



Potten End CE Primary School



Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

At Potten End CE Primary School, all staff think your health, safety and welfare are very important.

In our school, we respect our children and help to protect your rights.
We teach you how to recognise risks and how to protect yourself and stay safe.

Safeguarding means that school staff 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 that you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful.

How will we try to protect you?

- * We try to provide a safe and secure environment for you to learn in and progress.
- * We help to ensure that you stay safe at home as well as at school.
- * We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.

Is someone...

- + Bullying you?
- + Saying unkind things to you: to your face or online?
- + Touching you when you don't want them to?
- + Trying to make you try things when you don't want to like alcohol, vapes or cigarettes?
- + Hitting, punching or smacking you?
- + Not feeding you or looking after you?

You **must** tell someone at school so we can help 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, for example touching your private parts.
- If someone makes you look at things which make you feel ashamed, embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty. They may ask you to keep it a secret or give you presents.

Abuse is never ok and 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.

What happens next?

Sometimes a member of staff at school will need to check things with **Mrs Kennedy** and then, if they can deal with the issue themselves, they will.

There are times, though, when they may need to contact some other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers or Early Help Workers) or the Police.

There are lots of other agencies who support children and their families as well.

Staff will talk to you and explain all of this and you can always go and ask staff questions if you are unsure about anything.

Need to talk?

If you need to talk... we will listen.

You can talk to **any adult** in school, but some staff who have a key responsibility for making sure you are safe and well cared for:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Kennedy.
Our Deputy DSLs are: Miss Ford, Mrs Hall, Mrs Sharpling

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



You can talk to **any** grown up at school (they have all been trained in how to listen to your safeguarding worries) and they **want** to help you.

You can also contact these people too...

