

Tollgate Primary School: Safeguarding Children's Policy

All children have the right to be safe in our society. Therefore, we have arrangements in place at school to protect you and to make sure you are confident and the best you can be in all you do. We want all our children to:

- Have healthy bodies and minds
- Have exciting learning opportunities at school;
- Live, learn and work in a safe environment;
- Feel happy, loved and respected

We know that the safety and protection of children is the responsibility of **all** the people working and looking after you at Tollgate. Safeguarding and Child Protection mean the same thing and they mean that we look after children and keep them safe. People working at school are in a position to report and investigate your worries and concerns.



The four main areas of Child Protection concerns are:

1. Physical Abuse – Hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc
2. Sexual Abuse – This doesn't always mean actually touching a child. It could be someone making you watch things that make you feel uncomfortable or encouraging you to act in a way you really do not like.
3. Neglect – This means things like not having meals or sleep or getting clean and dressed. 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 your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.

Do not keep your worries to yourself. People you can tell are:

- Your class teacher or other adult in your class
- Mrs O' Connor
- Miss Jacob, Mr Stanley or Mr Parsons
- Miss Duncan or Miss Jennings
- Adults on the playground

What are the next steps and what we do when you tell us your problem?

There are times when the adult may need more help for you and may need to contact some other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police. There are lots of other agencies who support you and your families as well.

We will always talk to you and explain all of this and you can **always** ask questions if you are unsure about anything.

Don't forget: no problem is too small if you have any worries. We want you to feel safe and happy.