



Hadrian Park Primary School

Our Safeguarding Policy

Child-friendly version



All children and young people have the right to feel safe.

When we feel safe we usually feel good about ourselves.

We can relax and enjoy life. [Children's rights in England – rights4children](https://rights4children.org.uk/)

What is this? Your school has a safeguarding policy for staff, families and governors. This child friendly policy is designed for children within primary school.



What is it for?

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

Hadrian Park Primary is our school and we want it to be a safe place. The adults in Hadrian Park will do everything they can to make sure you are protected and happy. To help them do this they have lots of rules to follow. This policy is to help you understand what Safeguarding means to you and to help you decide what could be a "problem" and whom you should talk to.

The adults in school think that Safeguarding means that they should:

- Protect you from harm; Make sure nothing stops you being healthy or developing properly;
- Make sure you are safely looked after;
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful



They agree that to make sure they look after you they will:



- Make the school a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in - somewhere you want to be
- Be there for you to talk to if you need to and know who to ask for help
- Give you safe messages in your lessons to help you learn how to look after yourself both online and in the real world
- Have all the right rules in place to help look after you.



They will follow these rules all of the time (these rules are sometimes called policies)

Abuse

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

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures 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.
- If someone shouts, threatens, hits or hurts someone you love whilst you are around which makes you scared, unhappy or worried



- If someone doesn't take proper care of you so you feel abandoned, lonely or neglected. You might not be able to eat or wash regularly, or you might not be able to come to school every day or on time.
- If someone touches you in a way that you don't like (like touching your private parts) or makes you look at things which make you feel ashamed, embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty.

They may ask you to keep it a secret or give you presents. Abuse is never ok and if you are being or have been abused you must remember - it is not your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help it to stop.



In and Out of School

All of the staff at Hadrian Park Primary School will do their best to make sure the building is safe for you to learn in and spend time in. We will make sure that we know who everyone is in the school by asking visitors to sign in at reception. You will always know who a visitor to the school is because they will have signed in at reception and will be wearing a school visitor badge around their neck, or a sticky label. People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with you on your own and will not be allowed to walk around the school without a member of staff. The building, outside areas and yard/fields will be as safe as they can be for you so that you don't hurt yourself, although accidents can happen if you are not careful! Staff will look after you if the fire or lockdown alarm goes off and you should know what to do and where to go. When you leave school to go on a trip somewhere, the staff will make sure they can keep you safe wherever you are going.



What we will do

At Hadrian Park Primary School we will help you in the following ways:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All of the adults in school have had training and lessons in this
- We will talk to and work with other people (including



the people at home and people who work in other places) 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

In Hadrian Park Primary you can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are several staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for. Your schools Designed Safeguarding Lead Team (DSL's) is:

1. Miss Gibson - Head Teacher is your schools Designated Safe Guarding Lead
2. Miss Martin- Deputy Head Teacher is your schools Deputy Designated Safe Guarding Lead
3. Miss Fletcher-Deputy Head Teacher is your schools Deputy Designated Safe Guarding Lead
4. Extended safeguarding team - Mrs Cox, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Miller, Mrs Waldon and Mrs McEwen.

It is important that you know...

- It is never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you
- There is always someone who can help you
- If someone is hurting you, they might also be hurting someone else so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop

You have the right to say "no" if something makes you feel uncomfortable.

Other people also have the right to say "no" and their feelings and boundaries should be respected.

If something does not feel right, keep telling trusted adults until someone helps you.

Every child should enjoy their right to a happy and safe childhood DO NOT BE SCARED TO
TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY - WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN

If you feel an adult has not listened to you, tell them again how you feel, if you can.

**If you still feel that you have not been heard, share this with another adult you trust,
this could be the DSL team.**

Good friends and healthy relationships:

- are kind and respectful
- listen to one another
- care about each other's feelings
- respect boundaries

- support each other
- do not pressure others to do things they do not want to do

Sometimes friendships can make us feel unhappy, worried or uncomfortable.

If someone is often unkind, makes you feel scared, leaves you out on purpose, pressures you to do things or makes you feel bad about yourself, talk to a trusted adult.

There is always someone who can help.

Looking After Your Feelings

Everyone has feelings.

Sometimes you may feel happy, excited and confident. Other times you might feel worried, upset, angry, confused or frightened.

These feelings are normal, but you should never keep worries to yourself.

If something is bothering you, making you feel unsafe or making it difficult to enjoy school and life, talk to a trusted adult.

Talking about worries can help problems become easier to solve.

Remember, asking for help is a brave thing to do.

Treating Everyone with Respect

At Hadrian Park Primary School everyone should be treated with kindness, respect and fairness.

People may have different families, beliefs, cultures, abilities, appearances and experiences.

Being different is something that should be respected and celebrated.

Unkind, discriminatory or hurtful words or behaviour are never acceptable.

If you hear someone using language that makes another person feel unsafe or uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult.

Tips for keeping yourself safe

Bullying

If you think a pupil or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your mum or dad, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.



Saying funny things to you

If a pupil or a grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell an adult who is important to you, a teacher or someone you can trust.

Respecting Boundaries and Personal Space

Your body belongs to you and everyone else's body belongs to them.

It is important to respect other people's personal space and boundaries.

Before touching someone, even when giving a hug or joining in a game, it is kind and respectful to ask first.

If someone says "**no**", changes their mind or looks uncomfortable, their decision should be respected.

You also have the right to say "**no**" if something makes you feel uncomfortable.

If someone does not respect your boundaries, keeps pressuring you or makes you feel worried, tell a trusted adult straight away. You have the right to feel safe and respected.

Hitting, punching or smacking you

If a pupil or a grown up hits, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell an adult who is important to you, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Secrets

Secrets such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept. Bullying should not be kept a secret and no-one should ask you to keep a kiss, hug or touch a secret. You must tell an adult who is important to you, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. Do not keep a secret.



Presents

Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your important people 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 or phones) This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can.



On the computer or your phone

On the Computer, Tablet, Games Console, Smart Watch or Phone

Technology is a great way to learn, have fun and keep in touch with family and friends, but it is important to stay safe online.

Remember:

- Never share personal information without checking with a trusted adult.
- Never share passwords with friends.
- Be careful about sharing photographs, videos or messages.
- Not everything online is true.
- Some pictures, videos and messages can be changed or created by computers.
- Some people online may pretend to be someone they are not.
- If someone online asks you to keep secrets, sends upsetting messages, makes you feel uncomfortable or pressures you to do something, tell a trusted adult straight away.

If something online worries you:

STOP. BLOCK. REPORT. TELL.

You can also ask for help from adults at school or visit the ThinkUKnow

www.thinkuknow.co.uk or a trusted adult.

People in school who can help you:

- Class Teacher
- Classroom adults
- DSL Team (Miss Gibson - Head Teacher, Miss Martin- Deputy Head Teacher, Miss Fletcher - Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Cox, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Miller, Mrs Waldon and Mrs McEwen)
- Any other adult in school

Useful Numbers and Websites

Childline 0800 11 11

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline>

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

