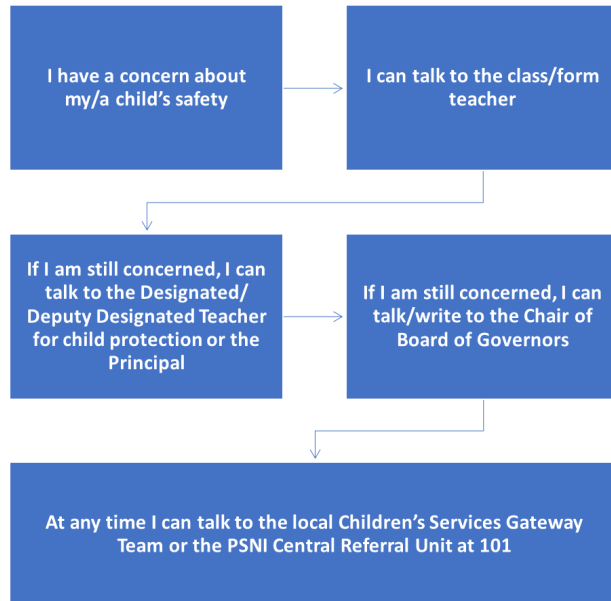


### What Should you do if you have a concern?

In Knocknagoney Primary School and Nursery we aim to work closely with parents / carers in supporting all aspects of their child's development and well-being. Any concerns a parent / carer may have will be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional manner.

If a parent / carer has a concern they can talk to the Class Teacher, Senior Lead, Designated or Deputy Designated Teacher for child protection, or the Principal.



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## Child Protection Policy

A summary for  
parents and  
visitors.

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We in Knocknagoney Primary School and Nursery have a responsibility for the safeguarding and child protection of the children in our care. We will carry out this duty by providing a caring, supportive and safe environment, where each child is valued for his or her unique talents and abilities; and in which all our young people can learn and develop to their full potential.

This leaflet is aimed to give you an overview of the main aspects of our child protection policy. A copy of the full policy can be requested from the school or viewed on the school website.

**Our School Safeguarding Team:**

**Designated Child Protection Teachers:**

Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Murray

**Deputy Designated Teacher:**

Mrs. Campbell

**Principal:** Mrs. McCullough

**Chair of Board of Governors:**

Rev. J. Frazer

**Why do we have a Child Protection Policy and Procedures?**

The overriding concern of all caring adults must be the care, welfare and safety of the child, and the welfare of each child is our paramount consideration. All staff, teaching, non-teaching and volunteers should be alert to the signs of possible abuse and should know the procedures to be followed.

**What is Child Abuse?**

Harm from abuse is not always straightforward to identify and a child or young person may experience more than one type of harm.

Harm can be caused by:

- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
- Exploitation

**Confidentiality and Information Sharing**

Information given to members of staff about possible child abuse cannot be held “in confidence”. In the interests of the child, staff have a responsibility to share relevant information about the protection of children with other professionals particularly the investigative agencies. In keeping with the principle of confidentiality, the sharing of information with school staff will be on a ‘need to know’ basis.

**Operation Encompass**

We are part of the Operation Encompass scheme. Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass ensures that there is a simple telephone call or notification to a school’s trained Designated Safeguarding Lead after an incident of police attending domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved. This sharing of information enables appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.