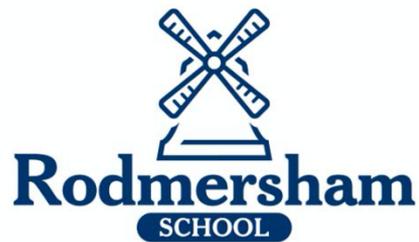


# Rodmersham School



## Safeguarding Policy Child Friendly Version



## What is this leaflet all about?

**Safeguarding** means that school staff should:

- Protect you from harm;
- Make sure nothing stops you from 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

### How will we try to protect you?

- We try to provide a safe and secure environment for you to learn in and progress.
- We help to ensure that you remain safe, at home as well as at school.
- We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.

### Is someone ....

- Bullying you?
- Saying unkind things to you to your face or online?
- Touching you when you don't want them to?
- Trying to make you try things when you don't want to like alcohol or cigarettes?
- Hitting, punching or smacking you?

You **must** tell someone at school so we can help you.

# 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 for example touching your private parts.
- If someone 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.**

## **What happens next?**

Sometimes a member of staff at school will need to check things with Mrs McMullon and then, if they can deal with the issue themselves, they will.

There are times though when they may need to contact some other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police.

There are lots of other agencies who support children and their families as well.

Staff will talk to you and explain all of this and you can always go and ask staff questions if you are unsure about anything.

## **Tips for keeping yourself safe**

**Bullying** – If you think a student or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know you must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It won't stop unless you do.

**Saying funny things to you** – If a student 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 parents/carers, 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 parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**Hitting, punching or smacking you** – If a student or a grown up hits you, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your parents/carers, 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.

**Presents** – Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present 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 or drugs and alcohol) 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. The

Rodmersham School has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you have seen on your computer or mobile then you can also contact [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) as well as adults in school

## Who can you talk to?



Mrs Williams



Mrs Cooper



Miss Ibrahim



Mrs Henderson



Mrs Benyon



Mrs Potter



Mrs Phillips



Mrs Jackson



Miss Williams



Mrs Lodge



Mrs McMullon



Mrs Williams



Miss Rains



Mrs PC



Mrs Corder



Mrs West



Mrs Dodd

## Us, that's who

**But you can also contact these  
people too...**

