

SAFEGUARDING



What is Child-on-Child Abuse?

Everyone should be aware that children can abuse other children. Child-on-child abuse can happen both inside and outside of a setting (ie, school/home/other), face-to-face and online. Organisations working with children play an important role in preventing and responding to child-on-child abuse.

? What Is Child-on-Child Harm?

Sometimes, children can hurt each other with their **words**, **actions**, or **choices**. This is called **child-on-child abuse**, and it's never okay.

It can look like:

- Hitting, kicking, or hurting someone on purpose
- Calling someone names or teasing them again and again
- Touching someone in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable
- Taking or hiding someone's things
- Spreading rumours or secrets
- Making someone feel scared, left out, or unsafe
- Sharing pictures or messages that are rude or upsetting

🧠 Remember: It's Not Just "Messing Around" If...

- Someone feels hurt, scared, or upset
- It happens more than once
- You're told to keep it a secret
- It makes someone feel unsafe



What Should You Do?

If someone is hurting you or someone else:

- **Tell a trusted adult**
- Go to an **Evergreen safe space** and ask for help
- **Speak up** – even if it feels hard
- **Be brave** – you are not in trouble for telling the truth

🧑 What Will Adults Do?

- Listen carefully and take you seriously
- Help everyone feel safe again
- Make sure it doesn't happen again
- Support everyone involved
- Use teaching lessons to help. Our citizens lessons will address issues using Jigsaw and whole school assemblies.

☀️ Our Promise to Each Other

- ✓ Be caring and respectful
- ✓ Keep our hands and words safe
- ✓ Speak up if something feels wrong
- ✓ Help each other feel safe and included
- ✓ Never keep secrets that make us feel uncomfortable

