

Child Friendly Version of our Safeguarding Policy

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At Walter Halls Primary and Early Years School we take safety very seriously –that is why we are writing this child-friendly, less-boring safe-guarding policy!

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Our school has a safeguarding policy for staff, families and governors.

The inclusion Ambassadors, Head and deputy boy and girl met to write our own version.

This child-friendly policy is designed for you. We have shared who you can talk to if you feel unsafe in school or who to go to if you need someone to talk. We also felt it was important to share other places of help which are also in the guide. Helpful tips on friendships and the environment.

We discussed that there are times when you want to talk to someone in school about a problem or worry that might be upsetting you. There are posters around school who have the names of people that you can talk to, you can also always speak to teachers, TAS and Play team.



The Head and Deputy boy and girl and Inclusion Ambassadors were asked questions about:

*Things that make us feel safe and unsafe *who we can talk to when we do not feel safe

*Attendance *Play times *School meals*friendships*Environments

Below are some direct quotes taken from our discussions.

Q What is safeguarding?

“Protecting people”

“Keeping everyone safe”

“Helping to keep people safe”

Q What makes you feel safe at School?

“Being around people that I trust, teachers, and friends”

“Knowing nothing bad is going to happen to you or me”.

“Knowing I can talk to people about my worries”

“Lots of teachers to help us”

“Time to talk, I know Mrs Chandler is here to listen”

“I feel safe in my classroom, with my friends and I know my teacher is always there”.

“Teachers wear green lanyards, so we know this is an adult we can trust”

“I know we have smoke alarms and fire practices so we can keep safe in case of a fire”

Q Who can you talk to if you feel unsafe or worried?

“My teacher, Mrs Chandler on Wednesdays or sometimes I speak to the play leaders outside!

“Friends, Head teacher, Mrs Glover, Mrs Chandler, Mr Starling”.

“Mostly I will talk to my class teacher but if it’s something serious I will probably go to Mrs Glover or Mrs Beardah”.

“There are lots of people to talk to, the teachers are always there to help, and that’s their job”.

Q Is attendance important?

“Yes, so you don’t miss lessons and if you do miss lessons, you will fall behind”

“It’s important so you can learn”

“Yes, so can get to know people and thrive in a nice, happy and safe environment”

“Yes, because you might miss out on something”

“It might stop you class from getting the attendance award”

“Your friend might miss you and have no one to play with”

In 2024 children have changed and updated the “What I can do to keep your child safe at school” poster:



Meeting in action with the Inclusion Ambassadors (April 2024) to review child friendly safeguarding policy.



