Trellech Primary School
Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy

What is "Safeguarding"?

- "Safeguarding" means keeping you safe, happy, and well-protected from harm.
- At Trellech Primary School, your safety, happiness, and well-being are the most important things to us.
- Every adult who works or volunteers in our school—including teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors, caretakers, office staff, and school governors—is here to care for you and help keep you safe.

Our Promises to You

- **You are listened to:** We maintain a warm and welcoming school environment where you feel secure, seen, heard, and encouraged to share your thoughts.
- **You belong:** We help you celebrate your identity, culture, and sense of belonging (Cynefin).
- **You are taught how to stay safe:** We teach you about healthy relationships, understanding your feelings, and how to protect yourself online and offline.
- **Support when you need it:** We have "Emotionally Available Adults" in school to support you whenever you are feeling upset, worried, or overwhelmed.
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Who Can You Talk To?

If you are ever worried, upset, hurt, or in difficulty, you can talk to **any** grown-up in school that you trust.

We also have named grown-ups in school who take extra care of safeguarding:

- **Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Mrs Peacock
- **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Mrs Maguire and Mrs Maunder
- **Safeguarding Governor:** Mrs Lloyd

What Happens When You Speak to an Adult?

- **We listen carefully:** The adult will listen to you calmly and will not interrupt you while you share what is on your mind.
- **We take you seriously:** Your feelings matter, and we will support you so you feel safe and cared for.
- **Understanding privacy:** Adults cannot keep a secret if you or another child are at risk of harm or abuse.
- **Sharing with safe people:** If a grown-up is concerned about your safety, they will inform our Designated Safeguarding Leads so you can get the help you need.
- **Respecting your story:** What you tell us is kept private and will only be shared with the specific people who need to know to help keep you safe.
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Stopping Bullying, Racism, and Unkindness

- **No to bullying:** Bullying is never accepted at Trellech Primary School, and we take action to stop it.
- **Anti-racism and equality:** Everyone has the right to be treated with respect and fairness regardless of their background or culture, and racism is treated as a safeguarding issue.
- **Safe relationships:** We expect all members of our school family to treat one another with kindness, respect, and care.
- **Speak up:** If someone is unkind to you or makes you feel unsafe, tell a trusted adult right away so we can help.

Staying Safe at Home, Online, and Everywhere

- **Protection from physical harm:** In Wales, physical punishment of children is illegal, and every child has the right to be safe from physical harm.
- **Operation Encompass:** If something scary or upsetting happens at home (such as domestic abuse), our school works with support teams so we can help you as soon as you arrive at school.
- **Online safety:** We teach you how to use technology safely and what to do if something on a computer, tablet, or online game makes you feel uncomfortable.
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Important Helpers Outside School

If you or an adult need extra support outside of school hours, these teams are available to help:

- **Monmouthshire Lead Officer for Safeguarding in Education:** Phillipa Swithinbank (Phone: 01291 426449)
- **Monmouthshire Children's Services:** Phone 01291 635669 (Out-of-Hours: 0800 328 4432)
- **In an Emergency:** Call 999 if anyone is in immediate danger