



Safeguarding Information Booklet for Pupils



Safeguarding Booklet for Children

At Ysgol Bro Tawe every child's safety and welfare is very important. The School Council has helped us to give you some information about keeping safe.

Children are nearly always safe at home, at school and in the community, but sometimes things can happen to make them worried, upset or scared.

Schools have a special responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. This means we should notice if you are being treated badly, listen to you if you want to talk to us about a problem and take advice from other professionals if you need extra help.

When children are hurt in some way by an adult or another young person this might be what is called child abuse. If we think a child has been, is being abused or at risk of abuse, we have a set of rules we follow to help protect you.

You don't need anybody's permission to talk about your worries and you have the right to talk to anyone you wish. **Please remember that every adult in school will listen to you.**

We hope this information booklet is helpful.

If you have any suggestions of how it can be better please leave a suggestion in the suggestion envelope or speak to us.

Mrs. B. Evans - Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Brodie Bear is around our school and it his job is to remind us about children's rights. It is important to remember that everyone under 18 has these rights. No-one can take these rights away from you. You have these rights regardless of your gender, nationality, religion, race, culture, ability or sexuality.

You have the right to say what you think should happen and be listened to. Article 12

You have the right to have information. Article 13



You should be protected from dangerous drugs. Article 33.
The government should protect children from sexual abuse. Article 34.
You have a right not to be sold. Article 35.

You have the right not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe. Article 19
Children should get special help if they have been abused. Article 39
You have the right be protected from doing things that could harm you. Article 36

Everyone in school should be respected and treated fairly. At Ysgol Bro Tawe we have restorative practice which all staff and pupils follow. This can help solve problems and it also helps children talk about their feelings.



What do we do to keep you safe?

We listen to you. We take what you say seriously.

We have a Safeguarding Policy that explains how children might be hurt, the signs to look out for and what staff should do.

We have other policies that provide information for staff and children on things like bullying and internet safety.

All staff and volunteers go through a check to assess their suitability to work with you.

All staff are trained to recognise signs of abuse and know what to do if they are concerned about any child's safety.

We have some senior members of staff who receive special training regularly in safeguarding pupils. They make sure the rules are followed.

You have access to the complaints policy and you know that we will listen to you.

We give you information to help you keep safe.

You have lessons on how to keep safe.

We work with others, police officers and social workers for example, to help keep children safe.

We do risk assessments to test whether an activity is going to be safe for you.

We work with parents and guardians to keep you safe.

Your safety is the responsibility of adults but there are ways you can help yourself to keep safe too and we have given you some tips to think about.

Tips to help you keep safe

1. **Talk** to a trusted adult - someone at home or in school - if anyone says or does anything that worries or frightens you.
2. Don't worry about breaking rules if you feel afraid. It's OK to shout or run away from an adult who is trying to hurt you.
3. Try to go places with family and friends. If you go out alone, always tell someone where you are going and what time you will return.
4. Don't accept money, food or drinks from someone you have never met before.
5. Don't accept a lift from someone you have never met before. Always telephone someone to pick you up.
6. Remember that alcohol, drugs and vaping can harm your health and can also encourage you to make bad choices.

If an adult tries to hurt you, it's not your fault. You don't have to do what they say just because they are an adult. Tell someone that you are worried. You won't get into trouble.

Who can help?

**If you are worried about anything at all you should talk to a trusted adult.
All adults in school are trusted adults.**

Useful Contacts

Childline - **0800 1111** - Calls are free from landlines and mobiles in the UK. And they won't show up on your phone bill. Even if you don't have credit on your mobile phone you can still call them for free.

www.childline.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

Look out for the posters and cards around school - please take what you need!