



Staying Safe at Gildersome Primary School



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What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding means making sure you are safe from abuse and neglect.

It's about knowing what your rights are and what you should do if you don't feel safe.



What is protection?

Protection is what others will do to try and stop the abuse.



What is abuse?

Abuse is when someone hurts you or treats you badly.

Abuse can also be when someone does not look after you properly.

Abuse is always wrong.

There are different kinds of abuse.

Physical abuse - is when someone hurts you.

Like if they hit, bite or burn you.



It could be when someone pretends that you are poorly when really you are not.

Emotional abuse - is when people talk to you in unkind ways.

Like if they tease, shout or make you feel sad.



Sexual abuse - is when somebody touches your body or your private parts in ways that make you feel unsafe.

It can also be when they make you touch them, make you watch things you don't want to or take photographs of you when you are undressed.



Neglect - is when people who are supposed to help you don't look after you properly.

Like:

- Not giving you enough food
- Not keeping you warm and safe
- Not taking you to the doctors if you are ill.
- Not helping you to keep clean.



*Abuse is always wrong and should not happen.
You have the right to feel safe.*



Nobody is allowed to hurt you.

Remember, abuse can be done by anybody.

It could be someone you know such as a carer, volunteer or someone in your family or it could be a stranger.

It could be someone at school or where you live.

Abuse doesn't happen very often.

Only a few children are ever abused.

If you are being abused then we must make it stop.



The procedure

If you are being abused

You must tell someone you trust so that we can make sure it stops.

To stop abuse, Gildersome Primary School has a procedure.

A procedure is a set of instructions on how something should be done.

Everyone at school must follow this so we do the right thing.

You should tell any of these people:

- A member of your family
- A teacher or anyone at school
- Another care worker or volunteer where you live or go to school, or the Child Protection team at Gildersome. (Mrs Hoyle, Mr Wright and Mrs Cribbes)
- A social worker
- A police officer
- A doctor or nurse
- A youth club worker.



The police may also need to be told.

This is because whoever has hurt you may have broken the law.

We will make sure you are safe if you tell anyone that you have been hurt.



We must make sure that the abuse stops.

If you or someone you know is being abused or you are unhappy with how you are being treated, then tell someone you trust.

Try to think about who you would tell if you are worried about abuse.



Sometimes you may be unhappy about something. That is not abuse.

You need to speak to your parent, carer or teacher or contact the National Society for the Protection of Children on:

0800 11 11 (Child Line)

Website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>