

# DERRYCHRIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY



### A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

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#### Aims

We at Derrychrin Primary School acknowledge that along with outside agencies we have a statutory responsibility for the protection of children. It is consistent with the aims and objectives of our school that all staff have a duty to help protect children from abuse or from the risk of abuse.

#### Guiding Principles

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- At all times, there must be a multidisciplinary and multi-agency approach to commitment to protection, support and safeguarding of children from harm.
- Each agency involved must have an understanding of each other's professional values and accept each other's role, powers and responsibilities.
- Any actions taken by agencies must be considered and well informed so that they are sensitive to and take account of the child's gender, age, stage of development, religious culture and race.
- The right of confidentiality for parents, carers, teachers and children must be respected and information will only be shared in the interests of the child's welfare.

It is the policy of Derrychrin PS to educate all our children in an environment in which they themselves feel safe and secure.

#### Procedure

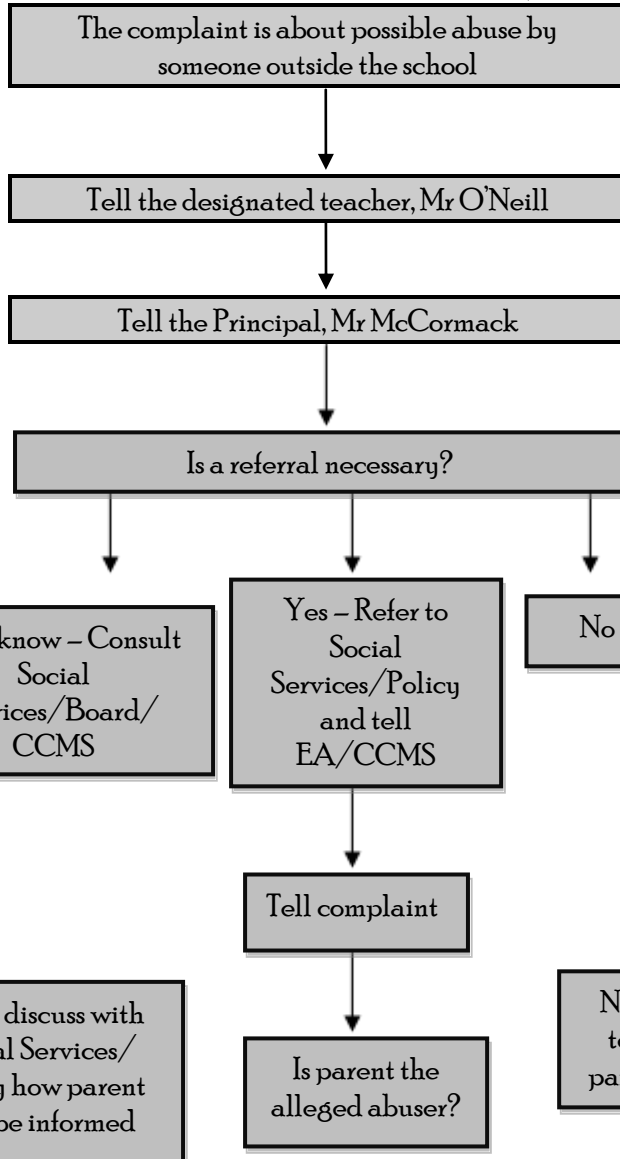
The following procedures for Child Protection are intended to protect our pupils by ensuring that everyone who works in the school, teachers, nonteaching staff and all volunteers have;

- An understanding of the Child Protection Policy and Procedures.
- An understanding of the signs & symptoms of abuse.
- Clear guidance on the action which is required where abuse of a child is suspected.
- Received Child Protection training.
- Undergone a vetting procedure.

#### Bullying

Staff at Derrychrin P.S. recognise that bullying is also a distressing form of abuse and will not be tolerated. All staff will be vigilant and will implement the strategies from the anti-bullying policy to help prevent this.

If a case of child abuse is suspected the following diagram shows the procedures we are required to follow, as described in the DENI publication 'Pastoral Care in School-Child Protection (1999)



We at Derrychrin Primary School strive to create a secure, happy and caring environment in which pupils can learn and develop all their talents. There is a whole school structured approach to Pastoral Care, promoting an ethos that contributes to the care, safety and well-being of all the children in our school

All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that the welfare of all children is safeguarded and that their safety is preserved.



**Child Protection is everybody's responsibility.**

If a parent suspects an incident of child abuse the following procedures should take place:

