

St Marys CVA New Mills Mission Statement

'God shines within our hearts. Jesus walks by our side. The Holy Spirit gives us strength.'

St Mary's is a friendly community that aims to give every child the best possible start to their school lives. We aim to create an environment where children feel safe, happy, valued and where every child can learn effectively.

As a Catholic school, we live and learn by following the teachings of Jesus. The welfare and education of the children are at the heart of everything we do. At St Mary's we know children will feel happy and valued during their time with us.

At St Mary's you can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are a number of staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for,

People in school who can help you:

Mrs Chapman

Mrs Mallabar

Mrs Brassington



CHILD FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING POLICY

(Keeping you safe in school)

Do not be scared to tell some-one straight away - we will always listen

It is never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you

There is always someone who can help you

If someone is hurting you, they might be hurting someone else so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop



We want our school to be a safe place for all. Staff in St Mary's will do everything they can to make sure you are protected and happy. To help them do this they have lots of rules to follow.

This policy is to help you understand what 'Safeguarding' means to you and to help you decide what could be a "problem" and whom you should talk to.

Staff in school think that Safeguarding means that they should:

- Protect you from harm;

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

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 rules in place to help look after you. They will follow these rules all of the time (these rules are sometimes called policies)

ABUSE: 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 in different ways
- 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 a way that you don't like for example touching your private parts.
- 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 re-member – it is not your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help it to stop

Tips for keeping yourself safe

- 1.If you think a pupil or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your parents/carer, a teacher or someone you trust. It won't stop unless you do.
- 2.If a pupil or grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your

parents/carer, a teacher or someone you can trust.

3.Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. If someone touches you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like, it is not ok. Tell your parents/carer, a teacher or someone you can trust.

4.If a pupil or a grown up hits you, punches or smacks you or hurts you, you must tell your parents/carer, a teacher or someone you can trust.

5.Secrets such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept. Bullying should not be a secret and no-one should ask you to keep a kiss, hug or touch a secret. Do not keep a secret.

6.Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents/carer first. People can try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents.

7.Computers and mobile phones help us to share things and talk to our friends or family, but they can also make it easier for people that want to hurt you get close to you. Keep yourself safe, remember e-safety.

Who else can help?

You can call Childline for free



If you see something online that worries you, you can visit Thinkuknow (school website)

