

Child Protection Procedures for Christian Brothers' Primary School, Armagh

1. Aim – to provide a caring, secure environment so that children feel safe, comfortable, and happy in their school.

IF A PARENT HAS A CONCERN AND /OR WISHES TO MAKE A COMPLAINT:

If a parent has a concern about his/her own child's safety or the safety of another child within the school, the parent should:

Talk to the Class Teacher

If still concerned, talk to the

School Designated Teachers -

Mrs Lorna Mc Auley or Mrs Aisling Fay

Or Deputy Designated teacher Mrs Sinéad Hill

If still concerned write/ talk to

Mr Pádraig O' Connor

Chairperson of Board of Governors c/o

Christian Brother's Primary School,

Greenpark, Armagh

- 1 (b) If a parent has a concern about a member of staff:

SPEAK TO THE PRINCIPAL

Who will speak to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, who will follow the Child Protection Policy & Procedures.

- 1 (c) If a parent has a concern about the Principal

SPEAK TO THE DESIGNATED TEACHER(S) FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Cosáint pháistí / Christian Brothers' Primary School Procedures



1. Staff acknowledge that they have a duty of care towards children and recognise the five areas of possible concern.

Physical abuse

Sexual abuse

Neglect

Emotional abuse

Exploitation

2. All staff should follow Education Authority Guidelines when dealing with information on child abuse.

Receive

Reassure

React

Record

Report

3. Where a member of staff is concerned for a child's safety this must be reported to the designated teacher(s)
4. The Designated teacher(s) will seek to clarify concerns, (Following EA Guidance)
 - a. Receive information from teacher(s) / child.
 - b. Keep written record.
 - c. Inform Principal
 - d. Seek advice from social worker (name withheld).
 - e. Support child/teacher.
5. Where it is suspected that abuse has taken place, or is taking place, a referral form will be completed and sent to the local Social Services Authority.



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Bunscoil & Naiscoil na mBráithre Críostaí, Ard Mhacha



Information Leaflet for Parents



**Child Protection
Cosáint Pháistí**

Ráiteas Misin / Mission Statement:

The Christian Brothers' Primary School, Armagh is inspired by the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice and is committed to the development and growth of the whole person. Fundamental to the ethos of our school is the recognition of each pupil as an individual with his/her own special abilities, gifts, needs, personality, and cultural background.

Our staff are committed to developing the pupil's self-awareness, independence, self-confidence, and a self-valuing that enables each to take up his/her own life and to make the right choices.



Ár nAidhm / Our Aim:

To protect our pupils by ensuring that everyone who works in our school have clear guidance on the detection and inter-agency management of situations, where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected.

The overriding concern of all caring adults must be the care, welfare, and safety of the child.

The welfare of each child is our paramount consideration.



In all their contact with pupils all staff in Christian Brothers' Primary School follow the guideline and procedures described in the DENI publication 'Safeguarding & Child Protection in Schools' Circular 2017/04 (amended September 2019; updated June 2020, updated June 2022; updated October 2023) and the SBNI Core Child Protection Policy and Procedures (2017).

Prionsabail / Principles:

The following principles form the basis of our child Protection Policy:

- Children should be listened to and taken seriously.
- In any incident, the child's welfare must always be paramount; this overrides all other considerations.
- A proper balance must be struck between protecting children and respecting the rights and needs of parents and families; but where there is a conflict, the child's interests must always come first.



