

Towngate Primary Academy Child Friendly Child Protection Policy

At Towngate Primary Academy, all of the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are very important. In our school, we respect our children and want to keep them safe and help protect their rights. We will help you make good emotional, social and educational progress; we will teach you to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourself to stay safe. Staff in school think that safeguarding means that they should:

- Protect you from harm;
- Make sure nothing stops you from being healthy or developing properly;
- Make sure you are safely looked after;
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up to be happy and successful.

What is this?

Our school has a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families and governors. This 'child friendly' policy is designed for children. This document is to help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support.

How will we try to protect children?

We make every effort to provide a safe environment for children to learn in. We want 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. Staff agree that to make sure they look after you they will;

- Make the school a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in somewhere you want to be;
- Be there for you to talk to if you need to and know who to ask for help;
- Give you safe messages in your lessons to help you learn how to look after yourself, both online and in the real world;
- Have all the right

Staff and Visitors

All of the staff at Towngate Primary Academy will do their best to make sure the building is safe for you to learn and spend time in. We will make sure that we know whom everyone is on the school by insisting that everyone signs in. All staff and visitors to your school have to sign in at the office and wear a badge. Tell a grown up if you see someone in school who is not wearing a badge. People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with you on your own and will not be allowed to walk around the school without a member of staff. All adults in school will look after you if the fire alarm goes off and you should know what to do and where to go.

We will help you in the following ways:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All the staff in school have had lessons on this;
- We will work with other 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 you need our help. We will always take you seriously;
- We will support and encourage you and will respect your wishes and views.

If you need to talk – we will listen!

At Towngate Primary Academy, you can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are a number of members of staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for. Adults in school who can help you are:

Mrs Berry, Miss Eke, Miss Lockett and Ms Brown. Please remember all our teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors, cleaners and caretaker have all been trained to make sure you are well cared for.

Do not keep it a Secret if:

Someone is bullying you;
Saying funny things to you that you do not like or upsets you;
Touching you in places you know are wrong;
Trying to give you tablets, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol;
Hitting you or hurting you;
Sending unkind messages on the internet or to your phone.

Remember it is never your fault if someone is hurting you!

The telephone number for Childline is: 0800 1111.