



Colindale Primary School

Our Policy on
Keeping our peers and ourselves safe and
happy at school for Year 1 & Year 2

(Policy means what we do)

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Feeling safe and happy at school

At Colindale 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 something bad is happening, so you need to tell us.

This policy looks at how we can look after ourselves and our peers and what you can do when you feel you are being abused, or when you notice someone else being abused.

We can help you by:

- Teaching you what peer-on-peer relationships should be like.
- Teaching you what to do if you feel like you are unhappy or upset about any relationships.
- Making sure you know the grown-ups you can speak to if you are worried.



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What can peers do that could make you unhappy?

They could hurt your body or your feelings by using inappropriate behaviour that is meant to **scare, hurt** or **upset** you.

Sometimes your peers can do things that can upset you, it can be hard to know when this is happening as you might not understand what is happening. It's really **important** you know when you are being abused so we can make sure it stops.

There are lots of different types of abuse. It is important you know what these types of abuse are so you know what to do if you see them.

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Bullying

Bullying can be different things and isn't just hitting or kicking another person.

Emotional bullying is hurting someone's feelings, leaving them out or bossing them about.

Physical bullying is punching, kicking, spitting, hitting or pushing someone.



Verbal bullying is teasing someone, calling them names or using rude hand signs. People can also use verbal bullying to be **racist**

Racist means bullying someone because of their skin colour, race or what they believe in.

Sexist means bullying someone because of their sex (whether they are a boy or a girl).

Cyber bullying involves sending horrid messages over the internet or by text message.

Bullying can be done through **another person**, by one person sending another person to say nasty things.



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Being Online

Send only kind messages to your peers

Make sure your parents know what you are doing when you are online

Tell someone if something online upsets you.

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Your Body

You know that you have a right to own your own body. You have private parts that you can touch yourself and other adults can touch with your permission in e.g. a nurse in hospital.

If someone makes you feel scared, uncomfortable or upset because they have made jokes about your private parts then you must tell an adult.

We learned about abuse from our assembly with the NSPCC

Learn the Underwear Rule

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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**.



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 do**
- 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 very shy.
- Getting headaches or stomach ache.
- Feeling nervous.
- Not being able to sleep, sleeping too much or getting nightmares.
- Feeling panicked.
- Being unkind 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 way** 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, 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**. This could be a family member, a friend or a grown-up in 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 the **grown-ups** at our **school** that you can speak to:

Any teacher or assistant in school

Ms Wayland or Ms Naphthine

Any other member of staff!



You

could also call...



NSPCC 0808 800 5000





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.

Let's make **Colindale Primary School** a happy place!

