

## Gawthorpe Community Academy Child Friendly Child Protection Policy

At Gawthorpe Community Academy all of the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are very important. In our school we respect our children and want to keep them safe and help protect their rights. We will help you make good educational progress and we will teach you to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourself and stay safe.

### **What is this?**

Your school has a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families and governors. This 'child friendly' policy is designed for children and this should be read as a guide to the main policy.

### **What is it for?**

To help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support.

### **How will we try to protect children?**

We make every effort to provide a safe environment for children to learn in. We want to ensure that children remain safe, at home as well as at school. We think it is important for our children to know where to get help if they are worried or unhappy about something.

### **Staff and Visitors**

All staff and visitors to your school have to sign in at the office and wear a badge. Tell a grown up if you see someone in school who is not wearing a badge.

### **If you need to talk – we will listen!**

You can talk to any adult in school!

It is Mrs Gill's job to keep you safe. You can talk to Mrs Pyrah or Mrs Underhill or any trusted adult if you are worried. Put something in the worry box in Mrs Underhill and Mrs Pyrah's office if you don't want to say your problem out loud or talk to a friend to help you decide what to do.

Do Not Keep it a Secret!

Tell a friend and then go with your friend to tell an adult.

**Don't Keep it a Secret if:**

Someone is bullying you;

Saying funny things to you that you do not like or upsets you;

Touching you in places you know are wrong;

Trying to give you tablets, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol;

Hitting you or hurting you;

Sending unkind messages on the internet or to your phone.

Be kind.

Try and understand other people's feelings.

Do the best you can.

Do share sad feelings with someone.

Remember you have the right to be safe and happy.

The telephone number for Childline is 0800 1111.