



Crockenhill's

Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

We want our school to be a safe place. All the adults that work here will do everything they can to make sure that you are **healthy, safe and happy**.

At Crockenhill we respect you, we listen to you and we help you protect your rights. We teach you how to recognise the risks in different situations and how to **protect yourself and stay safe**.

Safeguarding means that school staff should:

- Protect you from harm
- Make sure nothing stops you from being healthy
- Make sure you are safely looked after
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful

How will staff try to protect you?

- We will always try to provide a safe and secure environment for you to learn and progress
- We will help to make sure that you keep 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.

Need to talk?

Our **Designated Lead for Safeguarding is Mrs Dodd** - this means that Mrs Dodd has the main responsibility for making sure you are healthy, safe and happy.

If you need to talk - we will listen. You can **talk to any adult within the school**, but there are some staff who help Mrs Dodd make sure you are safe and well cared for:

- Mrs Bunch
- Mrs Carter
- Mrs Hudson

There is a poster in every classroom that can help you to identify these people.

If you do not want to talk, you can always write it down and hand it to an adult at school!

ABUSE

When **someone hurts you**, it can be called **abuse**.

If another child hurts you, this can be called **child on child 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 we will do:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All the adults in school have had lessons in how to keep everyone safe
- We will work with other people (including 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

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

Keep yourself SAFE!

Bullying – If you think a child 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 / hearing unkind 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 parents / carers, a teacher or someone you can trust.

Touching you – Your body belongs to you. No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see, or tries to touch you, underneath your underwear, say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.

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 – There are good and bad secrets. Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened. You should always talk to a safe adult who you trust about a bad secret or anything that doesn't feel right.

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. 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 or get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites.

We have an **online policy** which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you have seen on your computer or mobile phone, then you can also contact **www.thinkyounow.co.uk** as well as adults in school.

