

# Working together to keep you safe and happy.



## What is Safeguarding?

At Milton Mount Primary School, we think you deserve to feel safe, happy, secure, loved and special. All the adults around you think that your health, safety and wellbeing are very important. Safeguarding is what we do for you all to keep you safe whilst you are at school.

## What is Child Protection?

We do our best to help you make good progress in your learning and to be happy. We teach you how to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourselves and stay safe.

## How will we try and protect you?

We try to provide a safe environment for you to learn in. We want to ensure you remain safe at home as well as in school. We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something. If you need to talk, we will listen.

## Who can you talk to?

If you are worried about something, you can talk to an adult in school. This could be your class teacher or any of the Safeguarding Leads. They are: Mrs Holmes, Mrs O'Mahony, Mrs Overton and Mrs Saunders.



## Remember: tell a trusted adult if someone is:

- Bullying you
- Saying things to you that upset you or make you feel uncomfortable
- Touching you
- Hitting or hurting you
- Taking your things
- Sending unkind messages on the internet or to your phone

You could also write it down and put it in the 'Worry Box' in your classroom.

You could ask to speak to Mrs Mo or Miss Hill

## Safeguarding and Child Protection at Milton Mount Primary School

Every child has the right to be safe, whether that is at home, at school, in out-of-school clubs or with other people. We, at Milton Mount, are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. We believe that:

- All children have the right to be protected from harm
- Children need to be safe and to feel safe in school
- Children need support that matches their individual needs, including those who may have experienced abuse
- All children have the right to speak freely and voice their values and beliefs
- All children must be encouraged to respect each other's values and support each other
- All children have the right to be supported to meet their emotional and social needs as well as their educational needs – a happy healthy sociable child will achieve better educationally
- Schools can and do contribute to the prevention of abuse, victimisations, bullying, exploitation, radicalisation, extreme behaviours, discriminatory views and risk-taking behaviour
- All staff and visitors have an important role to play in safeguarding children and protecting them from abuse.

### Safeguarding is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.

### Child Protection

- Is part of Safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to promote specific children who are suffering or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

You can find out more in our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy under Statutory Section, Policies on our school website.

Milton Mount Primary are aware that many children are the victims of different kinds of abuse and that they can be subjected to social factors that have an adverse impact upon their lives. We also acknowledge that safeguarding incidents could happen anywhere and staff should be alert to possible concerns arising.

Through our curriculum, we teach children to stay safe and happy. We encourage the understanding that any problem or worry that they may have is legitimate, and to share their worries, big or small with their trusted adult; at home; at school or with ChildLine.

### Key contacts

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Anne Holmes, Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lee O'Mahony, Carrie Overton, Samantha Saunders

Safeguarding Governor – Dave Byrne

Chair of Governors – Lesley King

Milton Mount Primary works in partnership with the Operation Encompass project to safeguard our children. Read more about the project here: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>