

MELBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL CHILD FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING POLICY FEBRUARY 2023-2024



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Melbourne Junior School is our school and we want it to be a safe place.

The adults at Melbourne Junior School will do everything we can to make sure that you are protected and happy. To help us do this we have 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 who to speak to.

Adults in school should:

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

We agree to make sure that we look after you. We will:

- Make the school a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in, somewhere you want to be.
- Be there to talk to if you need to and know who to ask for help.
- Give you safety 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. We will follow these rules all of the time.

Abuse

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

- If someone deliberately hits or 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 scared, 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 does not take 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 into school every day or on time.
- If someone touches you in a way that you don't like (like touching your private parts) or 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 abused you must remember it is not your fault. You must always tell an adult and they will help it to stop.

In and Out of School

- All of the adults at Melbourne Junior School will do our best to make sure that the building is safe for you to learn and spend time in.
- Any visitors in school will have a badge on.
- Only adults should let visitors into school – even if you know who they are.
- At break and lunchtimes there are always adults outside to make sure that you are safe.
- The adults in school will make sure you know what to do if there is a lockdown or fire drill.

What we will do:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem.
- We will work with other people (including the people at home) to help to protect you.
- We will listen to you if you want to talk to us. We will always take you seriously.
- We cannot keep secrets if we are worried about your safety and well-being.

It is important that you know:

- It is never your fault if someone is hurting you or abusing you.
- There is always someone who can help you.
- If someone is hurting you, they might also be hurting someone else so it is important that you tell to make sure it stops.
- Every child has a right to a safe and happy childhood.

Tips to keep you safe:

Bullying: If you think a pupil or grown-up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell an adult as soon as you can.

Touching: Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. It is not ok if someone touches you when you don't want it.

Secrets: Secrets can be fun such as a birthday surprise, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept.

Presents: Presents are a lovely thing to get but you should not accept a presents from anyone without checking with your parents first.

Computers or Phones: If you are unhappy with anything anyone says to you on your computer or phone you must tell an adult.

Useful Number: Childline 0800 1111