

# Understanding the Safeguarding Policy



## What is child protection about?

At Goldwyn, all of the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are very important.

A Safeguarding Policy (sometimes called a Child Protection Policy) is a document that the adults in the school refer to so that they can keep you **all** safe and happy whilst you are at school and also outside of school.

At Goldwyn we respect our students 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.

In this booklet you can read about the ways that we are all working together to achieve this. And, what you can do if you don't feel safe and you don't feel happy.



## 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.

You can talk to any adult in school

Tell a friend and then go with your friend to tell an adult.

It is our job to keep you safe - talk to us if you are worried.

## Is someone bullying you?

Bullying is behaviour by a person or group repeated over time that intentionally hurts another person or group either physically or emotionally.

It can happen at home, on the playground, in the classroom, on the way to and from school, on-line, by text, when you are out playing



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## Is someone saying strange things to you?

You should tell a trusted adult if someone has said something to you that makes you feel uncomfortable, weird, strange or afraid.

This could be face to face, when you are on-line or in a text.



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**Is someone asking you to keep secrets, to lie to your family, or threatening you?**

You should never be asked to lie to your family or friends. It is wrong if someone asks you to keep big secrets from your family.

If someone threatens you or your family if you don't say or do what they want you to, it is wrong.



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## **Is someone touching you?**

You must tell an adult at school if someone touches you on a part of your body that you don't want them to touch because it is a private part and it makes you feel uncomfortable, unhappy or unsafe.



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**Is someone hitting, punching or hurting you, or regularly causing you to feel pain?**

If someone is causing you to feel pain because they are hitting you or attacking you so that part of your body is hurting badly then you need to tell.



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**Is someone trying to give you cigarettes, alcohol or drugs?**

If someone offers you something that you know you should not have, or tries to make you drink or take something, it is wrong.



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THANKS**

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**Have you seen something online or in a text that made you feel afraid, upset, or worried?**

If you have seen or heard something when you are online, either at home or at school, that you found scary or worrying then you should tell someone. This could be frightening or rude images, bad language, people hurting each other or threats. It could be in photos, film or words.



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**Is someone trying to make you believe something different to what your family and school believe in?**

If someone tries to make you believe that the good beliefs and values that your family and your school have are wrong, and they try to persuade you to believe in something that you feel is bad, then you should tell an adult.



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**What will happen if you do tell a trusted adult at school about something that is happening to you or to someone else?**

- We will listen to you.
- We will give you support, and try hard to find ways to make things better for you.
- We will take what you tell us seriously.
- We will make sure that you are safe.
- If we do not have all the answers to help you then we might contact other adults who will be able to give you the help you need.

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**And finally...**

if you need to talk to someone but you don't feel able to share your problem with an adult at home or at school, then you can get help and advice from **ChildLine**.

You can go to their website by putting the word **ChildLine** into your search engine.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

You can phone **Childline** on:



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