

Child Friendly

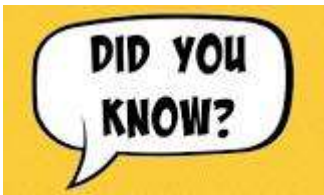
Safeguarding Policy



Ton yr Ywen Primary School



BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY - THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE!



Our school has a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families and governors but you may not have read it because it's quite long and a little difficult to read and understand.

This is why we have designed a **child friendly version** for you to read as a guide. We have tried to write this in a way that makes sense to you.

- We want this guide to 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 also to understand why you might need to talk to someone.
- We want this guide to help you stay safe.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about keeping all children safe. It is also taking action to protect a child from harm – this is known as ‘child protection’.

It is the job of everyone that works at our school to keep us safe so remember you can talk to **any grown up** that you trust. All staff are taught how to keep us safe as it is **the most important part of their job**.

What do I need safeguarding from?

There are 5 main areas of child protection

<u>Physical Abuse</u> E.g Hitting, smacking, throwing, shaking, burning and biting.	<u>Emotional Abuse</u> E.g saying horrible things to you, making you feel bad about yourself and worthless
<u>Sexual Abuse</u> E.g Inappropriate touching, making you view inappropriate things to do with sex or encouraging you to behave in an inappropriate way.	<u>Neglect</u> E.g not looking after you properly, not providing meals, warmth or clothing.
<u>Financial Abuse</u>	

E.g having money or other property stolen; being put under pressure in relation to money or other property; having money or other property misused.

Please speak to someone if you feel you or someone you know needs protecting from any of these forms of abuse. Do not keep your worries a secret.

As well as the areas mentioned there may be other things going on that you will need to speak to someone about such as:

- People bullying you or saying things to you that you don't like or upset you*
- People sending nasty messages on social media or to your phone, threatening to send embarrassing photos of you to others or asking for money/ favours*
- People trying to give you tablets, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol*
- People threatening to harm you.*

* We can't keep secrets. If we need to protect you or someone else from harm, then we will need to tell others who can help.

Who can I speak to?

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 is a DSP?

In every school there is always somebody who has the main responsibility to keep you safe and **all staff have to tell that person if they are worried about you.**

At our School this person is called the **DSP (Designated Safeguarding Person)** but in other schools they may be known as the Safeguarding Officer, Safeguarding Manager or Wellbeing team.

Our **DSP is the Headteacher** Mrs James Griffiths
She is here to support us and our families if there is a safeguarding concern. She is here to keep us all **safe**.





The Deputy **DSP** is our **Deputy Headteacher**
Mrs Antoniazzi.

What happens if I speak to someone?

If you speak to a grown up at school, sometimes they will need to check things with the **DSP** and then if they can deal with the issue themselves, they will.

Please try and understand that staff and the DSP will only want to help you and make you feel supported and better about the situation.

There are times though when they may need to contact some other agencies for support, such as Social workers, Youth Workers, Mentors or Family Support Workers. This is because schools can't do everything on their own and need to work with other professionals who are best placed to help with arranging other things.

It might sound a little bit scary, but they will be specially trained professionals who are great at helping children and young people.

We really hope you will safe enough at our school to speak up but if you are really struggling to speak to someone then there are other groups than can help you such as:



PLEASE SPEAK UP AND DO NOT KEEP YOUR WORRIES A SECRET.