

**If a parent has a potential child**

**protection concern:**

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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 the Designated/Deputy Designated Teachers

(Miss N Moore/Mrs J Fisher/Mrs McQuitty)

or the Principal, Mr S Finlay

If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chair of the Board of Governors (Mr G Stewart).

At any time I can talk to the local Children's Services Gateway Team

Tel: 028 9442 4459

I can also contact the PSNI Central Referral Unit Tel: 018 90259299

If I am still concerned,

I can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman.



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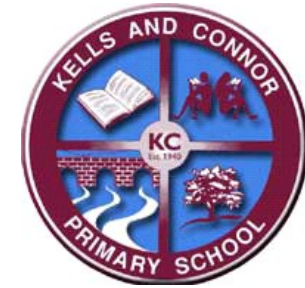
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# Providing a safe environment for every child at Kells and Connor



The governors and staff of Kells and Connor Primary school fully recognise the contribution it makes to safeguarding children.

We recognise that all staff, including volunteers, have a full and active part in protecting our pupils from harm.

We believe that our school should provide a caring, positive, safe and stimulating environment which promotes the social, physical and moral development of the individual child.

Please refer to the full Safeguarding Policy which is available in school and on our website.

## WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION?

**Safeguarding** is more than child protection. Safeguarding begins with promotion and preventative activity which enables children and young people to grow up safely and securely in circumstances where their development and wellbeing is not adversely affected. It includes support to families and early intervention to meet the needs of children and continues through to child protection.

**Child protection** refers specifically to the activity that is undertaken to protect individual children or young people who are suffering, or are likely to suffer significant harm.

## WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE?

Child abuse can manifest in a number of ways and can involve a combination of forms of abuse. There are five main recognised types of abuse:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Sexual
- Neglect
- Exploitation



## SAFEGUARDING TEAM AT KELLS AND CONNOR

There is always someone to speak to about concerns you may have regarding Safeguarding.

Chair of Governors: Mr G Stewart

Designated Governor for Child Protection: Mrs W Torrington

### Designated Teacher



Miss N Moore

### Principal



Mr S Finlay

### Deputy Designated Teachers



Mrs J Fisher



Mrs N McQuitty