



Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

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***I am kind.
I am respectful.
I am patient.
I am honest.***

***I am a
Heron's Moor Citizen***

Feeling safe and happy at Herons' Moor Academy

At Herons' Moor Academy we want to make sure that you feel looked after, safe and happy when you are in and out of school. Sometimes we don't know if **something bad** is happening, so you need to tell us.



I'm happy because I'm safe

Remember- you do NOT have to keep your worries a secret!

What is this policy?

Our school has a Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy for staff, children and families.

This child friendly policy is written for you. We have tried to write this in a way that makes sense to you as the Safeguarding Policy is very, very long.

What is it for?

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 a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)?

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 - this is the DSL. All staff have to tell the DSL if they are worried about you. Staff have training and are taught how to keep children & young people safe as it is the most important part of their job. The DSL works in a safeguarding team and you can talk to the safeguarding team about anything that you are worried about.

The Safeguarding Team at Herons' Moor Academy are;

DSL- Mrs Fox

Safeguarding team- Mr Beesley, Mrs Harris, Mrs Tucker and Mrs Williams

The DSL and/or members of the safeguarding team are on site every day the school is open. It is the job of everyone that works at Herons' Moor to keep you safe so remember, you can talk to any grown up that you trust.

The four main things children must be protected from:

1. **Physical Abuse** - things like hitting, smacking, shaking, kicking, pushing, or biting



2. **Sexual Abuse** - this doesn't always mean actually touching someone. It could be someone making you watch things to do with sex, take or share nude

photos or encouraging you to do something sexual - something you are uncomfortable doing.



3. **Neglect** - this means things like not providing proper food, a warm and safe place to live, or clothing. Or perhaps not taking you to the Doctors or Dentist when you need to go. There may be lots of different reasons why someone is neglected, and it is really important that we know so we can help.



4. **Emotional Abuse** - This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. It might be someone being unkind, or someone saying horrible things to

you making you feel sad and worthless.



Is someone bullying or trying to hurt you?

Has someone said something or done something to you, or have you seen or heard something you do not like or upsets you? **You must tell someone at school** so we can help you.

Has someone touched you on a part of your body like your bottom, your private parts, your chest or anywhere else you do not like?

It is not okay for someone to touch you and make you feel uncomfortable. People who do things like this often lie and tell you things to frighten you and try to make sure you don't tell anyone. **You must tell someone at school so we can help you.**



It is not your fault, and you will be taken care of and look after.

Has someone asked you if you want to take a tablet or to smoke something or have a drink or eat something and you don't know what it is? Do not eat, drink, or smoke what they are trying to give you. **You must tell someone at school** so we can help you.

Has someone hit, kicked or pushed you or hurt you in any way?

It is not okay for ANYONE to hurt you or cause you harm. No-one should frighten or threaten you either. You must **tell someone at school** so we can help you.

REMEMBER-you can tell any adult that works at Herons' Moor.

How does Herons' Moor Academy work hard to keep you safe?

All the staff at Herons' Moor know how to keep you safe. They make sure there is always someone you can talk to. We are here to support all of you and your families and we promise to do everything we can to keep you as safe as possible.



What happens if you tell someone about your worries?

If you speak to a grown up, sometimes they will need to check things with the DSL and then, if they can, deal with the issue themselves. Please try and

understand that staff and the DSL will only want to help you and make you feel supported and better about the situation. Only people who need to know will be told about what you've said so that you can be supported and kept safe.



There are times though when staff may need to contact some other people for help. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police. This is because schools can't do everything on their own and need to work with others who are the best people to help.

It might sound a little bit scary, but the Social Workers and Police will be specially trained professionals who are great at helping children and young people.

There are lots of other people who support children and their families as well and it isn't always that people need to have a Social Worker involved with their family. Sometimes these people are Youth Workers or Mentors or Family Support Workers. Don't worry, your DSL will talk to you and explain all of this, and you can always go and ask them questions if you are unsure about anything.

