



Oakridge Primary School Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

What is Safeguarding all about?

All of the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are very important. In our school, we respect all children, and help to protect your rights.

We do our best to help children make good educational progress.

We want to teach you how to recognise risks in different situations, and how to protect yourselves and stay safe.

What is this?

Our school has a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families and governors.

This child friendly policy is designed for young people and this should be read as a guide to the main policy. We have tried to write this in a way that makes sense to you as the Safeguarding Policy is very long.

The adults in school think that Safeguarding means that they should:

- Protect you from harm;
- Make sure nothing stops you 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 .
- **Make sure that you are safe online in and out of school.**

How do we protect you at Oakridge Primary School?

We provide a safe environment for you to learn.

We are a school where everyone has the right to feel **SAFE**; the right to **LEARN** without undue distraction or disruption and the right to **RESPECT**.

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

Most importantly you do NOT have to keep your worries a secret!

You might have seen or heard the phrase DSL, but what does it mean?

DSL stands for Designated Safeguarding Lead. In every school there is always somebody who has the responsibility to keep you safe and all staff have to tell that person if they are worried about you. Staff have training and are taught how to keep children safe as it is the most important part of their job.

In our school we have a main DSL and 2 deputy DSLs.

DSL: Mr Wylde

Deputy DSL: Miss Homer

Deputy DSL: Mrs Evans

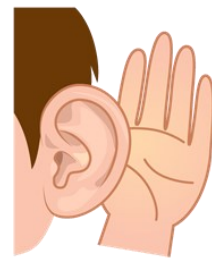
We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.

Need to talk?

You can talk to any adult in school if you need to - just tell them what's worrying you. This can be a DSL or it can be any member of our school staff.

You can use the class worry box.

Or, if it's a more personal issue you can request a listening ear.



Alternatively, you can also phone ChildLine who will listen to you and give you help and advice.



It is important that you know:

- It is never your fault
- 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

If you are upset or worried about something that has happened to or you or someone else then please remember you can be brave and talk to someone who will listen to you and help you.