



The right to be educated



The right to be treated fairly



Child Friendly

Safeguarding Policy



The right to a childhood



The right to be heard

Safeguarding at Merrydale Infant School


Our school has a safeguarding policy for staff, families and governors. This child friendly policy is designed for you. We created this policy to help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support.

There may be times when you want to talk to someone in school about a problem that might be upsetting you. We have people in school who are specially trained to help you, it is important that you know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something:-




Safeguarding means that all staff will:-

- ✓ Protect you from harm
- ✓ Make sure nothing stops you from being happy
- ✓ Make sure you are safely looked after
- ✓ Make sure you have the best life chances

There are lots of other people too, who may help you with an upsetting problem and they do not work at your school but care about you just as much as we do.



The poster is titled 'Merrydale Infant School' at the top, flanked by two school logos. Below the title is a red-bordered box containing the words 'CHILD PROTECTION'. Underneath, it lists 'STAFF, PUPILS, VOLUNTEER HELPERS & VISITORS' and states 'If you have any concerns whatsoever about child protection you should:'. It then provides three numbered steps: 1. Record, date and sign your concern immediately. 2. Inform one of the Designated Safeguarding people- Mark Tipple-Johnson, Heather Weaver, Liz Harvey or Hayley Nixon. 3. Always remember the concern raised should be strictly confidential. At the bottom, there are four small portrait photos of the designated safeguarding people, each with their name and role listed below.

			
Mr Mark Tipple-Johnson Head Teacher Designated Safeguarding Leader	Ms Heather Weaver Deputy Head Teacher Designated Safeguarding Person	Miss Liz Harvey Assistant Head Teacher Designated Safeguarding Person	Ms Hayley Nixon Inclusion Manager Designated Safeguarding Person

Is someone bullying you? Is this happening every day?

Has someone said something to you that upsets you?

Has someone touched you on a part of your body like your bottom or chest or anywhere else you do not like?

Stay safe when using a mobile phone or the internet. If someone you don't know tries to speak to you or someone shows you a video or photo that makes you feel uncomfortable then TELL SOMEONE!

Has someone hit, punched or smacked you or hurt you in anyway?

Is someone trying to give tablets, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol?

DO NOT be scared to tell Someone. We will always listen!

You must tell someone at school so we can help you. You can tell:-

- ✓ The Teachers
- ✓ The Headteacher
- ✓ The Teaching Assistants
- ✓ Your Dinner Ladies
- ✓ The Cleaners
- ✓ Designated Safeguarding Leads

Do NOT keep it a Secret!

Other places that may be able to help you:

