchinson (Student - Cedar)
- Tyrell Tigere (Student - Cedar)
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### **Helpful websites for young people**

Child line: 0800 11 11

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) [\[bullyingalliance.org.uk/\]\(http://bullyingalliance.org.uk/\)](http://www.anti-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children->

[www.leicestershirepolice.co.uk](http://www.leicestershirepolice.co.uk)

CEOP -

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/SafetyCentre/>

Think You Know -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>