

Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy



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This policy has been made by your school. It is a set of rules and facts to help you to understand what safeguarding means and to help you to decide what could be a problem and who you should talk to any time you need to.

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Introduction

Belle Vue School and Cornfields School are our schools and we want them to be a safe place for all children, families and staff members. Staff at Belle Vue School and Cornfields School will do everything they can to make sure you are protected and happy. To help them to do this, they have lots of rules to follow.

It is important that you know

- At Belle Vue School and Cornfields School we will always make time to listen and talk if you need us to
- You are important to us and we will always care about you.
- It's never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you
- There is always someone that can help you and you will not be in trouble
- If someone is hurting you they may also be hurting someone else so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop.
- We will make sure that you have the best life chances to grow up happy and successful.

Staff agree to make sure that they look after you and keep you safe. To do this they will make the school a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in so it is somewhere you want to be.

Every child and young person should enjoy the right to a happy and safe childhood. Do not be scared to tell someone straight away if there is anything worrying you. We will always listen to you and get help if you need us to.

Staff in school think that safeguarding means that they should:

- Protect you from harm
- Make sure that nothing stops you being healthy or developing properly
- Make sure that you are looked after
- Be there for you to talk to, if you need to
- Help you to know who to ask for help

- Plan lessons to help you know how to look after yourself online and in the real world
- Have the right rules in place to help look after you and follow these rules all of the time (sometimes these rules are called policies).

How we will help you

At Belle Vue School, we will help you in these ways:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. School staff have had lessons in this.
- We will work hard with all these people, including the people at home, to help protect you and solve any problems you may have.
- We will listen to you if you want to talk to us and need our help. We will always take you seriously.
- We will support and encourage you and will respect your wishes and views.

In our school building

- All of the staff will do their best to make sure the building is safe for you to learn in and spend time in.
- The building and outside area will be as safe as they can be for you, so you don't hurt yourself (remember, accidents can happen if you are not careful).
- We will make sure that you know who everyone is in school by asking visitors to sign in at reception. You will always know who a visitor to the school is because they will have signed in at reception and will have a lanyard or badge to wear so you know who they are.
- People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with you on your own. They will not be allowed to walk around the school without a member of staff.
- Staff will look after you if the fire alarm goes off. You should know what to do and where to go because we have practice fire drills in school and the adults will tell you what to do if it happens so you feel safe.

School Trips

When you leave school to go on a trip somewhere, the staff will make sure they keep you safe, wherever you are going, just like they do in school.

Safeguarding Dictionary

This part of our safeguarding promise is to help you to know what some words mean and what to do if you are not sure about anything or you have any worries. If there are any other things you want to know about safeguarding, you can ask a safeguarding leader or any member of staff at Belle Vue School.

Safeguarding Leaders

At Belle Vue School, you can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are a number of them who are Safeguarding Leaders. Their job is to make sure you are safe, well, cared for and listened to. They make sure that the teachers and staff follow the safeguarding rules we have agreed and have had the lessons they need to help you when you need them to.

The Safeguarding leaders are Ms Watson, Mr Thompson, Ms Goode, Ms Kelly, Ms Agafonova or Ms Savu. But you can speak to any adult you feel comfortable speaking with.

There are posters around the school with photos of the Safeguarding Leaders.

All of our teachers, teaching assistants, cleaning staff and caretaker have been trained to make sure you are well cared for and they know how to keep you safe. You can talk to any of them if you want to and they can get more help from the Safeguarding leaders when it is needed.

Abuse

When someone hurts you, it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful like:

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you. This might be in different ways.
- If someone says something that makes you feel bad about yourself. Or if they hurt your feelings and make you feel scared, upset or frightened.
- If someone shouts, threatens, hits or hurts someone you love whilst you are around, which makes you feel scared, unhappy or worried.
- If someone touches you in a way that you don't like, for example touching your private parts.
- If someone makes you look at things which makes you feel ashamed, embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty. They may ask you to keep it a secret

or give you presents. Nobody should ever do this and you should always ask for help.

Abuse is never ok and if you have been abused you must remember it is not ever your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help it to stop.

Bullying

If you think a pupil or grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your parents or carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It won't stop unless you do.

Saying funny things to you

If a pupil or grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or it upsets you, you must tell your parents or carer, or a grown up you can trust so they can help.

Touching you

Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. If someone touches you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like, it is not ok. You must tell your parents or carers, a teacher, or someone you can trust as soon as you can so they can help.

Hitting, punching or smacking you

If a teacher or grown up hits, smacks or punches you, or hurts you in any way, you must tell your parents or carers, a teacher, or someone you can trust as soon as you can so they can help.

Secrets

Secrets such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept a secret. Bullying should not be kept to secret and no one should ever ask you to keep a kiss, a hug or a touch a secret. Do not keep it a secret, even if someone else says you should. You must tell your parents, carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can so they can help.

Presents

Presents can be a good thing to get but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents or carers first. Most of the time it will be ok, but sometimes people try to trick children into doing something by giving them presents like sweets, money, phones or teddies. This is called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can. If you are not sure, it's always good to check by talking to someone that you trust

On a computer, a tablet or on your phone

Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to friends or family, but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people to hurt you or to get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites. Belle Vue and Cornfields schools have an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you've seen on your computer or mobile then you can also contact www.thinkuknow.co.uk as well as adults in school.

Childline

Child line is a charity that works to help children to talk about anything that they are worried about and to get help if they want it. You can call, text or email them to talk. The help is always for free and if you want to know more about this, they have a website:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

This is where you can see lots more information. You can also type child line into google to find the website.

CONTACTING CHILDLINE

You can talk to us about anything. No problem is too big or too small.

Call us free on [0800 1111](tel:08001111) or get in touch online. However you choose to contact us, you're in control. It's confidential and you don't have to give your name if you don't want to.