



Safeguarding Policy

Pupil Friendly Version



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**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**





WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING

- All the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are very important
- At our school, we respect all children and adults, and help to protect their rights. All of the staff at Foxdell Primary School will do their best to make sure the building is safe for you to learn in and spend time in.

WHAT WE WILL DO

At Foxdell 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 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. You can talk to any member of staff
- 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 be wearing a red or green visitor badge around their neck.

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 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 child or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It won't stop unless you do. Do not keep a secret

Saying funny things to you – if a child 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 teacher/parent/carer 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 you do not like, it is **NOT OK**. You must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Hitting, punching or slapping you – If a child or a grown up hits, punches or slaps you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can

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 to trick children into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money or phones). If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

The internet is a great way to connect with your friends and learn new things. But it's also important to stay safe.

There are a few ways you can help make sure you're not in danger when you use the internet.

Top 5 tips for keeping safe online:

1. Be careful what you share

Once something is online, it's out of your control. If you don't want your parents or teachers to see it, don't post it

2. Don't meet people you don't know in person

Even if you get on with them online, you never know who they really are

3. Use a complex password

It should be hard for other people to guess your password and it's a good idea to change it regularly

4. Check your privacy settings

Check who can see what you post and whether your accounts are public or private

5. Talk about it

If you see something online that makes you upset or uncomfortable, TALK



BE SMART ONLINE

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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

