

Confidentiality Policy 'Child Speak'

(Reviewed in consultation with children on the School Council)

Sometimes when we have a problem we like to share it with someone who we think will make us feel better. These problems we sometimes like to keep a 'secret' from others.

In school if you have a problem there are lots of people around who can help: friends, teachers, LSA's, office staff, dinner staff, cleaners, caretakers etc.

These people will try their best to support you and help you solve your problem(s). However sometimes we **cannot** keep problems secret as we may need help to deal with them.

Problems such as:

1. if someone is hurting you
2. if someone is making you feel uncomfortable or funny inside
3. if you are not safe
4. if you are at risk of getting hurt
5. if you are involved in or have broken the law

We hope that you will feel able to talk to any adult in school if you have a problem or a worry and that they will be able to help you quickly, but if you do tell someone and don't feel that they are taking you seriously or not acting quickly enough then talk to someone else. Keep talking until you find someone who can help you.

Sometimes we might need to get help from another person to help you to deal with your problem, especially if it is about keeping you safe. Even if we have to do this, we promise that you will always be cared about and listened to and that everyone will do everything they can to keep you safe and to help you feel better