



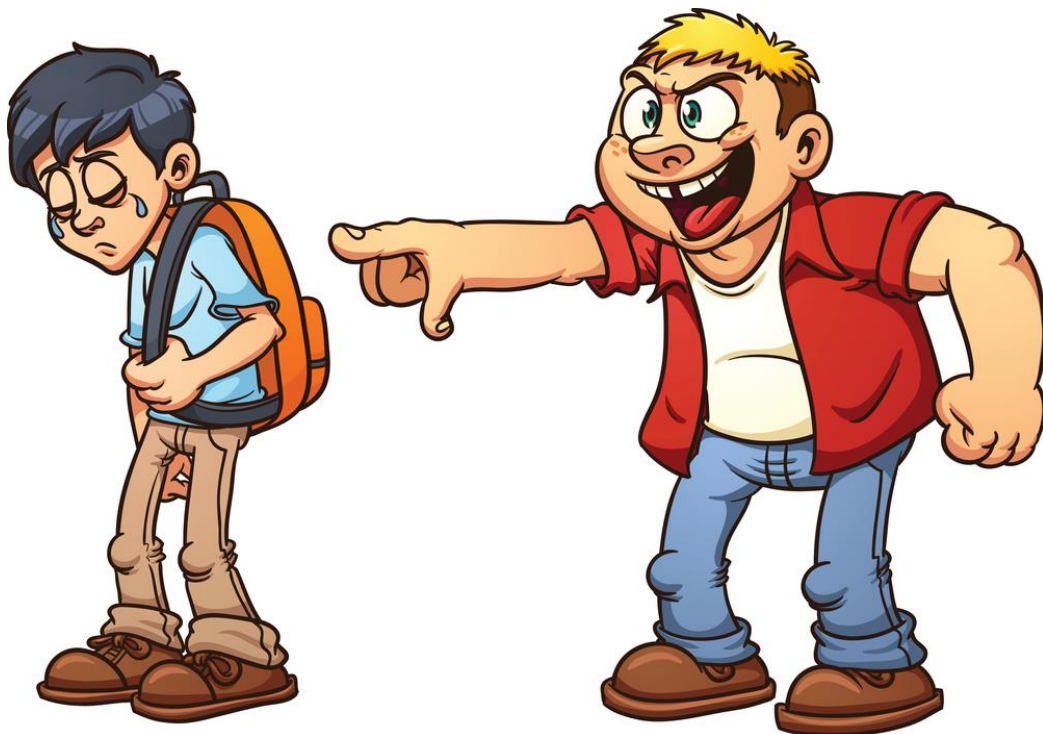
# NLT Accessible Safeguarding Policy

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This document is for children, young people and vulnerable adults who come to New Leaf Triangle. It will help you decide what could be a 'problem' and where to get help and support.

You can tell any staff member at New Leaf anything, for example your key worker, a coordinator or a director. We are all here to help you to feel happy and safe.

## Is someone bullying you?

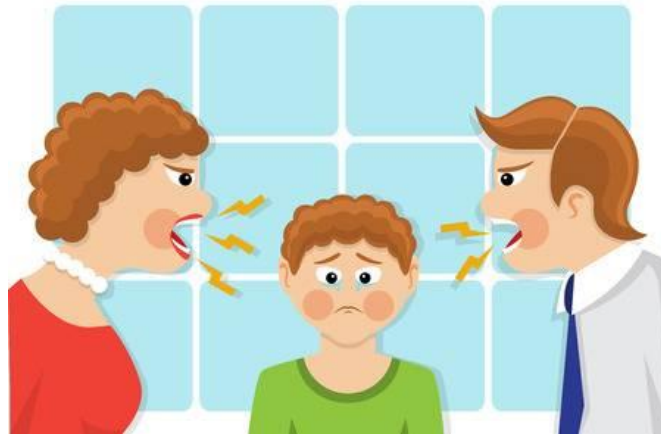


You must tell someone at New Leaf so we can help you.

Do NOT keep it a Secret!



## Saying funny things to you?



Has someone said something to you, or have you heard something that you do not like or upsets you?

You must tell someone at the New Leaf so we can help you.

## Trying to give you tablets, cigarettes, drugs or alcohol?



Has someone asked you if you want a tablet or to smoke a cigarette, or have a drink of something and you do not know what it is?

Do not eat, drink or smoke what they are giving you.

You must tell someone at New Leaf so we can help you.



## Touching you



Has someone touched you on a part of your body like your bottom, chest, private parts or anywhere else you do not like?

