



The Discovery School



Child Protection Policy

Child Version



What does Child Protection mean?

Child protection means that at The Discovery School, all of the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are very important. In our school we make sure that we keep you safe and help to protect your rights as children.

What is it for?

Our Child Protection policy helps both the adults and the children at The Discovery School to:

- be protected
- to decide what to do if there is a problem
- help us to find where to get help and support



How do we protect you and keep you safe?

- we provide a safe environment for you to learn and play in
- we make sure you are safely looked after, at home as well as at school
- we help to make sure you thrive, grow and develop properly
- we make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful
- we will teach you how to recognise risks in different situations and how you can protect yourselves and stay safe
- we will teach you to know where to get help if you are worried or unhappy about something
- we will teach you how to stay safe online



What do I do if I have a worry or concern?

You can talk to **anyone** at The Discovery School if you have a worry or concern - including your Teacher, Teaching Assistants, Miss Gobell, Mrs Oakes and Mrs Wilce-Cordner. You can also write a note to an adult or ask a friend to help you tell an adult your worry. You can also fill in our online worry box.

It is Miss Gobell's special job to keep you safe and sometimes adults will talk to her if they are worried about you. She will help you get the help you need to feel safe again.



If you have a worry, tell an adult and don't keep it a secret if someone is:

- bullying you
- saying things to you that you do not like or which upsets you
- touching you
- trying to give you tablets, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol
- hitting you or hurting you
- taking your things
- says or sends unkind things to you over the internet or on your mobile phone
- doing or saying things which make you feel uncomfortable
- not looking after you or caring for you properly



Here are some other people who can help you to keep safe, if you don't want to talk to anyone at school.

