

# Alway Primary

## Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy 2023-24



## What is this all about?

There are lots of documents and policies that have been written by School and government to help to keep children safe. They are called Safeguarding Policies. These are all very long and you may struggle to understand them.

## We have written this policy with you in mind.

To help you understand what is right and what is wrong and that we are here to keep you safe. You may hear Safeguarding or Child Protection talked about, they mean the same thing, to **keep you safe**.



To help you decide what could be a problem and where to get help and support. It is important you know who you can talk to and to understand why you might need to talk to someone.

## Safeguarding, what is it?

We are here to care for you and will always help and protect you.



There are 4 main areas that are of concern, none of these are nice for you to read about or discuss.

1. **Physical Abuse**..... Hitting, smacking, shaking, burning, biting etc
2. **Sexual Abuse**..... This could be many things, from someone making you watch something referring to sex, someone touching you in places that are private to you. Someone asked you to touch them in places that are private to them. This kind of abuse can also be done online.
3. **Neglect**..... This means that you are not being provided with the things that you need like clothing, food, warmth, washing, cleanliness.
4. **Emotional Abuse**... This is when people who should care and protect you are not being very nice to you, they may say mean things and make you feel bad and upset. This can also be done online.

These are only some examples, there are many more reasons that could cause us concern and for us to worry about you. The most important thing you can do is tell us so we can help; **DO NOT KEEP IT A SECRET!**

## How does our school keep you safe?

There are lots of different ways, but one of the most important things you can do is **tell us so we can keep you safe.**

## What will happen?

At Alway School, you can talk to ANY member of staff about anything, they will help you. They may have to discuss it with Mr Hughes or Mrs Heslop to find the best way to help you, so will not be able to promise to keep a secret.

Mr Hughes or Mrs Heslop will do all they can to help you sort out the issue. They may have to speak to some people outside of school to make sure they are doing the right thing for you; this may include Social Services and/or the Police. Yes, that does sound scary, but they are all there to help and protect you.

## What should I do if I am worried about my friend?

Tell an adult straight away, we all have a responsibility to keep each other safe!

# Start Telling Other People

Use your Helping Hand and talk to someone you trust.

Who are your 5 people?

