

THE VALE ACADEMY

Student Friendly Safeguarding Policy

What is this?

The Vale Academy has a Safeguarding Policy for staff, families and governors.

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

All of the adults around us think that our health, safety and welfare are very important. In The Vale Academy, we respect all children and adults, and help to protect their rights. We do our best to help all students make good educational progress.

Students are taught how to recognise risks in different situations, and how to protect themselves and stay safe.

How are students protected at The Vale Academy?

We provide a safe environment for children to learn in;

We help 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.

The four main areas of Child Protection concerns are:

- **Physical Abuse** - hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc
- **Sexual Abuse** - be aware this doesn't always mean actually touching a child. It could be someone making you watch things to do with sex or encouraging you to act in an inappropriate way.
- **Neglect** - this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing. Or perhaps not taking you to the Doctors when you need to go. There may be lots of different reasons why a child is neglected and it is really important that we know so we can help.
- **Emotional Abuse** - This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. If someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless. **These are just a few examples.**



Mrs Cullum

NEED TO TALK?

Mrs Cullum and Mr Rutt are the members of staff responsible for Safeguarding but all teachers and support staff are trained to deal with safeguarding issues. If you feel you need to discuss an issue please talk with a member of staff you feel comfortable with and please remember Student reception is always open and somebody will be available to talk with you.

All Vale Academy staff are here to help you



Mr Rutt