CHILD FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING POLICY

At Ramsey Manor Lower School, all staff feel your health, safety and welfare are very important. In our school, we respect our children and help to protect your rights. Everyone is special and equal, no matter who you are. We do our best to help you make good educational progress. We teach you how to recognise risks in different situations and how to protect yourself and stay safe.

Safeguarding means that school staff should:

- Protect you from harm
- Make sure nothing stops you from being healthy or developing properly
- Make sure you are safely looked after
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful
- Listen carefully to you whenever you are worried or upset

How we will try to protect you?

- We try to provide a safe and secure environment for you to learn in and progress
- We help to ensure that you remain safe at home, in school and when you are online
- We think it is important for you to know where to get help if you are worries or unhappy about something

Need to talk?

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead for Child Protection is Mrs Castlo.

If you need to talk – we will listen. You can talk to any adult in the school, but there some staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for.
People in school who can help you are:

Mr Moore is your headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Mrs Steggles, Miss Williams and Miss Hobbins are your Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.
Mrs Castlo is also our SENDCo and Prevent Lead.

If you do not want to talk, you can always draw a picture or write it down and hand it to a member of staff. Remember, adults in school can never promise to keep a secret if it is about keeping you safe, but we will always tell you how we are helping you.

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

What is Abuse?

When someone hurts you, it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful 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 or hurts 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 doesn't take proper care of you so 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 don't like for example touching your private parts.

· If someone makes you 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.

If someone makes up fake pictures, computer made images (AI), or unkind videos of you or your friends online.

If someone tries to trick or pressure you into doing things online or in person that feel wrong or unsafe.

*Someone could be an adult or a child. It could be your friend, a member of your family, (Mum, Dad, brother, sister, Auntie, Uncle, Grandparent). It could be someone at a club you go to, a scout leader, guides leader, dance teacher, gym teacher, swimming instructor or football coach. It could be a stranger that you do not know.

Abuse is never ok 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.

Tips for keeping yourself safe

Bullying – If you think a child or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know you (in school, outside or on games/social media), you must tell your parents/carers, a teacher or someone you can trust as soon as you can. Bullying name-calling, unwanted touching or pushing is never 'just banter' or 'a joke' and will not be tolerated. It will not stop unless you tell someone.

Saying unkind things – If a child or a grown up says something to you, or you hear/see something online or in person that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your parents/carer, 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 like your bottom, chest or anywhere else you do not like, it is not ok. 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 child or a grown-up hit 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 secrets that make you feel worried, scared or uncomfortable should NEVER be kept.

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 ok, but sometimes people try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money, phones) This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can.

Computers, Phones and Online Safety (including AI) – Computers, tablets and mobile phones help us to learn and play , but they can also bring risks. Never share personal details, passwords or photos with people you do not know. If you see things online that look fake, scary, untrue or if someone creates a computer generated (AI) picture that upsets you, tell an adult right away. The Ramsey Manor Lower School has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. Remember you can also get help from **www.thinkuknow.co.uk or www.childline.org.uk** as well as adults in school.

If you ever feel unsafe and want to talk to someone outside of school or home, you can contact:

Childline – Call 0800 1111

CEOP Safety Centre = www.ceop.police.uk/safey-centre

ThinkUKnow – www.thinkuknow.co.uk

NSPCC Helpline – Call 0800 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk