



St Nick's Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy 2024-2025



Welcome to St Nicholas!

We want everyone at St Nicholas to feel happy, safe, and protected. All the adults in our school are here to make sure you're well cared for and supported. This guide explains what "safeguarding" means and how we can help you if you ever feel upset or unsafe.

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding means keeping you safe from harm and helping you grow and learn in a happy and healthy way. It's about making sure:

- ✚ You are protected from being hurt or treated badly.
- ✚ You have everything you need to feel safe and cared for.
- ✚ You can get help if something is wrong or making you feel worried.

Your Safeguarding Team

At St Nicholas, every adult in school cares about your safety. Some people have special jobs to make sure you're protected:

- ✚ **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Mrs James - you can talk to her if you're ever worried.
- ✚ **Deputy Safeguarding Leads:** These adults help Mrs James keep everyone safe. These are Mrs Barker and Miss Delves
- ✚ **Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Lunchtime Supervisors:** You can speak to any grown-up you trust if you have a problem.

Saying "No" when something's wrong:

It's okay to say "No" if someone:

- Asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Says something mean or tries to bully you.
- Touches you in a way that feels wrong.

Good and Bad Touch

There are good touches and bad touches:

- **Good Touches:** A high-five, a pat on the back, or a hug from someone you trust.
- **Bad Touches:** Touches that make you feel uncomfortable, especially in areas covered by your underwear. No one should touch these areas unless it's for a good reason, like a doctor helping you.

If someone touches you in a way that feels wrong, you should always tell an adult.

Secrets

There are two kinds of secrets:

- **Good Secrets:** Like a surprise party or a present for someone special.
- **Bad Secrets:** If someone asks you to keep something that makes you feel worried, scared, or uncomfortable.

You don't have to keep bad secrets! Always tell an adult if someone asks you to keep a secret that doesn't feel right, even if this is online.

Bullying

Bullying is never okay. If someone is being unkind to you, whether with words or actions, tell an adult right away. They will listen and help stop the bullying.

Help Outside of School

If you need to talk to someone outside of school, you can contact the NSPCC (0800 136 663) or other support services.

What Happens When You Tell?

When you tell an adult that something is wrong:

- They will listen to you.
- They may speak to our DSL, Mrs. James, to make sure you get the right help.
- If necessary, other professionals like social workers or the police may be called to help keep you safe.

Remember:

- It's never your fault if someone does something wrong.
- You are never alone. There are always people who want to help you.
- You have the right to feel safe and happy.

How We Keep You Safe

At St Nicholas, we have lots of ways to make sure you're protected, including:

- **Listening to you:** We take it seriously if you tell us something is wrong.
- **Special training:** All staff are trained to keep you safe.
- **Trusted adults:** Only adults who are safe to work with children are allowed in school.
- **Teaching you:** We help you learn how to stay safe both in real life and online.