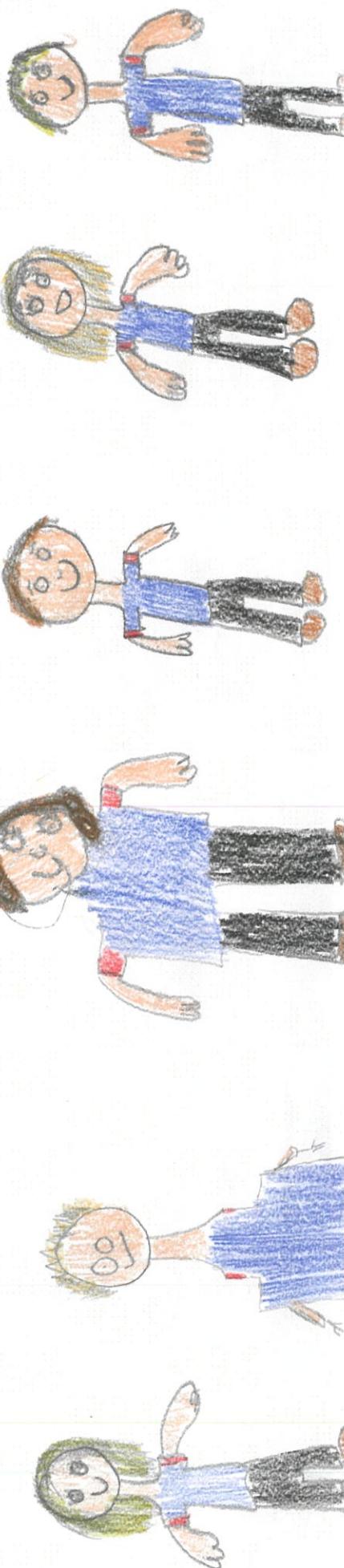


# ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILD SAFETY POLICY

STUDENT VERSION



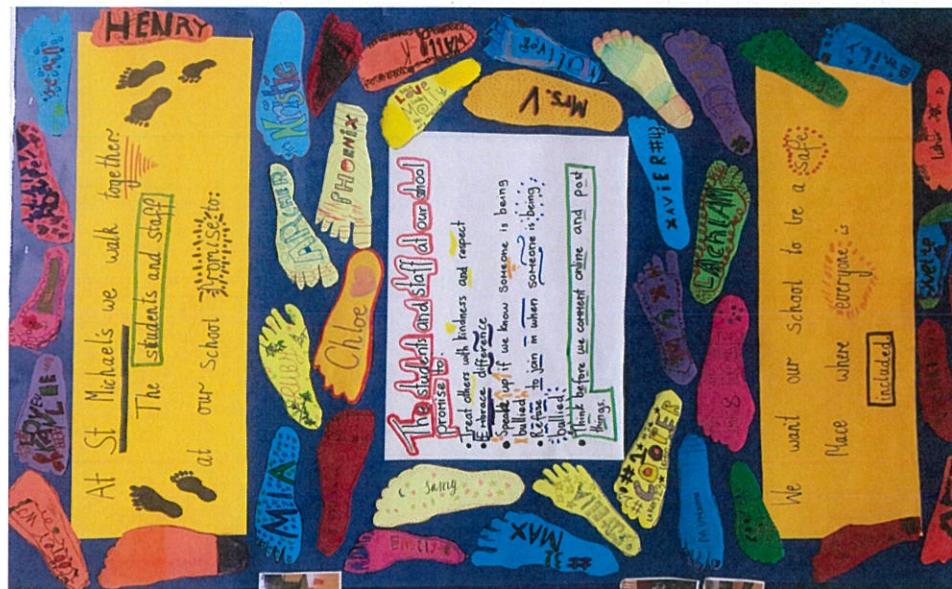
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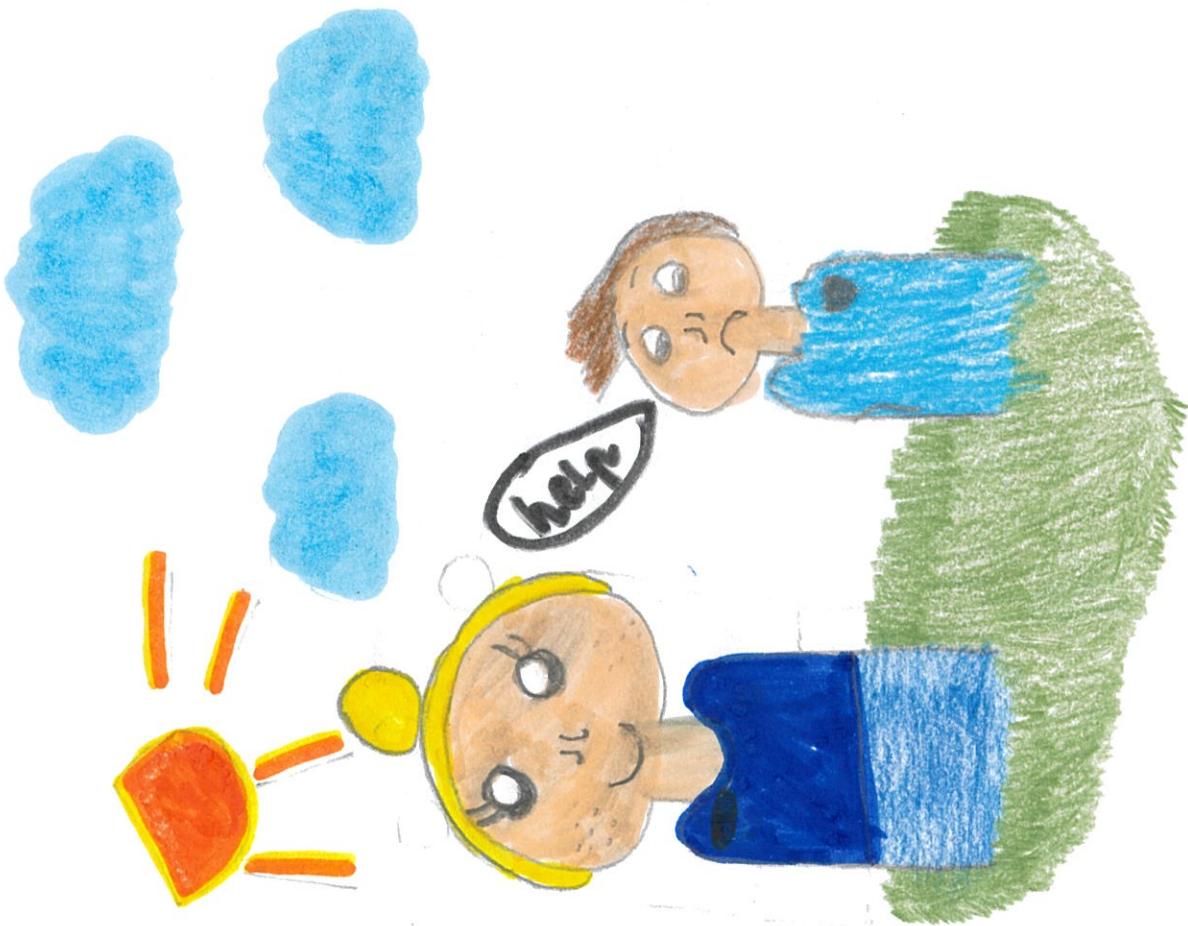
Everyone has the right to be safe and protected from unsafe behaviors. No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family or at your school or anywhere else in the community.

At St Michael's everyone at school works together to keep each other safe. We follow the example Jesus set by being welcoming to all children in our school.

We have pledged to be inclusive, kind, caring and respectful to everyone and we are committed to standing up for the rights of others.

The school does its very best to keep everyone safe.





# PURPOSE

- The staff at St Michael's want to keep all children safe. They don't want them to worry or feel scared and uncomfortable.
- The staff at St Michael's know what to do if a student says that they are not feeling safe.
- If students don't feel safe they know that they can tell any staff member.

# OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

All children at St Michael's have the right to feel safe and protected. Our school tolerates no bullying or unsafe behaviour.

At St Michael's we want all students to be happy so we work together to make our school a safe, happy and respectful place.

**RESPECT YOURSELF**  
RULE 1: Treat yourself with RESPECT

**RESPECT OTHERS**  
RULE 2: Treat other people with RESPECT

**RESPECT OUR ENVIRONMENT**  
RULE 3: Treat all property with RESPECT

**At St. Michael's we follow the 3Rs...**



# CODE OF CONDUCT

St Michael's has a Code of Conduct for all people in our school and school community.

The Code of Conduct is like a set of rules.

It explains to them the way they need to behave around children.

The Code of Conduct is for everyone:

School leaders, teachers, aides, office staff, parent helpers, volunteers, visitors and workers.

All people must agree to sign the Code of Conduct if they want to visit or work at our school.

