



Safeguarding Policy

Dear Children,

This policy has been written for you. At school we have a safeguarding policy that is very long. This safeguarding policy has been written in a way that we hope will help you to keep safe.

This policy will 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 to understand why you might need to talk to someone.

Who do I talk to?

In every school there is always somebody who has the responsibility to keep you safe and all staff have to tell that person if they are worried about you. Staff have training and are taught how to keep children safe as it is the most important part of their job.

St Alban's Safeguarding Leads:



Mrs Gurner
Executive
Headteacher



Mrs Higson
Head of School



Mrs Cooper
SENDCo

It is the job of everyone that works at school to keep you safe so remember you can talk to any grown up that you trust.

Do not keep your worries a secret

The four main areas of child protection concerns are:

1. **Physical Abuse**- hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning or biting.
2. **Sexual Abuse** – be aware this does not always mean touching a child. It could be someone making a child watch things to do with sex or encouraging a child to act in an inappropriate way.
3. **Neglect** – this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing. Or perhaps not taking you to the Doctors when you need to go. There may be lots of different reasons why a child 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. If someone in our family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.

These are just a few examples for you and if you think you may have a problem that is like one of these then talk to someone to check.

How does your school work hard to keep you safe?

There are lots of different ways, but one of the main ways is making sure the staff at school know how to keep you safe.

We try to create safe environment where you can feel secure to talk about your feelings.

Every classroom has a 'note to my teacher' box and in the hall is a 'note to my headteacher' box.

Your headteachers are here to support children and their families if there is a child protection concern.

Safeguarding and child protection mean the same thing and they mean that we look after children and keep them safe.

If you are upset or worried about something that has happened to you or someone else then please remember you can be brave and talk to someone who will listen to you and help you.

What happens when you tell someone?

If you speak to a grown up, sometimes they will need to check things with the safeguarding team. Please know that staff and the safeguarding team will only want to help you and make you feel supported.

There are times when they may need to contact other agencies for support. This is because schools can't do everything on their own and need to work with other professionals. It might sound a little scary, but social workers and police are trained and great at helping children.

If you have any questions about this policy, then please contact the safeguarding team.

Educating for life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

You can always speak to any member of staff in school who will be able to support you.

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

You can also contact ChildLine. If you want to use a school phone to contact ChildLine then speak to us.

