

Through our curriculum we help children learn to take responsibility for their own behaviour and we also make them aware of those people with whom they can talk if they are unhappy or have any problems.



All staff and volunteers will undergo an Enhanced Criminal Records Check. The staff and volunteers involved will be made aware of the Code of Conduct for Staff.



This leaflet is intended as a summary of school procedures relating to Safeguarding and Child Protection. A detailed copy of the school Safeguarding Policy is available in the school office, as are all related policies listed below

- Images Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Positive Behaviour Policy
- Pastoral Care

Parents will give written consent for:

- ◆ Intimate Care
- ◆ Photography/Video Recording
- ◆ Travelling Home Arrangements
- ◆ Use of the Internet

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## Safeguarding Policy

**Head of Safeguarding:**

**Conor Mc Phillips**

**Designated Teacher:**

**Róisín Ní Dhónaill**

**Deputy Designated Teachers:**

**Siobhán Mhic Néill**

**Caoimhe Uí Annaidh**

**Designated Governor:**

**Dolores Carron**

## DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE

Child Abuse occurs when a child is neglected, harmed or not provided with proper care. They can be abused by those known to them, or more rarely, by a stranger.

### There are different types of Child Abuse.

**Neglect:**The persistent failure to meet a child's physical, emotional and/or psychological needs, likely to cause significant harm, eg inadequate food, shelter, clothing and supervision.

**Emotional:**The persistent emotional ill treatment of a child eg conveying to a child that he is worthless, unloved or inadequate. Exposing a child to domestic violence, parental substance misuse or adult mental health problems.

**Physical:**The deliberate physical injury to a child, or the wilful or neglectful failure to prevent physical injury or suffering eg hitting, shaking, confinement to a room or inappropriately giving drugs to control behaviour.

**Sexual:**Involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities eg physical contact or non contact activities such as looking at inappropriate material or watching sexual activities or encouraging children to behave in sexual inappropriate ways.

**Exploitation** is the intentional ill-treatment, manipulation or abuse of power and control over a child; to take selfish or unfair advantage of a child or situation, for personal gain. It may manifest itself in many forms such as child labour, slavery, servitude, engagement in criminal activity, begging, benefit fraud or child trafficking.

**Child Sexual Exploitation:**Child sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse in which a child or young person is exploited, coerced and / or manipulated into engaging in some form of sexual activity in return for something they need or desire.

## CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

If any parent has any concerns about their child's or another child's welfare or safety, the following procedures may be followed.

I have a concern about my child's/a child's safety

I can talk to the Class Teacher

If I am still concerned I can talk to the Designated Teacher for Child protection:  
Róisín Uí Mhuirí /DDT Siobhán Mhic Néill, Caoimhe Uí Annaidh

If Designated Teacher is not available I can talk to the Principal, Conor McPhillips

If I am still concerned I can talk/write to Chairperson of the Board of Governors:  
Gerard Galvin

At any time I can talk to the Social Worker:  
Tel: 0800 7837745

Or the PSNI Tel: 101

If there are concerns that a child might be at risk, the school is obliged to make a referral to Social Services and/or PSNI. Parents will be informed of a decision to refer, unless the school is guided not to do so.

### Summary of procedures where a complaint has been made about possible abuse by a member of the school staff.

The complaint is about somebody other than the Principal

Tell the Principal

The Principal will inform the chair of the BOG.

DENI 2015/13 will be consulted to inform further actions

The complaint is about the Principal

Inform the Designated Teacher who will inform the Chair of the BOG

DENI 2015/13 will be consulted to inform further actions

No concern about the welfare of any child will be ignored by staff in the school. Children's safety and feeling secure and happy in their environment is of utmost importance to us and it is embedded in the ethos of the school.

