

Foreland Fields School

Child Protection Policy (Child-Friendly – Typed Version)



Governing Body Approval and Categories

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United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Foreland Fields School is a Rights Respecting School thereby this policy ensures that the following rights are acknowledged:



Article 6 (life, survival and development). Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect). Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

Article 23 (children with a disability). A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

Article 34 (sexual exploitation). Governments must protect children from all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.

Article 27 (adequate standard of living). Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.



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Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy



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.



WHAT IS IT FOR?

To help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support.

THE FOUR MAIN AREAS OF CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS ARE:

1. **Physical Abuse** – hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc
2. **Sexual Abuse** – This could be someone touching you where you are not supposed to be touched. It could be someone making you watch things to do with sex or encouraging you to do things.
3. **Neglect** – this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing.
4. **Emotional Abuse** – This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. If someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.

These are just a few examples and if you think you may have a problem that is similar to one of these then talk to someone.

HOW DO STAFF WORK TO PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE AT FORELAND FIELDS SCHOOL?

There are lots of different ways, but one of the main ways is making sure that we all know how to keep you safe and make sure you have someone to talk to if you need to.

Your Headteacher, Deputy Headteachers, College Leader of Learning and Family Liaison Officer are here to support young people and their families if there is a Child Protection concern. They are called the **Designated Safeguarding Team**.



Foreland Fields School Safeguarding Team



Adrian Mount
Headteacher
DSL



Jeremy Edwards
Deputy Headteacher
DSL Deputy



Sarah Thorp
Deputy Headteacher
DSL Deputy



Sharon Bremner
Family Liaison Officer
DSL Deputy



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Safeguarding and Child Protection mean the same thing and they mean that we all look after children and help to keep them **SAFE**.

On the next few pages are examples which, if they are happening to you may mean that you need to speak to someone. This could be:

- Your Teacher
- Your Teaching Assistants
- Your Headteacher - Adrian
- Your Deputy Headteachers – Jeremy and Sarah
- Your Leader of Learning at College - Helen
- Your Dinner Lady
- Your FLO – Sharon

Remember:

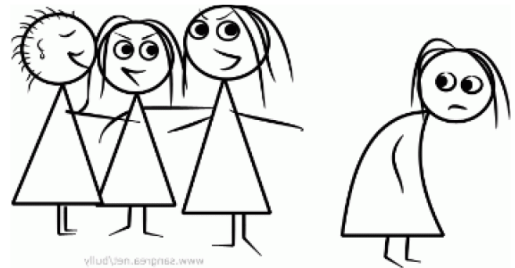
It is not alright for anyone to hurt you, to make you feel sad or to make you do anything you do not want to do.

We can help to make it stop.

You must tell someone so they can help you.



IS SOMEONE BULLYING YOU?



Are they:

- Leaving you out
- Spreading rumors and gossiping about you
- Embarrassing you
- Encouraging other children to be mean to you?



- Teasing
- Calling you names
- Being rude to you?

- Hitting
- Kicking
- Tripping
- Pushing
- Breaking your things



Remember – Bullying can also happen online!

You must tell someone so they can help you.

HAS SOMEONE TOUCHED YOU?

Has someone touched you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like?

You must tell someone at school so we can help you.



HAS SOMEONE TRIED 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 the school so we can help you.

**You must tell someone
so they can help you.**

HAS SOMEONE HIT, PUNCHED OR SMACKED YOU?

Has someone hit, punched or smacked you or hurt you in anyway?

You must tell someone at the school so we can help you.

If in doubt, talk to someone. There are many staff at school for you to talk to and they will help support you.

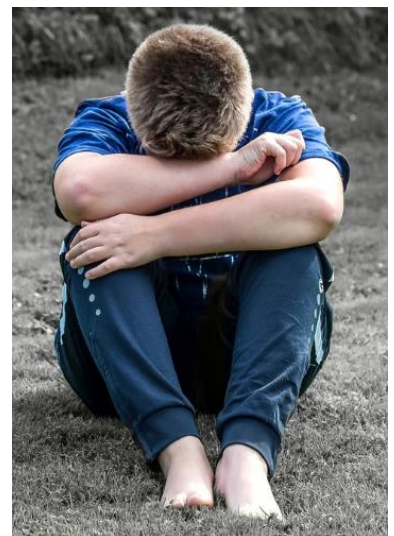


Remember – staff are here for you to talk to if you are unhappy or scared.

Do NOT keep it a Secret!

Have any of your friends or other young people done things to you that you did not like or which made you feel uncomfortable including showing parts of your body that are private?

Have they made you do things you did not want to do, say things you did not want to say or made you behave in a way that made you feel uncomfortable?



Has anyone shown you something, or made you watch something, which made you feel uncomfortable or sad?

Please tell an adult – **WE CAN HELP!**



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once you have spoken to someone, they may need to check things with the Headteacher and then if they can deal with the issue themselves, they will.

There are times when they may need to contact some other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police. Remember you have done nothing wrong so by speaking out you will **NOT** get into any trouble.

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

Staff will talk to you and explain all of this and you can always go and ask them questions if you are unsure about anything.

If you want to talk to someone over the phone you can ring ChildLine free on **0800 1111**.