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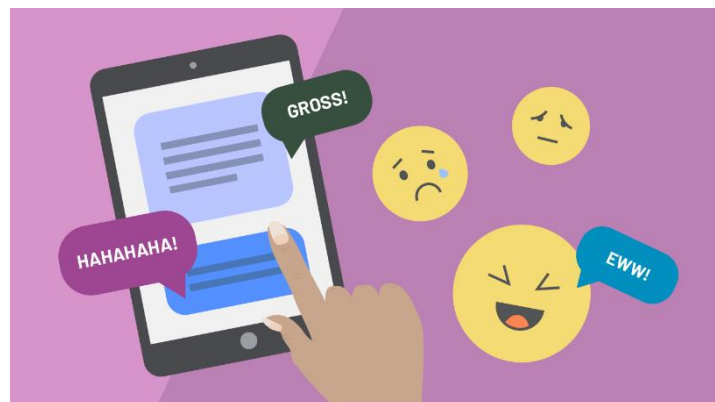
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## Hitting, punching or slapping you



Has someone hit, punched or slapped you or hurt you in any way?  
You must tell someone at New Leaf so we can help you.

### **Upsetting you online (on social media, games or texts)**



Has someone been sending you messages online or to your phone that are upsetting you?

Have they been sending you pictures or videos that you don't want them to?

Have they been sharing pictures of you that you don't want them to?

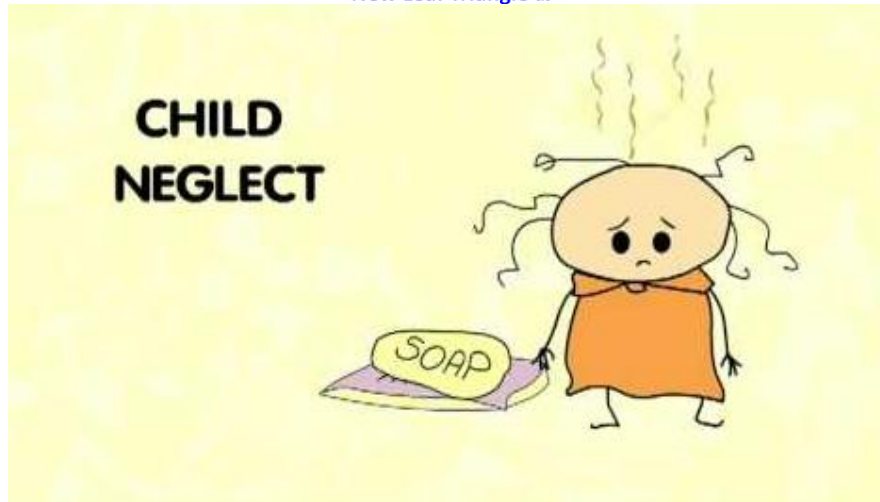


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**If in doubt, talk to someone. There are many staff at New Leaf for you to talk to and they will help support you.**

**The four main areas of Child Protection concerns are:**

1. **Physical Abuse** - hitting, smacking, shaking, throwing, burning, biting etc
2. **Sexual Abuse** - be aware this doesn't always mean actually touching a child. It could be someone making you watch things to do with sex or encouraging you to act in an inappropriate way, including online.
3. **Neglect** - this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing. Or perhaps not taking you to the Doctors when you need to go. There may be lots of different reasons why a child is neglected and it is really important that we know so we can help.
4. **Emotional Abuse** - This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. If someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless. If someone online says horrible things to you or shares unwanted pictures.



Another type of abuse for adults and young adults can be **financial abuse**. This is where someone uses your money or always asks you to buy things for them or uses your things when you don't want them to, including online.



These are just a few examples for you and if you think you may have a problem that is similar to one of these then talk to a member of staff at New Leaf.



## **How does New Leaf work to protect children, young adults and vulnerable adults?**

There are lots of different ways, but one of the main ways is making sure the staff here at New Leaf know how to keep you safe and also make sure you have someone to talk to if you need to.

Lorraine, Lydia and Laura are here to support young people and their families if there is a Child Protection concern.

Safeguarding and Child Protection mean the same thing and they mean that we look after children and keep them safe.



## **What are the next steps?**

Sometimes a member of staff at New Leaf will need to check things with Lorraine, Lydia or Laura and then if they can deal with the issue themselves, they will.

There are times though when they may need to contact some other agencies for support. These may be Children's Social Care (Social Workers) or Police.

There are lots of other agencies who support children and their families as well.





Lorraine, Carly or Troy will talk to you and explain all of this, and you can always go and ask them questions if you are unsure about anything.

If you prefer you can email Lorraine, Lydia or Laura:

[Lorraine@newleaftriangle.org.uk](mailto:Lorraine@newleaftriangle.org.uk)

[Lydia@newleaftriangle.org.uk](mailto:Lydia@newleaftriangle.org.uk)

[Laura@newleaftriangle.org.uk](mailto:Laura@newleaftriangle.org.uk)

Childline is a free phonenumber where you can talk to nice people about anything that you are worried about. They are always open.

