



ESFA SAFEGAURDING CAMPAIGN 2022/23

“STAY SAFE IN SCHOOLS’ FOOTBALL”

Stay Safe in Schools’ Football –Secondary pupil video scripts

About: The purpose of these videos is to encourage engagement in our Safeguarding campaign by sharing content for players, featuring players. We hope this will help to emphasise these very important messages about safeguarding in Schools’ Football to secondary school pupils.

The aim is, that by featuring in these videos, or watching what their peers have made, pupils will develop a stronger understanding of safeguarding in schools’ football and what actions they can take to keep themselves safe.

The scripts below are for pupils to use, to help us to share this important information. You can decide how many of your pupils are involved in this activity and choose to split the wording up as you think is appropriate. It is, however, important that pupils understand that the videos will be watched by their peers and shared on social media channels to help people of a similar age.

A photo permission form **MUST** be filled out and sent to the English Schools’ FA before these videos can be used. You can fill out an online version by clicking [here](#)

Scripts:

“What is Safeguarding?”

“Protecting children’s health and well-being is really important to the English Schools’ Football Association, it’s called ‘safeguarding’.”

“We want to make sure all players are safe while they are involved in schools’ football, because everyone has the right to feel safe, wherever they are.”

“Whose job is it to safeguard?”

“It is **everyone’s** job to safeguard”

“All staff working within schools' football are trained to look out for the young people they work with. This could be your Team Manager, Coach, volunteer or a teacher.”

“Your School or Association will have a Child Welfare Officer. It is their job to know exactly how to help you to keep you safe and happy. Do you know who they are where you play football? If you don't, you can ask and find out.”

“Don't forget, you can always contact Childline to talk about any issues or problems that you may have. Their staff are trained and available to help and support you and to give you advice on any matter, big or small. You can call Childline on 0800 1111 or visit www.childline.org.uk”

“Worried about something?”

“We hope that your school or Association football team is a place where you can reach your goals and have fun. We also want you to understand that it is also a place where you can share any worries or concerns you might have. This could be something happening at home, at school, within your football team or at your Association.”

“It can be difficult to share some things. There are times when you may not feel able to tell anyone what is happening. Sometimes, people who know you well can spot when things aren't quite right. They may notice a change in your behaviour or see something that makes them worry about your safety. If this happens, or you tell a member of staff something that makes them concerned about your safety, they have to act on this and help to make sure you are safe.”

“What is abuse?”

“Abuse is anything another person does that could cause harm. Abuse can happen anywhere. There are different types of abuse:”

“**Physical abuse** – this could include hitting, smacking and/or slapping”

“**Sexual abuse** – this could be when someone touches you in a way that you feel is inappropriate, says things to you that you feel are inappropriate, makes you watch things that make you feel uncomfortable or makes you take part in activities that make you feel uncomfortable”

“**Emotional abuse**- This is when a person intentionally makes you feel bad Abuse is anything another person does that could cause harm. Abuse can happen anywhere about yourself, ignores you or puts you down. This could include putting you in a dangerous situation, calling you names, being aggressive and violent to other people in your family or saying anything that makes you feel insecure, sad or alone.”

“**Bullying**- This can mean different things to different people but is often when you are made to feel bad or humiliated by name calling, pushing, pulling or being threatened. This can happen anywhere, including online or on social media.”

“**Neglect**- This is where you don't have the things you really need to be well, healthy and safe. For example, things like food, clean clothes and medicine. It also includes things like protection from harm and dangerous people.”

“**Reporting a concern**”

“**If you are worried, you should talk to a member of staff about:**

- “Anything that worries or frightens you
- Any concerns you may have about another young person
- Something that doesn't feel right”

“**Who to speak to?**

- “If you have reported a concern, that adult will speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team about what you have said. They are trained to immediately

think of ways to keep you, or another child safe. Your information will be kept safe and secure and is only shared with people who need to know, to keep you safe.”

“What happens next?”

- Depending on your worry, the Safeguarding Team might need to speak to other services outside of your school or Association to support you. This might be services like Children's Services, Health Professionals or the Police.”
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“Six tips when asking for help”

1. “Find an adult you trust”
2. “Think about what to say beforehand”
3. “Practice what you want to say out loud or in your head”
4. “Remember, if you need to say words you wouldn't usually be allowed to say, it's ok to use them if you are explaining something that has happened. You won't get into trouble”
5. “It might be easier for you to write your worries down, rather than say them out loud. Adults might need to ask you questions about what you have written down, just to make sure they understand fully”
6. “The most important thing to remember, is that if you have any worries, it's always best to tell someone about them”