Safeguarding Policy for Willaston Pupils

Our Vision

We are committed to quality learning in a positive, happy and Christian atmosphere where everyone within the school community is valued as an individual.

We expect everyone to, 'Treat others as you want them to treat you.' (Matthew 7:12-14).

We have high expectations of all and strive to provide a safe, challenging, exciting and stimulating environment.

Our School Values

We will keep you safe by following our school values:

Respect: We understand that you might need different kinds of help and support to stay safe from harm.

Compassion: We will be kind and show we care if you are worried and need help.

Creation: We will make safe spaces and find ways for you to share your worries.

Perseverance: We won't give up on trying to help and support you.

Service: We will do everything we can to give you a good education and take care of your well-being.

What is Safeguarding?

The grown-ups at Willaston Primary School will always work hard to keep you safe, looked after, and happy. This policy is here to help you understand what "safeguarding" means and to help you know what might be a "problem" and who you can talk to.

Safeguarding means that the adults in our school will:

- Protect you from harm.
- Make sure you can be healthy and grow up properly.
- Make sure you are looked after and safe.
- Help you to have the best chances in life and grow up to be happy and successful.

To look after you, the adults will:

- Make sure school is a friendly, welcoming, and supportive place – a place you want to be.
- Make sure you feel safe and are safe.
- Be there to listen if you need to talk and make sure you know who to ask for help
- Teach you how to look after yourself, both when you are using the internet and in the real world.
- Have rules in place to help keep you safe.

What is Abuse?

When someone hurts you, it's called abuse. This is when someone does something that harms you, makes you feel bad, or hurts you.

For example:

- If someone hits you, hurts you, or humiliates you.
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself, scared, sad, upset, or frightened.
- If someone shouts, threatens, hits, or hurts someone you love, and you see or hear it, and it makes you feel scared, unhappy, or worried.
- If someone doesn't look after you properly, and you feel lonely or like no one cares for you. This might mean you don't get enough food, can't keep yourself clean, or you can't come to school regularly.
- If someone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Abuse is never okay. If someone is abusing you or has abused you, it is not your fault. You must always tell someone, and they will help to make it stop.

Staying Safe In and Out of School

All the staff at Willaston Primary School will work hard to make sure our school building is a safe place for you to learn and spend time.

We will always check who is in our school. Visitors will have to sign in at the office. You will know who a visitor is because they will have a badge or sticker. People we don't know will never be allowed to be with you alone, and they will always have a member of staff with them if they are walking around the school.

We will make sure the school building and playground are as safe as possible, so you don't get hurt. Of course, accidents can still happen if you are not careful!

Staff will look after you if the fire alarm goes off, and you will learn what to do and where to go. When you leave school for a trip, staff will make sure you are safe wherever you go.

What We Will Do To Help

At Willaston Primary School, we will help you in these ways:

- We will try our best to notice if something is wrong. All the adults in school have had training to help them do this.

- We will work with other people (including your family) to help keep you safe and solve any problems.

- We will listen to you if you need to talk to us. We will always take you seriously.

- We will support you and respect what you say and what you want.

At Willaston Primary School, you can talk to any member of staff. Some staff have special responsibilities for keeping you safe and well. These include:

- Class teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Miss Richardson, our Learning Mentor
- Mrs Lamb, our Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Graham, our Headteacher

It is important that you know:

- It is never your fault if someone is hurting you or abusing you.

- There is always someone who can help you.

- If someone is hurting you, they might be hurting someone else, too. It is important to tell someone to make it stop.

- Every child has the right to be happy and safe.

DO NOT BE SCARED TO TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY – WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN

Tips for Keeping Yourself Safe

Bullying: If you think someone is bullying you or someone else, tell your mum, dad, a teacher, your carer, or someone you trust as soon as you can.

Saying odd things to you: If someone says something that you don't like or that upsets you, tell someone you trust straight away.

Touching you: Your body belongs to you, and no one else. If someone touches you in a way that you don't like, it is not okay. Tell someone you trust as soon as you can.

Hitting, punching, or smacking you: If someone hits you or hurts you in any way, tell someone you trust as soon as you can.

Secrets: Some secrets are fun, like surprise parties. But some secrets are not good, and you should never keep them. Never keep a secret about being hurt. If an adult tells you not to tell anyone, this is a bad secret. Tell someone you trust.

Presents: It's nice to get presents, but don't take a present from anyone without checking with your parents or carers first. Sometimes, people might try to trick children by giving them presents (like sweets, money, or toys). If something doesn't feel right, tell someone as soon as you can.

On the computer or your phone: Computers and phones help us share things and talk to our friends and family. But they can also make it easier for bullies and other people to upset you. It is important to know how to stay safe online. Willaston Primary School has an e-safety policy to protect you. If you are unhappy about anything you see online, tell someone you trust as soon as you can. You can also get help from www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

People in School Who Can Help You:

- Class Teacher
- Teaching Assistants
- Miss Richardson, our Learning Mentor
- Mrs Lamb, our Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Graham, our Headteacher
- Office Staff
- Midday Assistants
- Caretaker
- Any other adults in school

You can also use the 'worry box' in your classroom if that's easier than talking to someone directly.

Useful Numbers and Websites

NSPCC - Childline: 0800 11 11

www.childline.org.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

This policy for the children at Willaston Church of England Primary School was developed by Mr Graham, Mrs Scott and our School Councillors in May 2025.



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