

## Children's Safeguarding Policy

All of the staff and adults in school think that our health, safety and welfare are very important. In our school, we respect all children and adults, and help to protect their rights. We all do our best to help all children make good educational progress. Children are taught how to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect themselves and stay safe.

### How are children protected at Heaton Avenue Primary School?

We provide a safe and secure environment for children to learn in and progress. We help to ensure that children remain safe, at home as well as at school.

We think it is important for our children to know where to get help if they are worried or unhappy about something.

### Need to talk?

You can talk to any adult in school if you need to and remember that Mrs Davey, Mr Gough and Mr McManamin are the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. We have worry slips of paper in school so that you can write any concerns down and you can put on it who you would like to talk to. You can also talk to one of the members of our school committees, playground buddies and monitors if you have a worry or concern.

### Don't keep sad feelings to yourself

#### Share a concern or a worry

#### You have the right to be safe and happy

Is Someone Saying funny things to you?

Has someone said something to you or have you heard something that you do not like or upsets you?

Touching you

Has someone made you feel uncomfortable about how or where they have touched you?

Hitting, punching or smacking you

Has someone hit, punched or smacked you or hurt you in anyway?

Internet Safety: Has anyone sent you unkind messages or threatened you? Have you seen anything that has upset or worried you?

Has someone off the Internet asked you to do anything that made you feel uncomfortable?

Is someone bullying or being unkind to you?

You must tell someone at the school so we can help you. Examples of people you can tell are:

- Your Teacher
- Your lunchtime supervisor
- Your Head teacher/Deputy Head teacher/Assistant Head teacher/Head of Inclusion
- Your Key Stage Leader of Learning
- Your Teaching Assistant

If in doubt or you are unsure, talk to someone. There are many staff at school for you to talk to and they will listen and support you. Only those who 'need to know' will be told and staff will let you know what may happen next.

Wherever possible, we will make every effort to consult with and involve your parents/carers so that they can help and support you too, unless this is not appropriate and puts you at risk. We will put in steps to protect you from harm and will explain what these may be.

If you need more help please use the links below:-

### **Support, advice and guidance**

[www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)  
[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

### **Internet Safety**

[www.ceop.org.uk/thinkuknow](http://www.ceop.org.uk/thinkuknow)  
[www.childnet-int.org](http://www.childnet-int.org)