



St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School, Moorthorpe,

Childline: 0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk/
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This leaflet has been
created to be read,
discussed and
understood by, and for,
our children.

It is also a support tool for
parents to use when
discussing, with younger
children, how St Joseph's
keeps all children safe.

Safeguarding Team

Designated Staff Members for Child Protection:



Headteacher:

Mr. Luke Welsh
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Acting Deputy Headteacher/SEND/CO:

Mrs. Paula Millard
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



School Business Manager:

Mrs. Toni Rowley
Designated Safeguarding Lead
(Staff Member)



Office Administrator:

Mrs. Natasha Kelly
Designated Safeguarding Lead
(Staff Member)

At St Joseph's school, we care very much about
making sure you know that you can talk to **any
member of staff**, if you have a worry or are
frightened about something.

However, you should know that we have some
staff who are especially responsible for making
sure you are safe and well cared for.



**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,
Moorthorpe**



**How St Joseph's keeps
you safe in school.**

Do not be scared to tell someone
straight away - we will always listen.

It is never your fault if someone is
hurting or abusing you.

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.

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St Joseph's is your school and we want it to be a safe place for all children. The staff at St Joseph's will do everything we can to make sure you are protected and happy.

To help us do this we have lots of rules to follow.

This leaflet, with the support from your family, is to help you understand what safeguarding means to you and will help you decide what could be a "problem" and who you should talk to.

Staff in school know that safeguarding means 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.



Staff agree that to make sure we look after you, we will:

- ◆ Make our school a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in - somewhere you want to be!
- ◆ Be there for you to talk to and know who else could help you.
- ◆ Give you safe messages in your lessons to help you learn how to look after yourself both online and in the real world.
- ◆ Have all the right rules in place to help look after you. We will follow these rules all of the time (these rules are sometimes called policies).

ABUSE: When someone hurts you, it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful. For example:

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you in different ways.
- If someone says or does something which makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings; this will probably make 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 care of you properly 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 if 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.**



Tips for Keeping Yourself Safe

If you think a pupil, or a grown up, is bullying you, or someone you know, you must tell your parents/carer, a teacher or someone you trust. **It won't stop unless you do.**

If a pupil or grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or which upsets you, you must tell your parents/carer, a teacher or someone you can trust.

Your body belongs to **you** and not to anyone else! This means all of your body. If someone touches you, on a part of your body, like your bottom, chest or anywhere else, which you do not like, **it is not ok.**

If a pupil or a grown up hits you, punches or smacks you, or hurts you, you must tell your parents/carer, a teacher or someone you can trust.

Secrets such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept. Bullying should not be a secret and no one should ask you to keep a kiss, hug or touch a secret. **Do not keep a secret!**

Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents/carer first. People can try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents.

Computers and mobile phones help us to share things and talk to our friends or family, but they can also make it easier for people who want to hurt you, get close to you. Keep yourself safe, remember the e-safety rules.