



# Safeguarding Policy

(child-friendly version)





## What is this?

Our 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.

## Touching 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 that we can help you.

Examples of people you can tell are:

- Teacher
- Head-teacher
- Teaching Assistant
- Lunch-time Organiser



## Trying to give you tablets



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 that we can help you.

Examples of people you can tell are:

- Teacher
- Head-teacher
- Teaching Assistant
- Lunch-time Organiser

## Hitting, punching or smacking you

Has someone hit, punched or smacked you or hurt you in any way?

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

Examples of people you can tell are:

- Teacher
- Head-teacher
- Teaching Assistant
- Lunch-time Organiser

If you are not sure, talk to someone. There are many staff at school for you to talk to and they will help and support you.

## The 4 main areas of Child Protection concerns are:

1. Physical Abuse—hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc.
2. Sexual Abuse—be aware that this does not just mean touching a child, it could be someone making you watch inappropriate things or encouraging you to act in an inappropriate way.
3. Neglect—this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing. Or perhaps not taking you to the doctors when you need to go. There may be lots of different reasons why a child is neglected but it is really important that we know so that we can help.
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 for you so if you think you may have a problem, that is similar to one of these, then talk to an adult that you trust as soon as possible!*

## How does your School work to protect children?

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

Mr Kilcoyne and Mrs Cain are both here to support young people and their families if there is a Child Protection concern.

Safeguarding and Child Protection mean the same thing and they mean that we look after children and keep them safe.



# Talk to someone

## What are the next steps?

Sometimes the member of staff that you have spoken to will need to check things with the Head-teacher and then if they can deal with the problem themselves, they will.

There are times, though, when they may need to contact some another person or agency for help and support. This could be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police but there are lots of other agencies who help and support children and their families as well.

Mr Kilcoyne or Mrs Cain will talk to you and explain all of this and you can ask them questions if you are unsure about anything.

