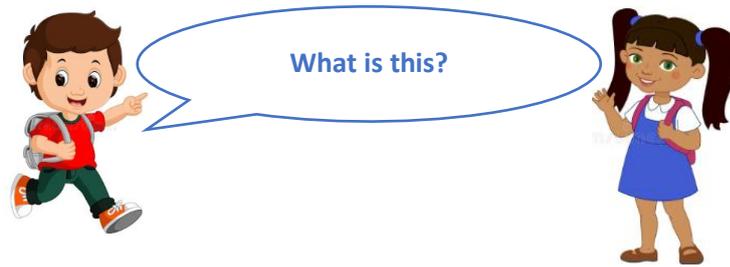


# Safeguarding at LCS



Our school has a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families and governors.

This version of the policy is designed for you and this should be read as a guide to the main policy. We have tried to write this in a way that makes sense to you as the Safeguarding Policy is very long.



To help you if you are worried about anything and where you can get help and support. It is important that you know who you can talk to and to understand why you might need to talk to someone.

Most importantly, you do NOT have to keep your worries a secret!



**You might have seen or heard the phrase DSL, but what does it mean?**

DSL stands for Designated Safeguarding Lead. In every school, there is always somebody who has the responsibility to keep you safe. Other staff have to tell that person if they are worried about you.

Staff are trained and taught how to keep children safe, as it is the most important part of their job. People who are the DSLs may have other job titles. You should be able to find out who the DSLs are as their pictures are displayed in each classroom. If you are not sure then ask a member of staff.

The job of everyone who works at our school is to keep you safe, so remember you can talk to any grown up that you trust.



Has someone said something to you, or have you heard something that you do not like or upsets you?



### Is someone bullying you?

Has someone said something to you, or have you heard something that you do not like or upsets you?

You must tell someone at school so we can help you.

Examples of people you can tell are:

- 01 A Teacher
- 02 A Teaching Assistant
- 03 Mr Spratt
- 04 Mrs Heard
- 05 A Mid-day Supervisor
- 06 Any grown up that you trust



Has someone touched you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like?



### Touching you

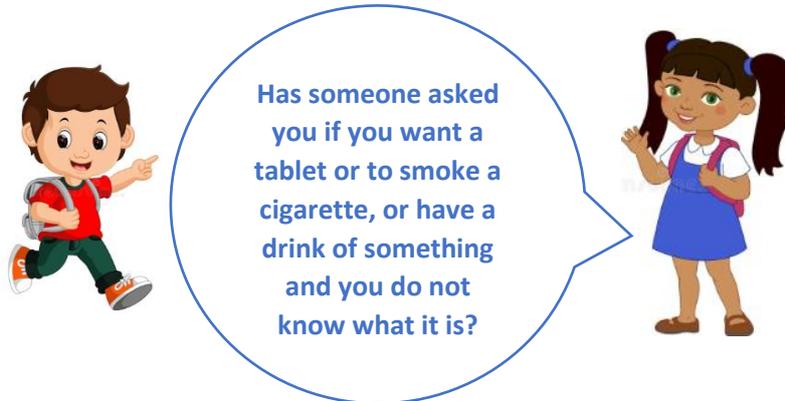
It is not okay for someone to touch you and make you feel uncomfortable. People who do things like this often lie and tell you things to frighten you and make sure you don't tell anyone. You must tell someone at school so we can help you. It is not your fault and you will be taken care of and supported.

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**Eating, tasting or smoking something when you do not know what it is.**



Do not eat, drink or smoke what they are giving you.  
You must tell someone at the school so we can help you.  
Examples of people you can tell are:

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- 02 A Teaching Assistant
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**Hitting, punching or smacking you**

You must tell someone at the school so we can help you.  
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There are lots of different ways, but one of the main ways is making sure the staff at our school know how to keep you safe and make sure you have someone to talk to if you need to.

Mr Spratt, Mrs Welland and Mrs Olcot are here to support you and your family if there is a Child Protection concern.

Safeguarding and Child Protection mean similar things and they mean that we look after children and keep them safe.

**If you are upset or worried about something that has happened to, you, or someone else then please remember you can be brave and talk to someone who will listen to you and help you.**



If you speak to a grown up, sometimes they will need to check things with a DSL then if they can deal with the issue themselves, they will.

Please try to understand that staff and the DSLs will only want to help you and make you feel supported and better about the situation. There are times though when they may need to contact some other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police.

This is because schools cannot do everything on their own and need to work with other professionals who are best placed to help with arranging other things. It might sound a little bit scary, but the Social Workers and Police will be specially trained professionals who are great at helping children and young people.

There are many other agencies who support children and their families. Therefore, it is not always that people need to have a Social Worker involved with their family. Sometimes people are Youth Workers, Mentors, or Family Support Workers.

Do not worry, a DSL will talk to you and explain all of this, and you can always go and ask them questions if you are unsure about anything.

If you have any questions about this policy, then please contact one of the people below:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Spratt

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Welland and Mrs Olcot

You can always speak to any member of staff in school who will be able to support you.