

What does Child Protection Mean?

At Thistle Hill, Child Protection means that all the adult protect every child's rights. At Thistle, **every child matters** and are kept safe and happy in school and out. All Adults believe that a child's health, safety and welfare is important.

What is Child Protection for?

Thistle Hill Academy's Child Protect policy helps children and adults to:

- Keep all children safe.
- Help them decide what to do if there is a problem.
- Help children and adults find help and support.

How do the adults at Thistle Hill Academy protect and keep you safe?

- All teachers provide a safe environment.
- Each class has a worry monster.
- During computing and PSHE lessons, you are taught about the importance on online safety.
- All teachers are up to date and trained in all areas necessary.
- We have procedures for the following things:
 - Risk Assessments and Trips
 - Lockdown
 - Fire Alarms



Our Child Protection Policy

If someone is.....

- Bullying you
- Saying things that upset you
- Not looking after you or taking care of you
- Making you feel uncomfortable
- Threatening you
- Hitting or hurting you
- Offering you drugs, alcohol or cigarettes

.....you must tell a trusted adult and do not keep it a secret.

Here are some of the outside agencies that you can talk to if you do not wish to talk to a trusted adult at home or school:





Our Online Safety Policy



THE INTERNET IS GOOD BECAUSE

It can help us learn
 We can keep in touch with our family and friends
 You can play games and have lots of fun
 Information can be shared instantly
 Gives opportunity to experience things we wouldn't normally be able to



HOW DOES SCHOOL KEEP ME SAFE

Using filters and anti-virus software
 Keep our network and WI-FI access secure
 Ensuring staff have training on keeping children safe on the internet.
 Teach online safety through computing, PSHE and assemblies weekly.



ONLINE DANGERS WE MAY EXPERIENCE

Cyber Bullying
 Stranger Danger
 Online Content
 Identity Theft
 People Being Unkind to you or Others

HOW SCHOOL RESPOND TO ONLINE SAFETY ISSUES



They take our safety seriously
 They listen to the children involved and offer support
 They investigate anything that is reported and take appropriate action
 Keep children and parents informed about Online Safety

IF I'M WORRIED I CAN

Try not to panic
 Tell a trusted adult
 Block, delete and report
 Do not ignore the behaviour
 Keep evidence
 Speak to a digital leader
 Leave a note in the Online Safety worry box.



OUR INTERNET RULES

Ask Permissions before going online
 Use websites we are told to
 Only be kind, friendly and polite online
 Keep our personal information to ourselves
 Ask for help if we are unsure



HOW SHOULD WE BEHAVE

Always treat others kindly
 Keep our information private
 Speak to a trusted adult if you're unsure
 Do not talk to strangers online
 Use different passwords

OTHER PLACES TO GET HELP



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://www.childnet.com>
<https://www.childline.org.uk>



Our Anti-bullying Policy

Everyone has the right to:

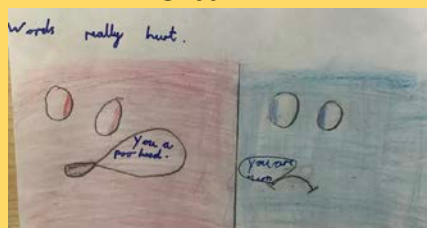
- be happy, safe and secure in school at all times
- be listened to and treated fairly and sensitively.

Who Can I Tell?

Telling someone about bullying can be difficult but if nobody knows it is happening, nobody can help. We all need to support each other and understand that it is ok to speak out.

- Your class teacher
- Any other staff or classroom teachers
- A friend
- An older child
- A parent or a grown up: you can trust.

Verbal



- Name calling
- Insults
- Teasing
- Intimidation
- Homophobic or racist remarks



Physical

- Hitting
- Kicking
- Pushing
- Punching
- Pinching
- Damaging property
- Unwanted physical contact

What is bullying? 'Bullying is when someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it over time, even when you tell them to stop or when their actions are upsetting you.'

What should I do if I'm being bullied?

*In our school we do not accept any kind of bullying. Bullying is **NOT ACCEPTABLE** and it is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility to prevent bullying.*

1. Ignore the bully
2. Tell the BULLY to stop
3. Ask for help
4. Walk away
5. Tell an adult



Cyber

- Abusive or hurtful texts, emails or posts, images or videos
- Deliberately excluding others online
- Online fights using electronic messages or voice messages with angry language

Indirect



- Being unfriendly
- Excluding
- Tormenting (e.g. hiding books/threatening gestures)
- Lying and spreading rumours
- Negative facial or physical gestures
- Playing nasty jokes to embarrass or humiliate