



Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy



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WHAT IS THIS AND WHAT IS IT FOR?

The Academy of Woodlands 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. We have tried to write this in a way that makes sense to you as the Safeguarding Policy is very long!

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

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

At The Academy of Woodlands, everyone believes that the welfare and safety of pupils and staff are very important. In our school, we respect every member of our school, our family, and the community; working together to protect everyone's rights.

Safeguarding mean that all adults should:

- Protect you from harm, abuse, and maltreatment
- Make sure nothing prevents you from staying healthy or developing well
- Ensure you grow up in a safe, caring, and effective environment
- Take action so that you have the best outcomes, are happy and successful

The team (adults) at the Academy of Woodlands will:

- Always try to provide a safe environment for you to learn and make progress
- Help you stay safe at school, at home and in the community through teaching you about all aspects of safeguarding and how to recognise the risks in different situations
- Ensure our safeguarding team are available during the school day to offer advice and support; we are here to listen to you
- Ensure that you all know where to get help when away from school if you are worried about yours or anyone's safety or wellbeing

NEED TO TALK? HAVE YOU GOT A WORRY?

You might have seen or heard the phrase DSL, but what does it mean?



DSL stands for Designated Safeguarding Lead

In every school there is always somebody who has the responsibility to keep you safe and all staff must tell that person if they are worried about you. Staff have training and are taught how to keep children safe as it is the most important part of their job.

It is the job of everyone that works at our school to keep you safe, so remember you can talk to any grown up that you trust.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

- Mrs S Palmer

Our DSL is supported by our Safeguarding team.

Look for the posters around school and make sure you know who they are!

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If you do not want to talk, you could always write your worry down and hand it to an adult or put in your class worry box or worry monster.

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Our Safeguarding Governor is Mr Costidell

Miss Brown
Headteacher & Deputy DSL

Miss Beer
Assistant Headteacher & Deputy DSL

Mr Ramm
Assistant Headteacher & Deputy DSL

Mrs Devine
Nursery Manager & Deputy DSL

Miss Welsh
SEND CO & Deputy DSL

Miss Campbell
Deputy Headteacher & Deputy DSL

Your safety is important to us and we are here to help

Safeguarding Children is Everyone's Responsibility!

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and staff in our school

OTHER PEOPLE YOU CAN TALK TO

There are lots of other people you can talk to, out of school, if you are worried about a situation you are in or worried about someone else.



Medway Children’s Safeguarding Team	Phone - 01634 334466 Or - 03000 419 191
Child Line	Phone - 0800 1111 Website - www.childline.org.uk
Medway Police	Phone - 01622 690 690

ABUSE

If someone hurts you, it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful. For example:

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injuries you or humiliates you in different ways

