St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Moorthorpe

Childline: 0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk/

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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.

St Joseph's Safeguarding Team



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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.



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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 they 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.