



# Chorlton C of E Primary School

## Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy



### Rights Respecting

At Chorlton C of E Primary, we are proud that we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. We want to give every opportunity to all pupils to help them believe that 'they can be the best that they can be' (Article 29).

We want to help all children at Chorlton C of E understand how to be safe and what to do if they don't feel safe.

Article 12: Your right to say what you think should happen and be listened to

Article 16: Your right to have privacy

Article 19: You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe

Article 23: Your right to special care and support if you are disabled

Article 31: Your right to relax and play

Article 33: You should be protected from dangerous drugs

Article 36: You should be protected from doing things that could harm you

Article 18: Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their children, and they should always think about what is best for each child



### What is this?

Your 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

### What is it for?

To help you decide what could be a problem and where to get help and support. It is really important that you know who you can talk to and also to understand why you might need to talk to someone

## What is a DSL?

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.

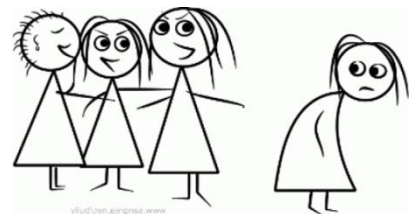
In our school, the DSL is Mr Trohear.

Mrs Foreman, Mr Butler, Miss Gunn, Miss Bethel and Mrs Derbyshire are Deputy DSLs so you can also go and speak with them if you have any worries.

It is the job of everyone that works at your school to keep you safe so remember you can talk to any grown up that you trust

## Is someone, an adult or another child:

- bullying you in person or online?
- saying things to you that you do not like or that upsets you or makes you feel worried?
- touching you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like or that makes you feel uncomfortable?
- Asking you to send or watch things online or over the phone that make you feel uncomfortable or that you know are not appropriate for your age?
- hitting, punching or smacking you or hurting you in anyway?



**If the answer to any of these things is 'Yes' it is really important not to keep these worries to yourself.**

**Examples of people you can tell are:**

- Your friend
- Your teacher
- Mr Trohear, Mrs Foreman, Mr Butler, Miss Gunn or Miss Bethel
- Any TAs in your classroom or on the playground
- Mr Haslam
- In the Kitchen – Anthony or Caroline
- Treehouse – Massie or anyone else in the team
- In the office – Mrs Derbyshire or Mrs Cornell

**Do NOT keep it a Secret!**

**The staff at school might be worried about you if:**

1. Someone was trying to physically harm you e.g. if you told someone in school that you were being hit, kicked etc or if we saw marks on your body that were hard to explain. We would also be concerned if someone in school reported that they believed that you might have harmed yourself by banging your head on purpose or making marks on your body with something sharp.
2. Someone was trying to harm you by using unsafe touch on you or asking you to touch them in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable. Your body is private. We would also be concerned if someone was sending you images that you didn't want to see or if you were asked to watch things that are not appropriate for your age.
3. Someone was trying to harm the way that you thought about yourself. Sometimes words said to us can make us feel uncomfortable or sad or even change how we feel about ourselves, which can be upsetting.
4. You were not being looked after in a safe way. Every child is entitled to be kept safe from danger, receive adequate nutritious food, go to school, have appropriate clothes for the weather and receive medical attention when necessary. If you do not receive all of your basic needs, this may cause you to become ill or put you in danger.

**These are just a few examples for you and if you think you may have a problem that is similar to one of these then talk to your teacher or**

**another trusted adult in school or at home.**

## **How does our school work to protect children?**

There are lots of different ways, but one of the main ways is making sure the staff here at our school know how to keep you safe and also make sure you have someone to talk to if you need to.

Your Headteacher is here to support young people and their families if there is a Child Protection concern.

Safeguarding and Child Protection mean the same thing and they mean that we look after children and keep them safe.



## **What are the next steps if you tell someone you are worried?**

Sometimes a member of staff at your school will need to check things with your Headteacher 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 Police.

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

The person that you tell about your problem will talk to you and explain all of this and you can always go and ask them questions if you are unsure about anything.

**Remember, if you are worried about anything at all, please speak to someone at school about it. You will always be listened and taken seriously when you speak with adults in school; we always want to hear your voice and opinion.**