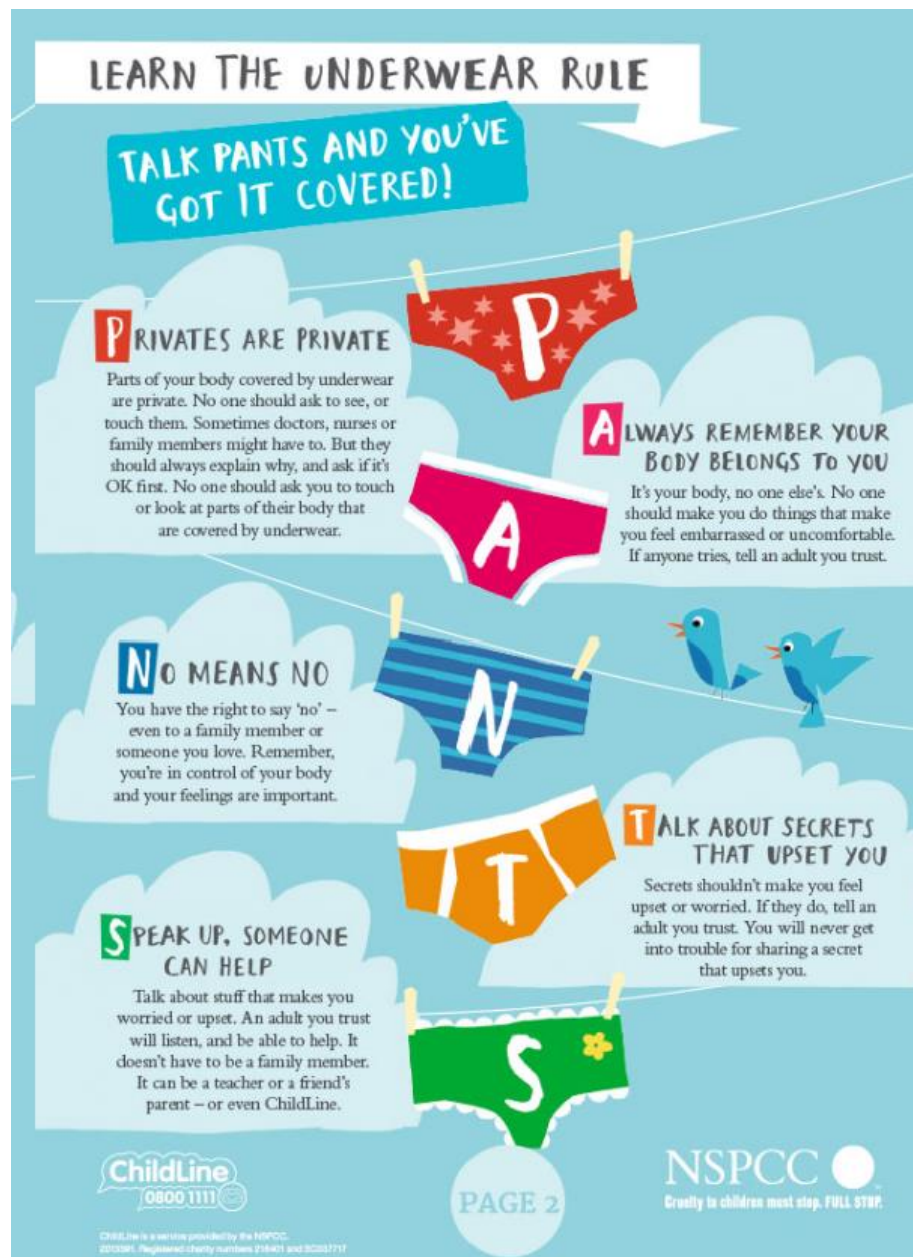


- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings which makes you feel scared, sad, upset, or frightened.



YOUR BODY

- Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. It is not okay for someone to touch you and make you feel uncomfortable. If someone touches you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like, it is not ok. You must tell someone you trust, such as your parents/carers or someone at school as soon as you can.



- If you get hit, punched or smacked by another young person or if an adult hits you, punches you or smacks you in any way, you must tell your parents/carers, someone at school or someone you can trust as soon as possible.

SECRETS



- Some secrets such as a surprise party can be fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept
- If someone hurts you and tells you to keep it a secret....you must tell someone like your Parents/carers, someone at school or an adult you trust.

PRESENTS

- Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present or gift from anyone without checking with your parents/carers first.
- Most of the time it will be ok, but sometimes people try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money, phones, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol). This is called a bribe.
- If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

- 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 that want to hurt you or get close to you.
- It is important to know how to keep yourself and your friends safe on your computer, your phone and on websites.
- If you are scared, worried or unhappy with any posts, comments or photographs you have been sent or you have seen on your computer or mobile phone, tell your parents/carers or someone at school or an adult you trust.
- You can also contact www.thinkyouknow.co.uk to find out more about online safety.



COUNTY LINES

- County lines is the term the police use for urban gangs who supply drugs to smaller towns using dedicated mobile phone lines or 'deal lines'
- If you are worried about gang involvement, tell someone as soon as you can and they will be able to help.

**IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT BE SCARED TO TELL
SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY - WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN**