

Safeguarding Policy for Children

At St. Aidan's CE Primary School, all staff feel that your health, safety, well-being and welfare are very important. In our school we respect everyone and ensure that you all feel safe and valued. We ensure that you have a many interesting learning experiences and we also support you to recognise risks in different situations and teach you how to protect yourself and to stay safe.

Safeguarding means that all staff in St. Aidan's will;

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

How will we try to protect you?

- Provide you with a safe and secure environment for you to learn in.
- We will help to ensure that you remain safe, at home as well as at school.
- We will help you to understand where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.
- We will always listen to you.



Need to Talk?

If you need to talk – we will listen. You can talk to any adult within our school, anyone you feel comfortable talking to will listen and help you.

If you don't want to talk, you can always write it down and give it any adult, they will read your thoughts and help you.

Don't want to talk in school, you can ring Childline 0800 1111



What happens next?

Sometimes your teachers and staff will need to check things with Mrs Lain and then if they can, they will help you to deal with your problem or worry, sometimes they might speak to your parents or carers.

There are times when Mrs Lain may need to contact other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or the Police. There are lots of agencies who support children and their families in Gateshead.

Staff will always talk to you and explain what is going on, you can always ask questions if you are unsure about anything. Staff will always do their best to protect you.

All children have the right to feel:



Never be scared or afraid to tell someone, we will always listen!