

Eyres Monsell Primary School



Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy 2019

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Introduction

At Eyres Monsell we want to ensure that every child feels safe and can be happy.

At Eyres Monsell, all staff feel your health, safety and welfare are very important. In our schools, we respect our children and help to protect your rights. We do our best to help you make good educational progress. We teach you how to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourself and stay safe.

Our school values are really important as they help us to think about how we respect and co-operate with each other and be honest in our actions.

What does safeguarding mean?

Safeguarding means that school staff should protect you from harm and make sure nothing stops you from being healthy or developing properly. At Eyres Monsell we try to make sure you have the best life chances and grow up happy and successful.

What our school does to keep pupils safe:

- We try to provide a safe and secure environment for you to learn and progress in.
- We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.
- We ensure you remain safe at school and at home.
- Anybody who works in the school will be checked by the DBS to make sure that they are safe to work with children.
- Our school has designated people for safeguarding. They have had lots of training to identify what to do if they are concerned. They also support our other staff.
- Our school has an inventory system and locks on the external doors.
- Our school teaches us how to keep ourselves safe. Our lessons include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, stranger danger and how to report concerns if we are worried about our safety.

What our parents do:

Parents are the most important people to keep us safe. They should:

- Talk to the school if they need help or support.
- Let the school know if their child has a medical condition or is off school sick.
- Let school know if any important family information e.g. court orders, separated families and collection arrangements.

- Let school know if anything at home changes such as a house move, change of contact details, change of name or change of parental responsibility.
- Let school know who will be dropping off and picking up or of any additional arrangements.
- Keep up to date with school events such as parent's evenings, trips etc.
- ensure your child wears suitable school uniform and clothing for the season (e.g. coats)

What I should do:

- Tell an adult I trust straight away.
- Report anything that worries me.
- If I receive messages or an email that I don't like, I should keep them to show an adult as evidence.
- Don't keep worries to yourself. You can use the Chatter Matters boxes or tell an adult if you want to speak to someone.
- Try to stay calm.

Need to talk?

Our senior safeguarding lead is Mrs Applebee-Lee.

If you need to talk – we will listen. You can talk to any adult within the school, but there are some staff that are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for.

These adults are:

If you do not want to talk, you can always write it down and put it in a Chatter Matters box. Then an adult will know you need to talk.

DO NOT BE SCARED TO TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN.

What happens next?

Sometimes a member of staff at school will need to check things with one of our safeguarding leads. If they can deal with the issues themselves, they will.

There are times though when they may need to contact another agency for support. These may be Children's Social Care (social workers) or Police.

Tips for keeping yourself safe

Bullying – If you think a student or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know you must tell your parents/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 student or a grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your parents/carer, a teacher or someone you can trust.

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/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Hitting, punching or smacking you – If a student or a grown up hits you, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Secrets – Secrets such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept.

Presents – Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents/carers first. Most of the time it will be ok, but sometimes people try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money, phones, cigarettes or drugs and alcohol) This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can.

On the computer or your phone - Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends or family, but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people that want to hurt you to get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites.

Eyres Monsell School has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you have seen on your computer or mobile then you can also contact www.thinkuknow.co.uk as well as adults in school.

