

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 touching you. It could be someone making you watch things you don't want to with sex or encouraging you to act in an inappropriate way.

Neglect – This means things like not providing meals, 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, it is 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 for you and if you think you may have a problem that is like one of these then talk to someone at school, so we can help you.

HOW DOES YOUR SCHOOL WORK TO PROTECT CHILDREN?

There are lots of different ways, but one of the main ways is making sure the staff at your school know how to keep you safe and make sure you have someone to talk to if you need to.

Your are here to support you and your family if there is a child protection concern.

Child Protection is part of Safeguarding, and this means we can look after you and keep you safe.

NEXT STEPS

Sometimes staff will need to check things with your school DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and if they can deal with your issue themselves, they will. There are times though when they may need to contact other agencies for support. These may be children's social care (Social Workers) Health services or Police. There are lots of agencies who support children and their families as well. Your DSL will talk to you and explain all of this, and you can always ask them questions if you are unsure about anything.



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