



Kilburn Junior School



**Our Policy for Keeping
Ourselves and Others Safe**

Year 5 and 6

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Feeling safe and happy at school

At Kilburn Junior School, we want to make sure that you feel looked after, safe and happy when you are in and out of school.

Sometimes we don't know if you are unhappy about something, so you need to tell us.

This is a guide to help keep you and your friends safe and it explains what to do if someone does something that you do not like.

We can help you by:

- Talking to you about how to stay safe.
- Teaching you what to do if something has happened or is happening that makes you or your friends feel sad or uncomfortable.
- Making sure you know the grown-ups you can speak to if you are worried or upset about something.

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Falling out

There may be times when you disagree or fall out with your friends or family, this is normal behaviour.

If you are scared, hurt or upset by a person this may be called abuse.

Sometimes, it can be hard to know when abuse is happening, because not all abuse will hurt, scare or upset you.

It's really important that you talk to an adult in school if you are worried, scared or upset about something, we can help.

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Say No to Bullying

Bullying is a type of abuse and can be different things, not just hitting, kicking or calling someone names.

- **Emotional bullying** is hurting someone's feelings, leaving them out or bossing them about.
- **Physical bullying** is punching, kicking, hitting or pushing someone.
- **Verbal bullying** is teasing someone, calling them names or using rude hand signs.
- **Racism** means bullying someone because of their skin colour, race or beliefs.

- **Cyber bullying** involves sending hurtful messages or pictures over the internet or by text message.

3 **Sexting**

This is sending inappropriate pictures, videos or messages – they can sometimes be called ‘nude pics’, ‘rude pics’ or ‘nude selfies’, but can also be rude messages.

Pressuring someone into sending these pictures, videos and messages is abuse.



Even if you are not the person who is sending them, it is illegal to have these kind of pictures or videos of a person if they are under 18 years old.

4 **Keeping things Private**

Private parts are the parts of our body that we do not show to other people.

Our private parts are also private because they should not be touched by other people either, whether they are people inside or outside of school.

If someone shows you their private parts or asks you to touch them, you should tell your trusted adult.

Sexual harassment

Sometimes, people can act sexually towards others and it might make them feel uncomfortable.

This can happen online, on social media, through messages and face-to-face.

It might make someone feel scared, embarrassed, uncomfortable or upset.

It could be:

- Someone making sexual comments, like telling sexual stories,
- Saying rude things or saying sexual things about someone’s appearance or clothes.
- Calling someone sexual names.
- Sexual jokes or teasing.
- Being physical, like touching which makes you feel uncomfortable, messing with your clothes, or showing pictures or drawings which are of a sexual nature.
- Being sexual online, like sharing sexual pictures and videos, or posting sexual comments on social media.
- It might also be sexual threats or pushing you to do something sexually that you don’t want to or aren’t ready for.



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Only Good Relationships

Any relationship you have should be good and happy.

A bad relationship might make someone feel scared, confused, worried and even unsafe.

It's really important that you know the difference between a good relationship and a bad relationship.

Good relationships

- You are comfortable around that person.
- You can be honest with that person.
- You can say how you feel, what you are thinking and you listen to each other.
- You support each other and treat each other nicely.
- You feel safe.
- You trust that person.
- You are equal – you don't boss each other around or tell each other what to do.
- You feel looked after by that person.

Bad relationships

- The person might push you, hit you or destroy your things.
- The person might tell you what to do, what to wear or who you can see.
- You might feel scared – they might say they will hurt you if you don't do something.
- They might also say they will hurt you if you do something too.
- The person calls you names, makes you feel bad in front of other people and makes you feel bad about yourself.
- The person gets angry easily and you don't know what will make them angry – it might make you feel nervous.
- The person might pressure you to do things you don't want to or aren't ready for, like sex, or using drugs and alcohol.
- The person might not take no for answer when you say you don't want to do something.



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How do I know if someone is being abused?

It might be hard for you to know if you are being abused and you might not really understand it is happening. It is important you can recognise when behaviour isn't appropriate.

It's also important that you can notice when someone else might be being abused.

Some signs might be:

- Not going to school.
- Having injuries, like bruises.
- Feeling sad and down.
- Feeling like they can't cope.
- Feeling withdrawn or shy.
- Getting headaches or stomach ache.
- Feeling nervous.
- Not being able to sleep, sleeping too much or getting nightmares.
- Feeling panicked.
- Using alcohol or drugs.
- Changing looks to look much older.
- Being abusive to someone else.

Remember: you can feel all of these things too. Listen to how you feel, and know that these signs can mean you are being abused.

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What do I do if someone else is being abused?

If you see someone else being abused, it is important that you help that person.

You should never walk away and ignore the problem if you see someone else being abused, because the person might keep upsetting them.

If you can, and it is safe to do so, tell the person abusing you to stop, but never get angry or hit them.

Tell a grown-up, such as a teacher or another trusted adult, as soon as you've seen someone being abused.

Grown-ups can stop the abuse and make that person feel happy again. You should never feel scared to tell someone about abuse.

Sometimes, you might not see someone being abused, but you might be worried about them. Or, you might think they are being abused by someone you don't know, or someone they have told you

about. It's really important you tell someone even if you are worried, but haven't seen any abuse.

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What do I do if I am being abused?



The first thing you should do is tell someone you trust- a trusted adult. This could be a family member, a friend or any adult in our school.

You can also tell the person abusing you to leave you alone. If telling them to leave you alone would make you feel too scared or worried that they might hurt you, make sure you tell someone so they can help.

You should try not to:

- Do what the person says.
- Let what the person says or does upset you.
- Get angry or hit them.

Always remember that if you are being abused, **it is not your fault** and **you are never alone**.

You shouldn't be scared to talk to someone if you are being abused. If you talk to a grown-up, we can make the abuse stop.



Who can I talk to?



It is important you tell someone as soon as you are being abused, or you notice someone else being abused.

Speaking to someone like your mum, dad, carer or teacher will mean that we can make sure the abuse stops and doesn't happen again. The list below shows some of the grown-ups at our school that you can speak to: your class teacher, a teaching assistant, a midday supervisor or the headteacher- Mr Hull

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How can I help stop abuse from happening?

We can all help stop abuse at our school by:

- Making sure we understand how we should act towards others.
- Helping others when they are in need.
- Being kind, friendly and respectful to others.
- Thinking about people's feelings before we say or do something.
- Taking part in school activities, like assemblies, PSHE lessons and circle time, which talk about peer-on-peer abuse.
- Talking to someone when we are worried.

You should know that abuse is never OK and it is serious. It is not funny, or part of growing up. If you abuse someone, you will get into trouble.



If you cannot talk to a trusted adult, you can also contact Childline on:

