



# Safeguarding Policy For Willaston Pupils

## Our Vision

The adults in Willaston Primary will do everything they can to make sure you are protected, safe and happy. This policy is to help you understand what Safeguarding means to you and to help you decide what could be a “problem” and whom you should talk to.

## Our Values

To keep our children safe through our school values of :-

<b>Respect:</b>	We respect that you may need different help and support to keep you safe from harm.
<b>Compassion:</b>	We will show sympathy and compassion if you are worried and need help.
<b>Creation:</b>	We will create safe places and ways in which you can share your worries
<b>Perseverance:</b>	We will not give up in trying to help and support you.
<b>Service:</b>	We will do everything we can to provide a good education and look after your well being.

Safeguarding means that the adults in school should:

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

**To look after you the adults will:**

- Make sure the school is a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in – somewhere you want to be.
- Make sure you feel safe and are safe.
- Be there for you to talk to if you need to and know who to ask for help.
- Teach you how to look after yourself both online and in the real world.
- Have all the right rules in place to help look after you.



## Abuse

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

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you in different ways.
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings, which makes you feel scared, sad, upset or frightened.
- If someone shouts, threatens, hits or hurts someone you love whilst you are around which makes you scared, unhappy or worried.
- If someone doesn't take proper care of you so you feel abandoned, lonely or neglected. You might not be able to eat or wash regularly, or you might not be able to come to school every day or on time.
- If someone touches you in a way that you don't like.

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

## In and Out of School

All the staff at Willaston Primary will do their best to make sure the building is safe for you to learn in and spend time in.

We will make sure that we know who everyone is in the school by asking visitors to sign in at reception. You will always know who a visitor to the school is because they will have signed in at reception and will be wearing a visitor badge or sticker.

People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with you on your own and will not be allowed to walk around the school without a member of staff.

The school building and playground will be as safe as they can be for you so that you don't hurt yourself, although accidents can happen if you are not careful!

Staff will look after you if the fire alarm goes off and you should know what to do and where to go. When you leave school to go on a trip somewhere, the staff will make sure they can keep you safe wherever you are going.

## What we will do

At Willaston Primary we will help you in the following ways:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All the adults in school have had lessons in this.
- We will work with other people (including the people at home) to help protect you and solve any problems you may have.



- We will listen to you if you want to talk to us and need our help. We will always take you seriously.
- We will support and encourage you and will respect your wishes and views.

At Willaston Primary you can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are a number of staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for, and they are listed below.

- Class teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Miss Richardson, our Learning Mentor
- Mrs Lamb, our EYFS and KS1 Leader
- Mr Graham, our Acting Headteacher

It is important that you know-

- It is never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you.
- There is always someone who can help you.
- If someone is hurting you, they might also be hurting someone else, so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop.
- Every child should enjoy their right to a happy and safe childhood.

**DO NOT BE SCARED TO TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY –  
WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN**

#### **Tips for keeping yourself safe.**

**Bullying** - If you think a pupil or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your mum or dad, a teacher, the person who looks after you or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**Saying odd things to you** -If a pupil or a grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your mum or dad, a teacher, the person who looks after you or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**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 like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like, it is not ok. You must tell your mum or dad, a teacher, the person who looks after you or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**Hitting, punching or smacking you** -If a pupil or a grown-up hits, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your mum or dad, a teacher, the person who looks after you or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**Secrets** -Secrets such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept. You must tell your mum or dad, a teacher, the person who looks after you or someone you can trust as soon as you can.



**Bullying should not be kept a secret, and no-one should ask you to keep a kiss, hug or touch a secret.** You must tell your mum or dad, a teacher the person who looks after you, or someone you can trust as soon as you can. Do not keep a secret.

**Presents** -Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents first. Most of the time it will be ok, but sometimes people try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money, clothes or phones) This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone 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 to upset you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites.

Willaston Primary has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you've seen on your computer or mobile you must speak to your mum or dad, a teacher, the person who looks after you or someone you can trust as soon as you can. You can also contact [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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

- Class Teacher
- Teaching Assistants
- Miss Richardson, our Learning Mentor
- Mrs Lamb, our EYFS and KS1 Leader
- Mr Graham, our Acting Headteacher
- Office Staff
- Midday Assistants
- Any other adults in school

Use the '**worry box**' in your classroom if that is easier than speaking to someone directly.

**Useful Numbers and Websites**

NSPCC - Childline 0800 11 11

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

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