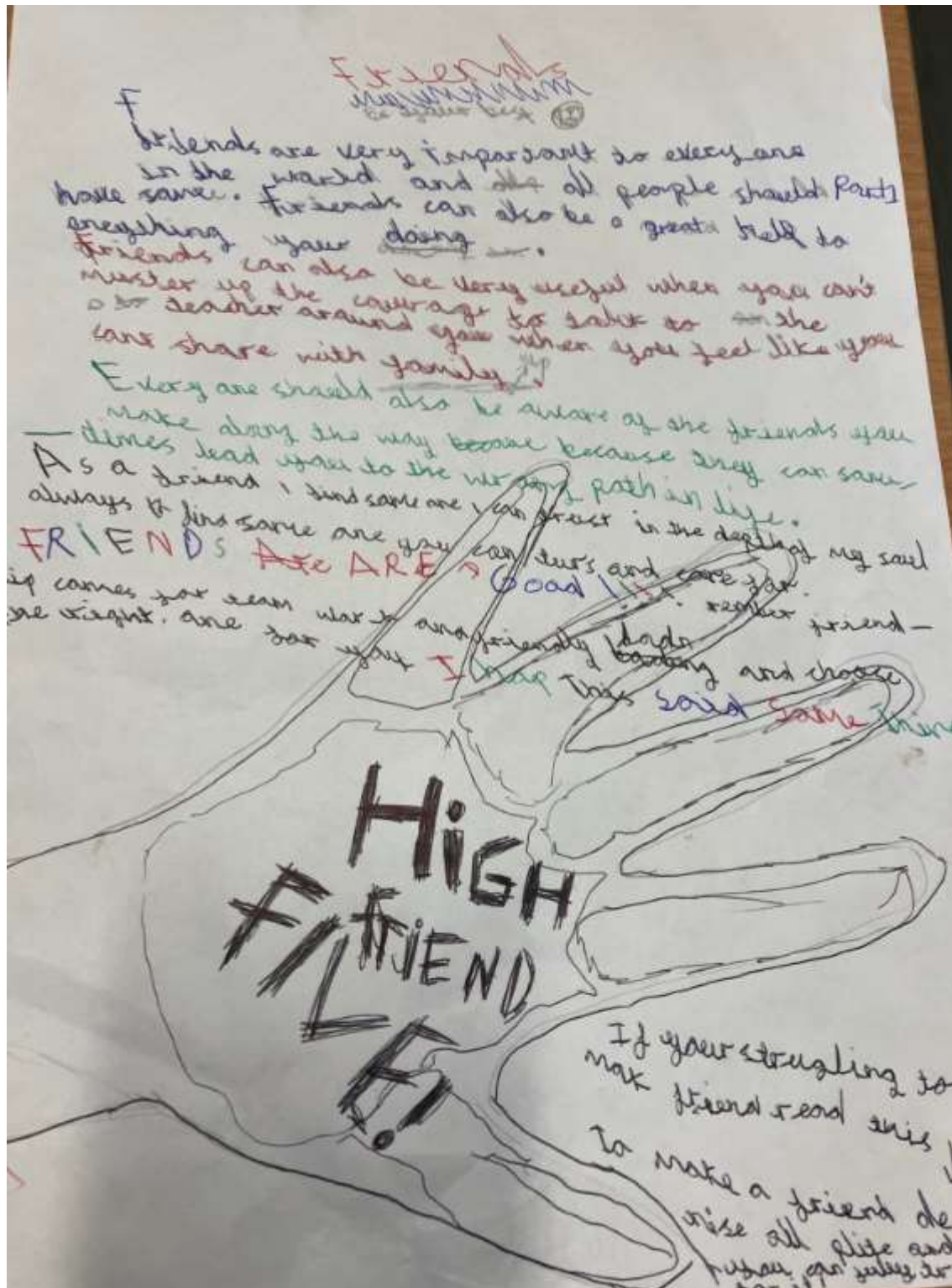
How To Make New Friends Easily.

- First impressions are important, so be polite, kind and helpful.*
- Include them in your games.*
- Ask them questions about what they like and don't like.*
- Be an active listener so they know you are a good friend.*
- Speak to someone who is on their own, they might be lonely.*
- Spend time with their friends so they get to know you.*
- Be yourself.*
- Smile and look friendly and say "hi!"*
- Ask them if they need help if they look stuck with something or are struggling to do something.*
- Show an interest in what they are doing as it may help them to start talking to you.*

How To Be A Friend to Nature and the Environment.

- Don't drop litter.*
- Put waste paper in the paper bin and rubbish in the rubbish bins in the classroom so the paper can be recycled.*
- Don't pick flowers in early spring because the bees need them.*
- Don't hurt insects, worms, spiders, bees and butterflies they are living creatures, leave them alone, do not pick them up, they are easily hurt.*
- Don't break trees, bushes and plants.*
- If you see a hurt animal, tell a teacher.*
- If you see litter on the floor, pick it up and put it in the bin.*
- Don't waste water by leaving taps running.*
- Walk to school or ride a bike if you can.*
- Make bug hotels to make homes for insects.*

Picture Created by Inclusion Ambassadors Albert - 2024:





Other places to go for help



Online Safety Follow the SMART rules to help stay safe online.

- S** Stay safe online by not sharing your personal information.
- M** Do not meet anyone who you have only become friends with online.
- A** Do not accept messages and friend requests from people you do not know.
- R** Not everything online is reliable. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.
- T** Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

Be careful what you share online! Stop and think before you share information online. Don't be up or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!

Further thoughts...

For online support you could go online and google Kooth.

There are ways to let your teacher know if you have a worry. We have a worry wallet but some classes have worry boxes.

If you feel alone, worried or sad, please tell a friend or adult you trust.

Every year Walter Halls takes part in Anti Bullying week. It's a time to think about when you might need to talk to an adult and to remember you are never alone.

At Walter halls there is always an adult you can go to if you need help.