



What is safeguarding about?

At Oaklands School, all of the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are very important. In our school we respect our children and young people and want to keep you safe and help to protect your rights.

We do our best to help you to make good progress in your school work and to be happy.

We teach you how to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourselves and stay safe both inside and outside of school.

How will we try to protect you?

- We try to provide a safe environment for you to learn in.
- We want to ensure that you remain 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.
- Our school is a secure site, which means that any visitors have to come through the locked door at reception.
- We also check the badges and information of visitors who might be coming to work with you to check that they are safe to do to do.
- We have lots of cameras around school. You tell us that the cameras around school help you feel safe and '*show you that we care*' about you.

If you need to talk – we will listen!

- You can talk to any adult in school - including your teachers, teaching assistants, Miss Bradley and Mrs Bradford or any other trusted adult.
- It is Miss Bradley and Mrs Bradford's special job to keep you safe - talk to one of them if you are worried.
- Tell your teacher or a friend and then go with your friend to tell an adult.
- If you have a worry that you can't talk to a trusted adult about, then fill in a worry slip and put it in the worry box. These are in the library and ELSA room and Miss Bradley and Mrs Bradford will see how we can help.

Don't keep it a secret if someone is:

- Bullying you or a friend
- Saying things to you that you do not like or which upsets you
- Touching you on a part of your body you do not like
- Trying to give you tablets, cigarettes, vapes drugs or alcohol
- Hitting you or hurting you
- Giving you presents (like sweets, money or phones) and then tricking you to do something
- Taking your things
- Sending unkind messages on the internet or to your phone
- Sending you rude messages or pictures of body parts (nudes)
- Asking you to send pictures of your body parts (nudes).



Keeping us safe online

- In lessons we learn how to keep safe online, on our phones and on social media.
- We have plays and workshops in school which helps us to understand how important it is to keep safe online, on our phones and on social media.
- School uses tools called filtering and monitoring to keep us safe.

Filtering

- In school, if you search for something that you shouldn't (by accident or on purpose), this will be blocked and you won't be able to see it.
- This keeps us safe as it stops us from seeing things we shouldn't.



Monitoring

- School are able to see what we have searched for on the internet or typed onto the iPad or computers.
- School are alerted if we type something or search for something that would worry an adult.
- This means that school can talk to us about it and check we are ok.
- This is not to get us into trouble, but to help us.

