

St Peter's C of E Primary School

Our Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy



★ What does safeguarding mean?

Safeguarding means keeping you safe, happy and healthy.

At St Peter's, all the adults in school have a responsibility to help keep you safe. We want every child to feel safe, respected, listened to and able to ask for help.

At our school:

- You have the right to feel safe.
- You have the right to be treated with kindness and respect.
- You have the right to be listened to.
- You have the right to tell someone if something is worrying you.
- You have the right to get help when you need it.
- Nobody should hurt, frighten, bully or pressure you.
- It is never your fault if someone does something that makes you feel unsafe.

The school's adult policy makes clear that children should feel safe to speak up and that their worries will be listened to, taken seriously and supported.

💡 What should I do if I am worried?

Tell an adult you trust.

This could be:

- your teacher;
- a teaching assistant;
- someone from the safeguarding team;
- a member of the pastoral team;
- or any adult in school you feel comfortable talking to.

You can tell us if you are worried about:

YOU 🧑 | A FRIEND 🧒 | SOMETHING AT HOME 🏠 | SOMETHING AT SCHOOL 🎒 |
SOMETHING ONLINE 💻

However big or small your worry feels, you can tell us.

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What will happen if I tell an adult?

The adult will:

- Listen carefully to you.
- Take you seriously.
- Help you feel supported.
- Tell the safeguarding team if they need to.
- Work with other people who can help keep you safe if necessary.

Sometimes an adult may need to share what you have told them with another adult who can help. They cannot promise to keep a safeguarding worry secret. Information is shared when it is necessary to help safeguard a child.

We will try to explain what is happening and make sure you know that you have done the right thing by telling us.

Who are our Safeguarding Team?

Our safeguarding team are special adults in school who help keep children safe.

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Law

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Miss Wilkinson

Mrs Smith

You don't have to find one of these adults before telling someone. You can speak to ANY trusted adult in school.

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How should children treat each other?

We want everyone at St Peter's to feel welcome, respected and safe.

We should:

- be kind;
- respect other people's differences;
- listen to each other;
- respect people's personal space and boundaries;
- use kind and respectful words;
- tell an adult if someone is being hurt or treated unfairly;
- help make our school a safe place for everyone.

Bullying, discriminatory behaviour, harmful behaviour and inappropriate comments are not dismissed as "banter", "having a laugh" or just part of growing up in the school's safeguarding policy.

Remember:

If it hurts someone, frightens someone, embarrasses someone or makes someone feel unsafe, tell an adult.

⊗ What if another child makes me feel unsafe?

Sometimes children can hurt or upset other children.

This might include:

- bullying;
- online bullying;
- hitting, kicking or hurting someone;
- threatening someone;
- saying unkind or discriminatory things;
- making inappropriate comments;
- touching someone when they do not want to be touched;
- pressuring someone to do something;
- sharing photographs, videos or messages that should not be shared.

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These behaviours will be taken seriously. The school's policy is clear that child-on-child abuse will not be tolerated and children who report concerns will be listened to and supported.

Tell an adult. Even if something happened outside of school, we still want you to tell us.

My body belongs to me

You have the right to feel safe and comfortable.

You can say NO if something does not feel right.

Nobody should pressure you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable.

If someone touches you, asks you to do something or shows you something that makes you feel worried or uncomfortable:

Tell a trusted adult.

You will not be in trouble for telling us.

Staying safe online

Being safe online is part of safeguarding too.

When you use the internet:

- be kind and respectful;
- protect your personal information;
- think carefully about what you share;
- don't share inappropriate photographs or videos;
- tell an adult if somebody asks you to send something that makes you uncomfortable;
- tell an adult if somebody online worries or frightens you;
- remember that people online might not always be who they say they are;
- tell us if you see something upsetting or inappropriate.

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This includes websites, games, apps, social media, messaging and AI tools. The school recognises risks relating to content, contact, conduct and commerce and teaches children how to use technology safely and responsibly.

If something goes wrong online...

Don't panic.

Don't hide it.

Tell a trusted adult.

We will help you.

Looking after your feelings

Keeping you safe also means looking after how you are feeling.

Sometimes you might feel:

☹️ worried

☹️ sad

☹️ angry

☹️ frightened

☹️ confused

☹️ overwhelmed

There are adults in school who can help.

Changes in children's behaviour, wellbeing and mental health can sometimes show that they need additional help or support, and your policy expects staff to notice these changes and respond appropriately.

You never need to struggle with a worry on your own.

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🏠 What if my worry happens outside school?

You can still tell us.

Something may happen:

- at home;
- on the way to or from school;
- at a friend's house;
- at a club;
- in the community;
- on a game or app;
- on social media.

If it makes you feel unsafe or worried, you can talk to us.

♥ We promise...

At St Peter's we will:

LISTEN to you

BELIEVE that your worry matters

TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY

HELP you

DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU SAFE

NEVER MAKE YOU FEEL SILLY FOR TELLING US

Most importantly:

If something doesn't feel right, tell someone.

Keep telling until somebody listens.

You will never be in trouble for telling an adult that you are worried.