

Crofton Junior School Safeguarding Policy Pupil Version



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We have a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families and governors. This 'child friendly' policy is designed for our pupils and this should be read as a guide to the main policy.

What is it for and why is it important?

This policy will help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support. Safeguarding is important to make sure that all children are able to achieve their very best. We do this by:

- Protecting children from mistreatment;
- Allowing children's mental and physical health and development;
- Ensuring that children grow up in a safe and cared for environment;
- Taking action in the very best interests of every child.

Everyone is equal!

In our school, we respect all children and adults. Everyone, regardless of their age, gender, ability, culture, race, language, religion or sexual identity, have equal rights to protection and be safe.

Remember any form of harm is not the child's fault!

How can you help school to safeguard all children?

Children are taught how to recognise risks in different situations, and how to protect themselves and stay safe.

Is someone bullying you?

Is someone repeatedly physically hurting you by hitting, kicking or smacking you, teasing you, calling you names or threatening you either face to face, through another person or online?

You must tell someone at school so we can help you. **Do NOT keep it a Secret!**

Is someone saying funny things to you?

Has someone said something to you or have you heard something that you do not like or upsets you?

You must tell someone at school so we can help you. **Do NOT keep it a Secret!**

Is someone touching you?

Has someone touched you on a part of your body you do not like?

You must tell someone at school so we can help you. **Do NOT keep it a Secret!**

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

Has someone asked you if you want a tablet or to smoke a cigarette, or have a drink of something and you do not know what it is?

Do not eat, drink or smoke what they are giving you.

You must tell someone at school so we can help you. **Do NOT keep it a Secret!**

Internet Safety

Has anyone sent you unkind messages or threatened you?

Have you seen anything that has upset or worried you?

Has someone on the Internet asked you to do anything that made you feel uncomfortable?

You must tell someone at school so we can help you. **Do NOT keep it a Secret!**

Is someone neglecting you?

Are you always left hungry? Are you always provided with clean clothes, which fit you properly? Are you always warm and comfortable? Are you always helped to be clean? Do you always receive medicine when you need it or go to the doctors, dentist or hospital? Is there always someone there to look after you?

You must tell someone at school so we can help you. **Do NOT keep it a Secret!**

If any of these are happening to your friend, the same rule applies – DO NOT KEEP A SECRET!

You can tell:

- Your Teacher
- Mr Birdsall
- Mrs Webster
- Miss Watson
- Miss Walker
- Mrs Charles
- A Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Chivers or Mrs Parton in the school office
- A Lunchtime Supervisor

If you don't want to or can't speak to someone, you can also email headteacher@crofton-jun.wakefield.sch.uk and Mr Birdsall will arrange to meet you.

How does your school work to protect all children?

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

Mr Birdsall



Miss Watson



Mrs Webster



Miss Walker



Mrs Charles



Mr Birdsall, Miss Watson, Mrs Webster, Miss Walker and Mrs Charles are here to support all children and their families if there is a Safeguarding or Child Protection problem. **We will never promise to keep what you say a secret.** Sometimes a member of staff will need to check things with Mr Birdsall, Miss Watson, Mrs Webster, Miss Walker or Mrs Charles 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 the Police. There are lots of other agencies who

support children and their families as well. We as a school work closely with all these agencies to make sure that everyone is safe.

You can also contact:



www.childline.org.uk



www.nspcc.org.uk 0800 1111



www.childnet.com



www.ceop.police.uk

Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership - www.wakefieldscp.org.uk 0345 8503503

Police - 999

