

The St Mary's Primary School Child Friendly Safeguarding Guide



There are lots of documents and policies that have been written by the government and by The St Mary's Primary School to help to keep children safe. They are called Safeguarding Policies. These are all very long and you may struggle to understand them.

So we have written this one just for **YOU!**
To help you understand what is right and what is wrong and to show you that you can get help really easily at school. You may hear Safeguarding or Child Protection talked about, they mean the same thing, **to keep you safe.**



Safeguarding, what is it?



There are 4 main areas that are of concern..... none of these are nice for you to read about or discuss but you need to know about them.

1. **Physical Abuse**..... Hitting, smacking, shaking, burning, biting etc
2. **Sexual Abuse**..... This could be many things, from someone making you watch something that is not appropriate for your age. Someone touching you in places that are private to you. Someone asking you to touch them in places that are private to them. Someone saying inappropriate things about your body.
3. **Neglect**..... This means that you are not being provided with the things that you need like clothing, food, warmth, washing, cleanliness
4. **Emotional Abuse**..... This is when people who should love and protect you are not being very nice to you, they may say mean things and make you feel bad and upset.

These are only examples, there are many more reasons that could cause us concern and for us to worry about you.

The most important thing you can do..... tell us if you are worried, hurt or upset so we can help

You should never be made to feel sad, you should never be hurt or made to do something that you feel uncomfortable about, that is not right.



At St Mary's, you can talk to ANY member of staff about anything and they will help you. They may have to discuss it with another member of staff to find the best way to help you, so they will not be able to promise to keep a secret but they will look after you and won't go and tell lots of people. They may have to speak to some people outside of school to make sure they are doing the right thing for you, these may include Social Services or the Police. Yes, that does sound scary but they are all there to help and protect you. ♥



All staff are here to help you but we have a special group of people who support all of the adults to look after you.

The St Mary's Safeguarding Team

			
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If you really feel you can not talk to us at school please please call ChildLine they will be able to talk to you over the phone and get you the help you need.

