



We come to St Mary's to be happy, to be safe and to learn. It is the job of all the adults at St Mary's to do everything we can to keep you safe so that you are happy and able to learn. In our school, we respect all children, and help to protect your rights. This policy explains how we do that.

At St Mary's, we have lessons and assemblies that teach you how to stay safe; teach you what to do if you feel like you are being abused, or if someone else is being abused. Every Friday, we have a pupil briefing which helps us remember ways to stay safe.

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

When someone hurts you, it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful like:

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you.
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings which makes you feel scared, sad, upset or frightened.
- If someone shouts, threatens, hits or hurts someone you love whilst you are around which makes you scared, unhappy or worried.
- If someone doesn't take proper care of you so you feel abandoned, lonely or neglected. You might not be able to eat or wash regularly, or you might not be able to come to school every day or on time.
- If someone touches you in places you know are wrong
- If someone makes you look at things which make you feel ashamed, embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty. They may ask you to keep it a secret or give you presents.

Abuse is never ok and if you are being or have been abused you must remember –it is not your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help it to stop. If you need to talk, we will listen.

Who to talk to if you have a worry

If you need to talk, our staff will listen. You can talk to any adult in school, but some staff who have a key responsibility for making sure you are safe and well cared for.

Our Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Brown.

Our Deputy DSLs are: Mr Downing and Miss Salt

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Loizou