



Child Friendly
Safeguarding Policy
2025-2026



Every child has...

The right to a
childhood



The right to be
educated



The right to be
healthy



The right to be
heard



The right to be
treated fairly

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Keeping You Safe

At Southfields Primary School, your safety and happiness are very important to us. All the adults in school work together to make sure you feel safe, cared for and ready to learn in school and in the wider community.

What Does “Safeguarding” Mean?

- Safeguarding means:
- Keeping you safe from harm
- Helping you if you are worried or upset
- Making sure you grow up healthy and happy
- Listening to you and taking your concerns seriously
- Every adult in school has a job to help keep you safe.

Who Can Help Me?

There are special adults in school whose job is to help keep children safe.

You can talk to:

- Lucy Ledbrooke (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mr Gale (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
- Mr Marsh (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
- Any teacher
- Any teaching assistant
- The Pastoral Team
- Any adult you trust

If you are worried about something, tell someone straight away.



When Should I Tell an Adult?

You should tell an adult if:

- Someone is hurting you
- Someone is making you feel scared, unsafe or uncomfortable
- Someone is touching you in a way you don't like
- Someone is bullying you (including online)
- You see someone else being hurt or treated badly
- You feel unsafe at home, at school or online
- Someone asks you to keep a secret that makes you feel worried

Even if you are not sure, it is always okay to tell.

What Is Abuse?

Abuse is when someone hurts a child or does not take care of them properly. It can include:

- Physical abuse – hurting someone's body
- Emotional abuse – saying or doing things that make someone feel worthless or scared
- Sexual abuse – touching someone inappropriately or making them look at or do things that are not okay
- Neglect – not giving a child the care they need (like food, warmth, or medical help)

Remember:

Abuse is never your fault.



Bullying

At Southfields, we do not accept bullying.

Bullying is when someone is being unkind on purpose, again and again. It is not the same as a one-off argument or falling out.

Bullying is:

- Deliberate – it is done on purpose
- Persistent – it happens repeatedly over time
- Hurtful – it causes physical or emotional harm

Bullying can be:

- Name calling
- Leaving someone out on purpose
- Hitting or hurting someone
- Being unkind online (cyberbullying)
- Being unkind about someone's race, religion, disability, or who they are

If you are being bullied or see bullying happening, tell an adult.

We will always take it seriously and help to make it stop.

Staying Safe Online

The internet is a great place to learn and have fun — but you must use it safely.

Remember:

- Never share personal information (like your address or passwords).
- Never send photos of yourself that make you uncomfortable.
- Do not talk to strangers online.
- Tell an adult if something online makes you worried, upset or confused.

If something feels wrong online, **stop, block and tell.**



If You Tell Us Something

If you tell an adult that you are worried:

We will listen carefully.

- We will believe you.
- We will take you seriously.
- We may need to tell other adults who can help keep you safe.
- We cannot always promise to keep secrets, because our most
- important job is to keep you safe.

Your Feelings Matter ♥

You have the right to:

- Feel safe
- Be treated with respect
- Learn without being scared
- Talk about your feelings
- Get help when you need it

At Southfields, we care about your mental health too. If you feel sad, **worried, angry or confused, talk to us.**

Remember

- You are important.
- You deserve to feel safe.
- There is always an adult who will listen.
- It is never wrong to ask for help.

If something doesn't feel right, speak up. We are here for you.

