



# *Pastoral Care Policy*



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Date of Review: May 2027



## Introduction

In Greenisland Primary School we are primarily concerned with the safety, health, well-being and personal development of all our pupils. We recognise the uniqueness of each child and through our pastoral care, we want to ensure that each child feels cherished and thrives to achieve their full potential in a safe and happy environment.

## Aims of the Pastoral Care Policy

- To create a safe, caring community within our school where there is respect for oneself and respect for the views, opinions and differences of others
- To develop all aspects of a child's well-being i.e. their spiritual, moral, emotional, physical and academic development.
- To provide an environment that will enable each child to develop their self-confidence, their self-esteem and a positive self-image.
- To work in partnership with parents and outside agencies to overcome any difficulty a pupil may encounter and therefore enrich the quality of teaching and learning.
- To help pupils appreciate and value the opportunities and resources available to them, and to foster a sense of responsibility towards helping others in our community and the wider world.
- The pastoral care of our pupils will be developed and enhanced through a wide range of activities and opportunities. These, combined with the Northern Ireland Curriculum, enhance the development of the 'Whole' child.

These include:

- Weekly assemblies
- Whole school events and class RE lessons
- The involvement of all pupils in presentations and school productions

- The recognition of achievements in and out of school
- The celebration of children's work
- Class duties/responsibilities and the P7 Prefect/Buddy Program
- The involvement of pupils in charities and supporting our community
- Extra-curricular activities
- Our extended sport and instrumental programme
- Circle time/ PDMU lessons
- Parent/Teacher meetings and year group curriculum meetings
- Educational visits and residentials
- The full involvement of pupils in their classroom rules, rewards and consequences
- Grandparents' Day
- Additional learning support
- The on-going review of all pastoral care policies and procedures
- Events throughout the year which continue to reinforce important pastoral information e.g. Anti- Bullying Week, Internet Safety and Child Protection Week, Health & Safety Week (these areas are also reviewed with pupils on many occasions throughout the school year)

### Liaison with Parents and other Agencies

In Greenisland Primary School we value the close collaboration with parents in all aspects of school life. We encourage parents to bring any areas of concern firstly to the class teacher's attention as soon as possible. Should problems or misunderstandings arise, we are committed to listening and working together to resolve them.

We would ask parents to support our pastoral care policies and procedures which have been developed after much consultation and on-going review with all members of our school community.

The school will utilise the support and expertise of other agencies. These include:

- EA
- Educational Psychologists
- RISE NI
- Paediatric ASD Services
- Outreach Professionals
- Our School Nurse and Health Agencies
- NSPCC / Barnardos
- School Counselling Services
- Charitable Associations
- Board of Governors

## Key Pastoral Care Personnel

- **Mrs Falls-** School Principal, Coordinator for Pastoral Care including Anti-Bullying, Positive Behaviour and Code of Conduct for Pupils and Staff.
- **Mrs Ashleigh Beattie-** Vice Principal, Designated teacher for Child Protection.
- **Mrs Emma Millar-** Coordinator for Special Educational Needs (SENCo)
- **Mrs Mandy McComb-** Head of Foundation Stage, Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.
- **Mr Matthew Johnston-** Coordinator of PE, Safeguarding Team member.
- **Mrs Alison Smyth-** Coordinator for Personal Development and Mutual Understanding which includes Health Education.
- **Mrs Laura Brown-** Coordinator for Internet Safety and the Safe Use of Digital Technologies.
- **Mr Luke Jenkins-** Coordinator for Religious Education.

**All teaching and non-teaching staff at Greenisland Primary School are fully committed to the well-being of every child.**

