



# Wolsey House Primary School

## Child friendly Safeguarding Policy



Wolsey House Primary School is our school and we want it to be a safe place. All of the adults in our school will do everything that they can to make sure that you are safe, happy and healthy.

In our school, we respect you, we listen to you and we protect your rights.

We do our best to make sure that you make good educational progress and we teach you how to recognise the risks in different situations and how to protect yourself and stay safe.

### **Safeguarding means that the school staff should:**

- Protect you from harm;
- Make sure that nothing stops you from being healthy or developing properly;
- Make sure that you are safely looked after;
- Make sure that you have the best life chances and that you can grow up happy and successful.

### **How will staff try to protect you?**

- We will always try to provide a safe environment for you to learn and progress;
- We will make sure that you remain safe at home as well as in school;
- We think that it is important for you to know where you can get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.

### **Need to talk?**

Our designated lead for safeguarding is **Mr. Powell** – this means that Mr. Powell has the main responsibility for making sure that you are healthy, safe and happy.

If you need to talk, we will listen. You can **talk to any adult in school**, but there are some staff who help Mr. Powell to make sure that you are safe and well cared for.



These staff are;

- Mrs. King
- Mrs. Cooper-Marsh
- Mrs. Hayes
- Mr. Ismail
- Mrs. Southwell
- Mrs. Satchwell
- Mr. Baker
- Miss Watts
- Mr. Punchard

There is a poster in every classroom to help you to identify these people. All of them wear a red lanyard.

If you do not want to talk, you can always write it down and post it in one of our 'Worry Boxes' and an adult will check these and get back to you.

### **Abuse.**

When someone hurts you, it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you, which is harmful, unpleasant or painful like;

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you in different ways.
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings, which makes you, scared, sad or upset.
- If someone shouts at, threatens, hits or hurts someone that you love whilst you are around which makes you feel sad, scared or worried.
- If someone does not take proper care of you so you feel 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 do not like such as touching your private parts.
- If someone makes you look at something, which makes you, feel embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty. They may ask you to keep it a secret or give you presents.



Abuse is never OK! If you are being or have been abused, you must remember that is **never** your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help to make it stop.

### **What happens next?**



- Sometimes staff will need to check things with Mr. Powell and then, if they can deal with the issues themselves, they will;
- There may be times though when the school need to contact other agencies for support. These might include Children's Social Care (social workers) or the Police;
- There are lots of other agencies who support children and families too;
- School staff will explain this to you and you can always go and ask staff questions if you are unsure about anything.

### **In and out of school.**

All of the staff at Wolsey House Primary School will do their best to make sure that the building is safe for you to learn in and spend time in. We will make sure that we know whom everyone in the building is by asking them to sign in at reception. You will always know who is a visitor in school because they will be wearing a black, red, purple or green lanyard. The staff with the red lanyards are the people who have the main responsibility for your safety.

People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with you on your own and will not be allowed to walk around the school without a member of staff. The building, our outside areas and the field will be as safe as they can be for you so that you don't hurt yourself, although accidents can and will happen if you are not careful!

Staff will look after you if the fire alarm goes off and you should know what to do and where to go. When we leave school to go on a trip or visit, the staff will make sure that they keep you are safe wherever you go.



### What we will do:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All of the adults in our school have had lessons in how to keep everyone safe;
- We will work with other people (including the people at home) to protect you and solve any problems you might have;
- We will listen if you want to talk to us or need our help. We will **always** take you seriously;
- We will support and encourage you and will respect your wishes and views.



### It is important that you know:

- 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 very important that you tell an adult so that they can make it stop;
- Every child should enjoy their right to a happy and safe childhood.

**DO NOT BE AFRAID TO TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY – WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN!**

### Tips for keeping yourself safe:

- **Bullying** – if you think that another child or an adult is bullying you, you must tell your parent/carer, teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It will not stop unless you do.
- **Saying strange things to you** – if another child or an adult says something to you or you hear something that upsets or frightens you, you must tell your parent/carer, teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.
- **Touching you** – your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. If someone touches you on part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like – it is not OK! You must tell your parent/carer, teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.
- **Hitting, punching or smacking you** – if a child or adult hits, punches or smacks you in any way, you must tell your parent/carer, teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.
- **Secrets** – Secrets, such as surprise parties, are fun but not all secrets or good and should not be kept.
- **Presents** – presents are good things to be given but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parent/carers first. Most of the time it will be OK but sometimes people try to trick children into doing something that they should not by giving them presents (like sweets, toys, mobile phones, drugs and alcohol). This is sometimes called a bribe and if it does not seem right you should tell someone as soon as you can.
- **On your computer or on your phone** – these help us to talk to our friends and families but they also allow bullies and other people that might want to hurt you to get close to you. It is important that you know how to keep yourself safe. Wolsey House Primary School has an e-Safety policy, which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any photographs or comments you have seen on your mobile phone or computer, you can contact any adult in school and [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)

