




Safeguarding Policy (**Student Version**)

This student friendly policy is designed for you. We created this policy to help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support.

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Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Cooper	
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Chessington School is our school and we want it to be a safe environment. The adults in Chessington School will do everything they can to make sure you are protected and happy.

We want to support you to be safe inside and outside of school.

The adults in school will do all they can to :

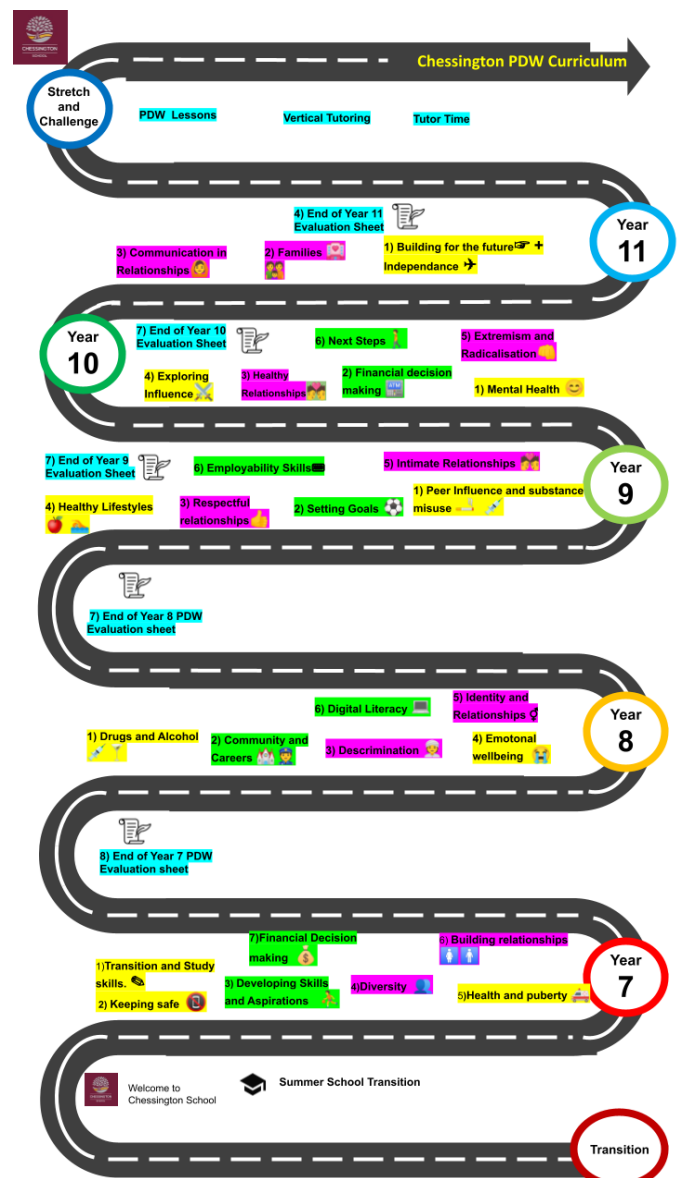
- Protect you from harm.
- Talk to you if you are worried about something
- Make sure nothing stops you being healthy or developing properly.
- Make sure we have a note of any medical issues and allergies
- Make sure you are safely looked after.

- Make sure you have the best learning experience and opportunities, so that you can grow to be happy and successful
- Support your health and wellbeing

The staff agree that to make sure they look after you they will:

- Make the school a friendly, welcoming and supportive environment to spend time in and somewhere you want to be.
- Be there for you to talk to if you need to and know who to ask for help.
- Teach you about keeping safe, to help you learn how to look after yourself both online and in real life through the PDW curriculum each week.
- Signpost you to support links in lessons and in the safeguarding part of the website
- Ensure you have a wellbeing check in each week through Skodel
<https://check-in.skodel.com/login>
- Provide you with an anonymous reporting form (on google), so that you can let us know if there is anything that we need to follow up
- Have all the right rules, policies and practices in place to help look after you.
- By following up with your absences from school
- Teachers will help you in class to be successful

