



**LAUNCHPAD & PACE**

**Child Friendly version  
Of  
Safeguarding  
&  
Child Protection Policy**



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# How we keep you safe

## What is Safeguarding and child protection all about?

At Alternative Education we have a safeguarding policy for all staff, families, and governors.

This child friendly policy is for you, as all the adults around you in school think that your health, welfare and keeping you safe are all very important.

We respect all children in all parts of the service, so no matter where you attend everyone wants to keep you safe and protect your rights.

We promise to do our best to help you learn and achieve to be the best you can be.

We promise to teach you how to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourself so you can keep safe.

## What else do we do to protect you?

We try to provide a safe environment for you to learn in:

Where everyone has the right to feel **SAFE** and has the right to **LEARN** and feel **RESPECTED**.

We want to make sure that you remain safe at home as well as at school.

We think it is important that you know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something.

## The Four main areas of Child Protection are:

**Physical Abuse** – this is when an adult hurts a child by hitting, smacking, choking, burning, pinching, throwing or any other action that will cause pain or injury. If you are being physically abused you may notice cuts, bruises, or other marks on your body.

**Emotional Abuse** – this is when an adult hurts a child by always yelling at them, threatening to leave them, or saying mean or horrible things. If you are emotionally abused, you may feel sad and worthless, like you are all alone and nobody cares about you.

**Sexual Abuse** – this is when an adult or someone older than a child touches the private parts of a child's body or has the child touching the private parts of the older person. Your private parts are the parts of your body covered by a swimsuit or underwear. It could also be that the child is shown pictures or made to watch films of people without their clothes on or takes these types of pictures of the child.

If someone is sexually abusing you, you may feel uncomfortable, scared, or confused.

**Neglect** – this means that an adult is not providing meals or warmth or clothing, or perhaps not taking you to see the doctor when you are sick. There are lots of reasons why a child is neglected so it is really important that we know so we can help you and your family.

**Sometimes children ask, "is it my fault this has happened to me?"**  
**NO, IT IS NEVER YOUR FAULT NO MATTER WHAT HAS HAPPENED.**

It is normal if you feel angry or upset or confused when someone hurts you. It is NEVER okay for someone to hurt you. All children deserve to have adults in their lives to love and support them as they grow up.

**If someone is:**

**Bullying you** – you must tell someone in school so we can help you.

Bullying can be -

- Saying things to you that you do not like or upsets you
- Touching you
- Trying to give you tablets, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol
- Hitting you or hurting you
- Sending unkind messages or threatening you over social media or to your phone
- Sending you semi-nude or nude photographs of themselves or asking you to send photographs to them.

**Never keep a secret** – if you are worried – talk to someone who you can trust.

**Remember: you can talk to any adult in school and we will listen.**



## What happens next?

When you tell a member of staff, they will have to check things out with the Teacher in Charge of your provision, if they are able to deal with the issue themselves, then they will.

There are times though when they will need to speak to other agencies for support. This maybe children's social care or the Police for example if someone has hurt you.

What will happen to the person who has hurt me if I tell?  
The adult who has hurt you needs special help to learn to stop. While this person is getting the help they need you may see less of them. This may be tough for you if this person is part of your family and your whole family may need some help too from a social worker.

There are lots of other agencies who support children and their families as well.

Your Teacher in Charge and key worker will talk to you and explain all of this and what is happening next. You can talk to them and ask any questions at any time if you are unsure about anything.

