



HALE CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Hale C.E Primary School
Child Friendly
Safeguarding Policy*



Hale C.E. Primary is our school and we want it to be a safe place. The adults in Hale C.E. Primary 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 Hale C.E. Primary 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 visitor badge on a blue cord. 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 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 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 Hale C.E. Primary 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 lessons in this
- We will work with other people (including the people at home) 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 Hale C.E. Primary you can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are a number of staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for, and they listed below.

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
- 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**

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 your mum or dad, gran or granddad, a teacher or someone you can trust.

Touching you -Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. 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 your mum or dad, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

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 your mum or dad, 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 your mum or dad, 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 parents 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 -Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends or family, but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people that want to hurt you to get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites. Hale C.E. Primary has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you've seen on your computer or mobile then you can also contact www.thinkuknow.co.uk as well as adults in school.

People in school who can help you:

- Class Teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Mrs Pierce
- Mrs Buckley
- Any other adult in school

Useful Numbers and Websites

Childline : 0800 11 11

NSPCC

www.childline.org.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Safeguarding and the changes because of Covid-19 Pandemic.

This is as well as the information in the safeguarding policy above and was produced on 1 April in because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

What did this happen?

On Wednesday 18th March 2020 the Secretary of State announced that all schools would close because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Schools closed to all children on Friday 20th March 2020. Schools were to re-open on Monday 23rd March to give care for some groups of children which includes:-

- Children of keyworkers (doctors, nurses, teachers, carers etc)
- Children who have a social worker (people who help you and your family)
- Children who have an EHCP (a plan to help with learning and health)
- Children who are classed as vulnerable (you or your family may need some extra help)

It was explained that schools were not to teach normal lessons known as the national curriculum. The school is to continue to be a safe environment for children and school will makes sure you are safe in the same way, by:

- Putting keeping you safe first children as always
- if anyone in a school or college has a safeguarding worry about any child they should continue to act and act straight away
- the adults in charge of safeguarding are still available every day in school

- Anyone working in school has all the correct checks to make sure they are a safe adult
- children should continue to be protected when they are online

The information below explains how the school will do this using the information from the government.

Children who are able to attend school if there is a lockdown

The Head teacher has produced a list of children who will be asked to come to school when there is a school closure. The list of children has been made with the government guidance.

School will talk to other adults who work with children and families when making the list of who will come to school.

When coming to school, we will ensure that social distancing is used when possible and that hygiene routines are followed.

The school will ensure that appropriate staff/children numbers are in place and where this is not possible due to staff illness, further guidance will be given from the Local Authority.

Support for children who are attending school

The school will take a daily register of children who should come to school and the children who actually attend school. This register will be reported to the Local Authority.

Any pupil who is expected to come to school but does not will get a telephone call to find out why they are off.

If a family has a social worker and the child is off school but should be in, school will call or e-mail the social worker. If no contact can be made with a parent of a vulnerable child, school will get advice from ICART or the named social worker. A record of any contact with a social worker and or a home visit will be kept.

Safeguarding guidance

The school knows that this is a very difficult time for staff, parents and children. The school will aim to give support to families and children. The school will provide information about other people who could help children and families through letters, Parent App and Twitter the Children and Family Support Workers are available to signpost advice.

The wellbeing of staff, parents and children remain the priority of Hale C.E. Primary School. Our positive relationships will support the school community through the difficult times ahead.

