



Sandbrook Nursery School **Child Protection and Safeguarding Statement**

This school has a pastoral responsibility towards the children in its care to protect them from harm and a responsibility to develop and adhere to Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies in its work with children.

Legal responsibilities place duties on the staff at this school to put Child Protection Policies and Procedures into place if abuse is suspected or if a disclosure is made to a member of staff.

Abuse may take a number of forms, including neglect, physical injury, emotional, sexual abuse and exploitation. Some forms of abuse are also a criminal offence.

All members of staff have been made aware of the procedures to be used where there is cause for concern regarding child abuse or where a member of staff is accused of abuse.

The designated teacher for Child Protection in Sandbrook Nursery is Mrs L Cromie and they will make the necessary referrals to the Social Services and the Education Authority. If they are unavailable, Miss Rodney will take over the role as deputy designated teacher.

The prime consideration in every instance is the welfare and needs of the child concerned and any preliminary inquiries necessary will be made carefully and sensitively.

Parents who have concerns about a child's safety and welfare, should make these concerns known to the designated staff and/ or the Chairperson of the Board of Governors. Information given to staff about possible child abuse cannot always be held in confidence. In the best interests of the child, this information may be shared with other professionals.

Child Protection is everyone's business and the welfare of all children is paramount.

How a Parent can raise a safeguarding concern

If a parent has a safeguarding concern they can follow the guide below:

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

I can talk to the teacher

If I am still concerned I can talk to the Principal and Designated Teacher for Safeguarding - Mrs Cromie
Tel: 02890 671115

If I am still concerned I can talk or write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors - Stephen Warke
(scwarke85@gmail.com)
c/o
Sandbrook Nursery School, Wellwood Avenue

If I am still concerned I can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman
Tel: 0800 343 424

At anytime, I can write or talk to:
a Social Worker at Belfast Gateway Team, tel:02890 507000
or the PSNI Central Referral Unit
Tel: 02890259299



Mrs Cromie
Designated Teacher



Miss Rodney
Deputy Designated Teacher