PDW Curriculum roadmap



Abuse

When someone hurts you it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful. **It doesn't have to be physical, it can also be verbal.**

Things like:

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you in different ways.
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself by teasing, using hurtful language or hurting your feelings, which makes you feel scared, sad, upset or frightened.
- If someone shouts, threatens, hits or hurts someone you love whilst you are around which makes you scared, unhappy or worried.
- If someone does not take proper care of you so that you feel abandoned, lonely or neglected. You might not be able to eat or wash regularly, or you might not be able to come to school every day or on time.
- If someone touches you in a way that you do not like
- If someone makes you do things or look at things which make you feel ashamed, embarrassed, uncomfortable or guilty. They may ask you to keep it a secret or give you presents.

Abuse is **never okay** and if you are being or have been abused, you must remember – it is not your fault. You must **always tell someone** and they will help it to stop.

In and Out of School

All of the staff at Chessington School will do their best to make sure the building is safe for you to learn in and spend time in. We will make sure that we know who everyone is in the school by asking visitors to sign in at reception. You will always know who a visitor to the school is because they will have signed in at reception and will wear the printed lanyard they receive.

People who are not members of staff and who we do not know, will never be allowed to walk around school with you or spend time with you on your own. **If you see someone wearing a yellow lanyard without a member of staff, you should tell an adult straight away.**

The building, outside areas and fields will be as safe as they can be for you so that you do not hurt yourself, although accidents can happen (if you are not careful).

Staff will look after you if the fire alarm sounds and make sure you know what to do and where to go.

When you leave school to go on a trip somewhere, the staff will make sure they can keep you



safe wherever you are going.

What we will do

At Chessington School we will help you in the following ways:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All of the staff in the school have had lessons in this.
- We will work with other people (including the people at home) to help protect you and solve any problems you may have.
- All staff will be vigilant of any student concerns
- We will listen to you if you want to talk to us and need our help. We will always take you seriously.
- We will support and encourage you and will respect your wishes and views in the best way possible.

At Chessington School you can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are a number of staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for.

People in school who can help you are:

- Your form tutors
- Your head of year
- Pastoral support- Miss Jackson
- Mrs Cooper - Assistant head and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs O'Neill - Attendance Officer
- Mrs Dowell - SEN office
- Any member of staff in the school

It is important that you know

- It is never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you.
- There is always someone who can help you.
- If you do speak to someone, they cannot always keep what you have said to themselves, they may need to pass it onto the safeguarding team
- If someone is hurting you, they might also be hurting someone else, so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop.
- Every child should enjoy their right to a happy and safe childhood.

DO NOT BE SCARED TO TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY - WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN

Tips for keeping yourself safe

Bullying – If you think a student or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It will not stop unless you speak out.

Saying funny or strange things to you – If a student or a grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust.

Touching you – Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. If someone touches you on a part of your body head to toe or anywhere else you do not like, it is not okay. You must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Hitting, punching or smacking you – If a student or a grown up hits you, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Secrets – Secrets such as surprise parties are fun, but some secrets are not good and should never be kept. Bullying should not be kept a secret and no-one should ask you to keep a kiss, hug or inappropriate touch a secret. You must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. **Do not keep a secret.** If you are worried about talking face - to face, you can report this on the anonymous reporting form.

Presents – Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents/carers first. Most of the time it will be okay, but sometimes people try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money or phones) This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can.

On the computer or your phone - Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends or family, but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people that want to hurt you to get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites. Chessington School has an online safety policy and acceptable usage policy that is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you've seen on your computer or mobile, then you can also contact www.thinkuknow.co.uk as well as adults in school.

Useful Numbers and Websites

<https://www.chessington.kingston.sch.uk/about-us/safeguarding>

