

How a parent can express a concern

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

I can talk to the class / form teacher

If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated
/ Deputy Designated Teacher for Child protection
or the Principal

If I am still concerned, I can talk / write to the
Acting Chair of the Board of Governors—
Mr Francis Close

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

At any time, I can talk to the local Children's
Services Gateway Team or the PSNI Central
Referral Unit at 028 9025 9299



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Child Protection

*A Guide for
Parents/Guardians*



School Policy

We recognise that we have a pastoral responsibility towards the pupils in our charge and that they have a fundamental right to be protected from harm. We have a responsibility to ensure that their welfare is safeguarded and their safety is preserved.

A detailed policy document is available on request from the school office.

Categories of Abuse

Abuse may take a number of forms as defined by **Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland DHSSPS 2016**), including:

Neglect:

Neglect is the failure to provide for a child's basic needs, whether it be adequate food, clothing, hygiene, supervision or shelter that is likely to result in the serious impairment of a child's health or development.

Physical Abuse:

Physical abuse is deliberately physically hurting a child. It might take a variety of different forms, including hitting, biting, pinching, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning or suffocating a child.

Sexual Abuse:

Sexual abuse occurs when others use and exploit children sexually for their own gratification or gain or the gratification of others.

Emotional Abuse:

Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child. It is also sometimes called psychological abuse and it can have severe and persistent adverse effects on a child's emotional development.

Exploitation:

Exploitation is the intentional ill-treatment, manipulation or abuse of power and control over a child or young person; to take selfish or unfair advantage of a child or young person or situation, for personal gain.

If at any time, a child makes a disclosure to a member of staff that gives rise to concerns about possible abuse, or if a member of staff has concerns about a child, the member of staff will act promptly and the following process will be applied:

He / she will speak initially to

Mrs Fiona Bailey

(Designated Teacher)

who will discuss any concerns with

Miss Catriona Loughrey

(Deputy Designated Teacher)

The school may seek advice from:

- Social Services
- Child Protection Support Services for Schools (CPSS)

Parents will be kept informed in line with statutory requirements.

- *Where a disclosure is made, the school is legally obliged to refer the matter to Social Services or Care Unit (PSNI)*