The Code of Conduct is on our school website and at the office.



# STUDENT PARTICIPATION

All the children are encouraged to talk to someone if they feel unsafe. Our teachers teach us how to be safe and listen to us if we are not feeling safe.

- We have school rules that we look at each year.
- We have class rules that we worked on in our class.
- Our SRC shares our ideas with the Principal.
- Our school values mean that we work to make our school a happy place.
- We learn about safety in our classrooms.
- Prep students have a year 5/6 buddy to look out for them.
- We learn about being safe online in our classroom.

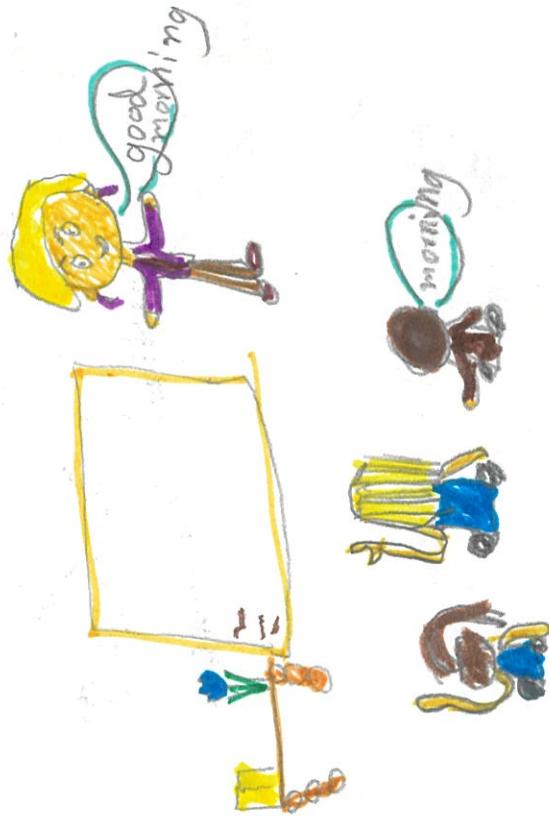


# RISK MANAGEMENT

The children and teachers talk about things that might not be safe in our school and we work together to fix them.

We can tell our Student Representative Committee members and staff when we see something unsafe.

We should always tell someone if we see something that is a risk to our safety.



# REPORTING AND RESPONDING

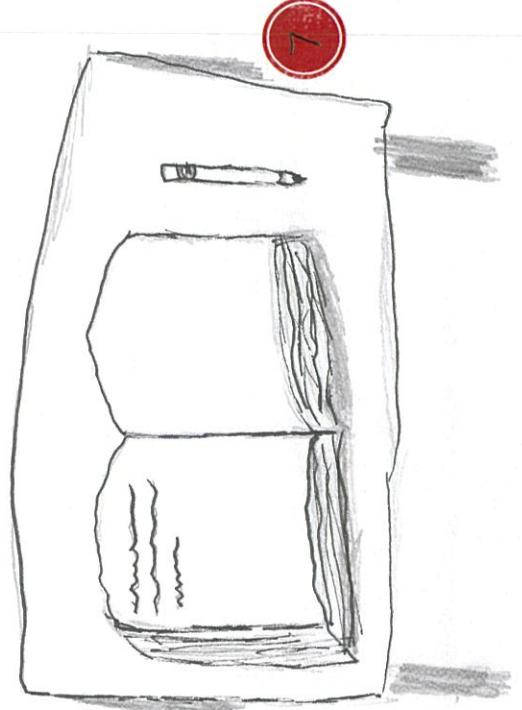
We know that if we feel unsafe we can talk to our teachers or another trusted adult at school.

They will listen to us and be able to help us.

If we are worried about someone else, we can also talk to our teachers or another trusted adult and ask for help.

Can I have  
help?

yes



# NEW STAFF AND STAFF LEARNING

When someone is going to work at our school, the Principal checks to make sure that they are suitable and safe to work with children before giving them a job at St Michael's or allowing them to help out.

Some of the ways that they do this are:

- Speaking to people who have worked with them.
  - Making sure they have the right qualifications for the job.
  - Checking they have a Working With Children Check.
  - Making sure they have not been in trouble with the police.
  - Asking them to read our Child Safety Policy and sign the Code of Conduct.
- Every year all staff do training about keeping children safe at school.



# COMMUNICATION AND REVIEW

This policy is available on the school website and at the office.

It is given to people who are new at our school.

The policy will be checked by teachers and students each year to make sure that we keep everyone safe.

