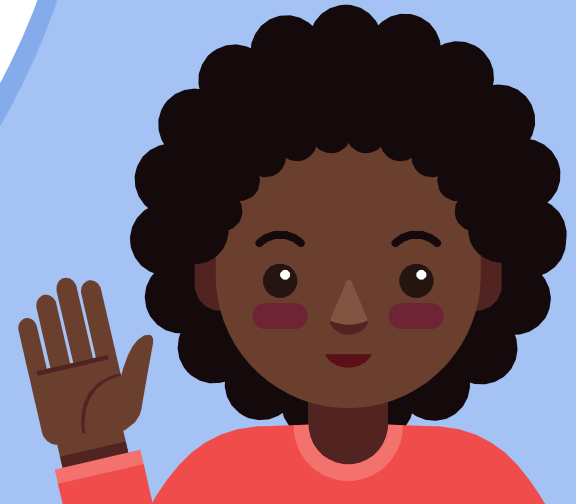


Child Friendly Child Safe Policy

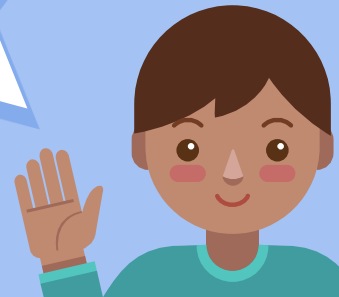
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Introduction

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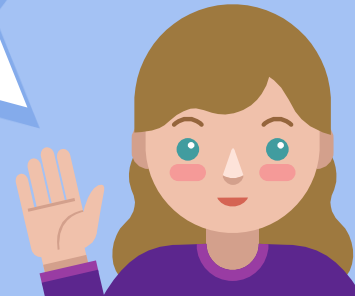
- We have a Child Safe Policy so that everyone is respected and feels safe.
- It is important that we are listened to and have an opportunity to share our thoughts and opinions.



Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to make sure that all students feel comfortable with the people around them.

Our teachers care about us and also make sure that we feel safe when we are at school, excursions, at sport activities and on school camps.



Rights & Responsibilities

- We have the right to be safe
- We have the right to be respected
- Everyone has the right to learn



Commitment to Child Safety

Our school is committed to keeping our students safe from poor behaviour and abuse.

Every student has the right to feel and be safe.



Managing Risks

The school keeps us safe by-

- closing the gates
- teachers on yard duty who wear bright vests
- 'children only' toilets

Adults at our school must use adult toilets / visitor toilets

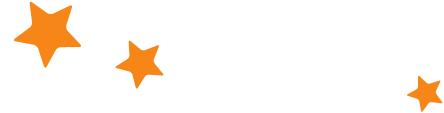
- Before every event, excursion or camp our teachers think about how to avoid situations that might be dangerous or that may hurt us.



Code of Conduct

Our school makes sure there is a **Code of Conduct** for all teachers, parish priest, helpers, receptionists, casual relief teachers, parent helpers, other volunteers and workers that describes how they should behave.

**Good / Acceptable
behavior**

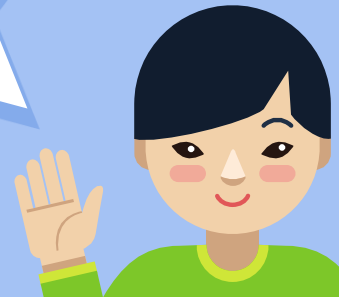


**Poor/ Unacceptable
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Hiring staff to work with us

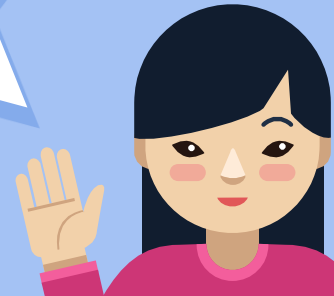
At Good Shepherd, our Principal and leadership team make sure that the right person is employed to work with us and that they are committed to keeping children safe.



Inclusion and Empowerment for all Students

Good Shepherd Primary School works with students to-

- ensure that they are empowered to understand their rights
- recognise what abuse is and
- encourage them to speak up when they feel uncomfortable or afraid
- empower them to be leaders-especially our Grade 6 students



Valuing Differences

Good Shepherd values everyone's individuality.

We look after children with different abilities, backgrounds, beliefs and appearances.

Every person in our community has a right to feel accepted and comfortable.



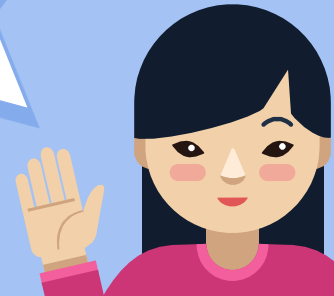
Visitors must sign in to the office

All adults in our school need to sign in to the office.

If you see an adult without a school lanyard / name badge you should let a teacher/ LSO know so they can take that person back to the office to sign in to our visitor's register.

This includes ;

- Parent helpers
- Visitors
- Maintenance people like electricians, plumbers and builders
- Music teachers & Sports teachers



Responding & Reporting

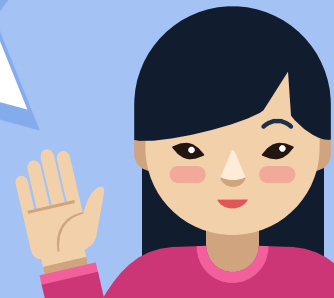
Our teachers as well as other adults will listen to our problems on the yard, in the classroom and if we are having an issue at home. If it is a big problem sometimes other people are called in to help us solve the problem



The Principal and teachers understand that it is important for all students to feel safe.

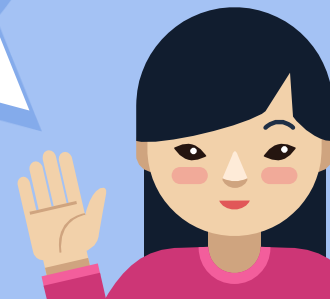
If you don't feel safe at school you can....

- post a note in your class letter box / jar
- let the teacher know you want to talk.
- ask a senior Gr 6 student on the yard
- tell the teacher on yard duty
- tell your class teacher or Learning Support Officer (LSO)
- tell a buddy
- let the office know there is an adult without a lanyard/ name badge



If you don't feel safe out of school you can....

- ❑ Talk to one or both of your parents/ carers
- ❑ Tell a trusted adult on your safety network
- ❑ Call the Kids Helpline
- ❑ Tell a staff member at school



Posters around the school teach us all about child safety and how to ask for help.

**We want children and young people to
FEEL SAFE AND BE SAFE**

Everyone who works here will do their best to make sure that you:

- It is never OK for anyone to hurt you.
- feel comfortable
- feel cared for
- feel safe
- are safe

If you are not happy with something that is happening here or there is something you are worried about, we want you to tell someone you trust.

You can tell someone who works here.

You can also tell someone who looks out for you, like your mum or dad, a carer or a teacher.

We will try as hard as we can to fix any problem or worry that you have.

We will always listen to you.

We will always treat what you tell us seriously, no matter how old you are.

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**We want children and young people to
TELL US WHAT THEY THINK**

We are really interested to hear what you think about the programs and activities that we offer children and young people.

From time to time, we will ask you about what you think.

Tell us the things you like... and don't like.

At any time, it is OK for you to tell us if you are not happy with something that is happening to you or there is something you are worried about. You can also bring a support person with you to talk with us.

With your ideas, we can make our programs better for others just like you.

We will always take what you tell us seriously, no matter how old you are.

If you are still worried or not happy, then you can talk to one of the people who work here.

We will try as hard as we can to fix any problem or worry that you have.

They will help you.

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