

How can a parent raise an issue or express a concern

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

I can talk to the class teacher

If I am still concerned, I can talk to one of the Designated Teachers for Child Protection

Mrs C. Todd

Mrs A. Wolfe

Mrs A. Cambridge

If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Principal

Mrs A Cambridge

If I am concerned, I can talk / write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors

Mr W.Kane

At any time, I can talk to a social worker at the Gateway Services or the PSNI Public Protection Unit, Newtownabbey.

- Details of procedures where a complaint has been made about possible abuse by a member of the school staff are in the full policy document.
- A copy of the school's Child Protection arrangements will be maintained and circulated to parents every two years. The policy documents will also be accessible within the school and copies provided given 24 hours notice. Parents will be issued with a copy of the school's Child Protection summary leaflet during the alternate year to the full policy circulation.

Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts

Islandmagee Primary School

Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mrs C Todd: 02893353680

Mrs A Cambridge: 028 93382493

Chairperson of Board of Governors

Mr W. Kane

Designated Governors for Child Protection

Rev Peter Bovill

Miss Marie Kane

Gateway Services for Children's Social Work

**Duty Social Worker Gateway Team
028934468833**

Out of Hours for all Areas 02895049999

PSNI Central Referral Unit 8am - 9pm 0289025 9299

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Child Line 0800 11 11

REMEMBER if you have ANY issues regarding Child Protection or have concerns regarding the safety or well being of any child, DO NOT hesitate to contact a member of the Safeguarding Team immediately.

**THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF THE CHILDREN
IN OUR CARE IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE**

Islandmagee Primary School

97 Middle Road

163 Brown's Bay Road

Islandmagee

ISLANDMAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Protection Information



Principal Mrs A. Cambridge

**Child Protection is
Everyone's Responsibility**

**Designated Teacher
for Child Protection**

Mrs C. Todd

**Deputy Designated Teachers
for Child Protection -**

Mrs A. Wolfe

Mrs A. Cambridge

Introduction

This leaflet provides a summary of Islandmagee Primary School Child Protection Policy which is part of the school's Safeguarding Policy. The full policy document is available on request from the school.

- All adults - teaching staff, support staff and volunteers in Islandmagee Primary School accept that they have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of our pupils.
- No concern about the welfare of any child will be ignored by staff in Islandmagee Primary School.
- Children's safety and feeling secure and happy is of paramount importance and this is embedded in the ethos of the school.
- Islandmagee Primary School recognizes the importance of partnership between home and school but where issues of child abuse or suspected child abuse arise, our first responsibility is to the child.
- We aim to raise children's awareness about themselves and develop a trusting environment in which children share their worries.

MEET THE SAFEGUARDING TEACHER TEAM

Mrs C. Todd Mrs A. Wolfe Mrs A. Cambridge



What is Child Abuse?

Definition of Child Abuse

'Child Abuse occurs when a child is neglected, harmed or not provided with proper care. Children may be abused in many settings, by those known to them, or more rarely by a stranger. There are different types of abuse and a child may suffer more than one of them...'

Categories of Child Abuse

Physical

Physical abuse is deliberate physical injury or the willful neglectful failure to prevent physical injury or suffering.

Emotional

Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional ill-treatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development.

All staff at Islandmagee Primary School will ensure that all children are aware of who they can talk to if they are sad, worried, being bullied or have any other concerns.

Sexual

Sexual abuse involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities.

Neglect

Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's physical, emotional and/or psychological needs, likely to result in significant harm; failing to provide adequate food, shelter or clothing, failing to protect from physical harm or danger, failing to ensure access to appropriate medical care/treatment, lack of stimulation, lack of supervision.

Exploitation

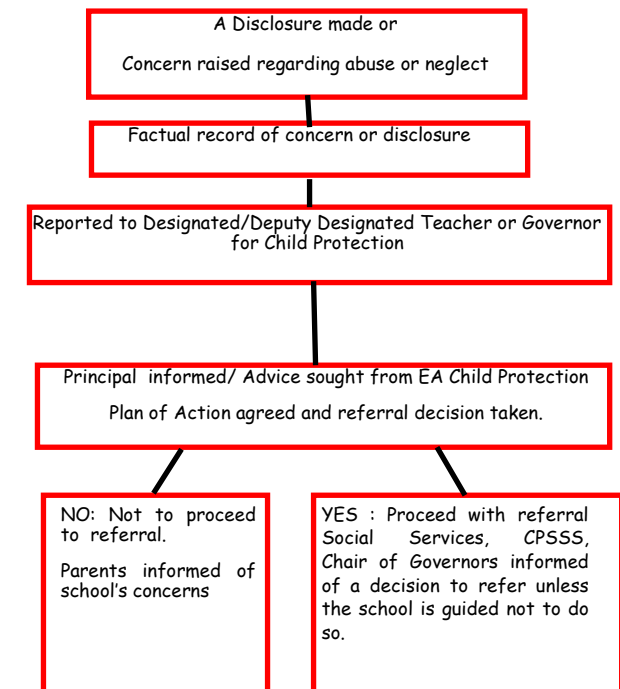
Exploitation is the intentional mistreatment or misuse of power to control to take selfish and unfair advantage of a child.

Procedures

The Department of Education of Northern Ireland requires all those working in education to co-operate fully with Social Services and other agencies to protect children. It is our duty to act if there is a concern about any form of abuse.

The diagram below shows the procedures we are required to adhere to as outlined in The Department of Education Northern Ireland publication 'Pastoral Care in Schools - Child Protection (99/10)' and 'Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools;

A Guide for Schools, published 2017



School will continue to monitor pupil as appropriate.

It should be noted that information given to members of staff about possible child abuse cannot be held 'in confidence'. In the interests of the child, staff may need to share this information with other professionals. However, only those who need to know will be told.