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Dallington School's Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

What is it for?

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

We want Dallington School to be a safe place. Our school has a safeguarding policy for staff, families and governors. This child friendly policy is designed for you, the Dallington children.

We created this policy to help you decide what might be a 'problem' and where to get help and support. There may be times when you want to talk to someone in the school about a problem that might be upsetting you. We have people in school who are specially trained to help you, it is important that you know where to get help if you are worried or upset about something. All the adults at Dallington will do everything they can to make sure that you are healthy, safe and happy. At Dallington School, we respect you, we listen to you and we help you protect your rights. We teach you how to recognise the risks in different situations and how to protect yourself and stay safe.

What staff do to help safeguard you:

- Protect you from harm and keep you safe
- Make sure nothing stops you from being healthy
- Make sure you are safely looked after
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful.

What staff do to protect you at school and home:

- We provide you with a safe and secure environment for you to learn and progress
- We try to make sure that you remain safe at home, as well as in school
- We ensure that you know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something you do not like or that is important to you.

If you need to talk:

Our Designated Lead for Safeguarding is Michelle Thomson: this means that Michelle has the main responsibility for making sure you are healthy, safe and happy. If Michelle is not around, you can always find Caroline Jessop who is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead. If you need to talk about anything, however small, we will listen to you. You can also talk to any adult within the school. If you do not want to talk, you can always write your concern or worry down and hand it to a member of staff.



The four main areas of Child Protection concerns are:

1. **Physical Abuse** – hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc.
2. **Sexual Abuse** – be aware this doesn't always mean actually touching a child. It could be someone making you watch things to do with sex or encouraging you to act in an inappropriate way.
3. **Neglect** – this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing for you, or perhaps not taking you to the Doctor when you need to go. There may be lots of different reasons why a child is neglected and it is really important that we know so we can help.
4. **Emotional Abuse** – This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad, e.g. if someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.

Abuse is never okay, however small it is, and if you are being or have been abused, you must remember – it is not your fault. You must always tell someone who will help it stop.

What happens next?

Sometimes a member of staff at school will need to check things with Michelle and then, if they can deal with the issues themselves, they will.

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

Here are some examples of people you can tell in School:

- Your Teacher
- Your Head
- Your Mentor

- Your Learning Support Assistant
- Your Lunchtime Assistant

There are times though, when they may need to contact 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 families as well.

Staff will talk to you and explain all of this and you can ask questions if you are unsure.

What we will do

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All of the adults in school have had lessons in how to keep everyone safe
- We will work with other people (including people at home) to help protect you and solve any problems you may have
- We will listen to you if you want to talk to us and 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 for you to know that:

- It is never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you
- There is always someone who can help
- If someone is hurting you, they might also be hurting someone else so it is important that you tell a responsible adult to make it stop
- Every child has a right to a happy and safe childhood.



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

Tips for keeping yourself safe

Bullying –

If you think a student or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must TELL.

Saying strange things to you –

If a student or a grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must TELL.

Touching you –

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 you bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like, it is not okay. You must TELL.

Hitting, punching or smacking you –

If a student or a grown-up hits you, punches or smacks you in any way, you must TELL.

Secrets –

Secrets, such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept. For example if someone wants to take you somewhere without your parents' permission you must TELL someone.

Presents –

Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents first. Most of the time it will be okay, but sometimes people try to trick children into doing something they want by giving them presents (like sweets, money, phones). This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, TELL.

On the computer or your phone –

Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends and family, but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people who want to hurt you or get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on computers, tablets phones and websites. Dallington School has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you have seen on your computer or mobile, you must TELL.

Stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the Internet and mobile phones.

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SAFE: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M

MEET: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A

ACCEPTING: Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R

RELIABLE: Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.

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TELL: Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.



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