

THROUGH OUR CURRICULUM WE HELP CHILDREN LEARN TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN BEHAVIOUR AND WE ALSO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THOSE PEOPLE THEY CAN TALK TO IF THEY ARE UNHAPPY OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS.



ALL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WILL UNDERGO AN ENHANCED CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK. THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED WILL BE MADE AWARE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STAFF.

THIS LEAFLET IS INTENDED AS A SUMMARY OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES RELATING TO SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION. A DETAILED COPY OF THE SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING POLICY IS AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AS ARE ALL RELATED POLICIES LISTED BELOW.

- **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY**
- **ANTI BULLYING POLICY**
- **PASTORAL CARE POLICY**
- **E SAFETY POLICY**

PARENTAL CONSENT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- **PERSONAL/INTIMATE CARE**
- **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO RECORDING**
- **SCHOOL TRIPS/EDUCATIONAL VISITS**
- **USE OF INTERNET**
- **ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

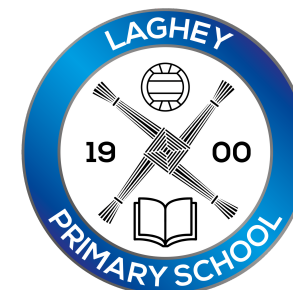
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LAGHEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



SAFEGUARDING TEAM

DESIGNATED TEACHER:

MR. GAVIN WYLIE

DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER:

MRS. NOELEN RICE

DESIGNATED GOVERNOR FOR CHILD

PROTECTION:

MRS DEIRDRE MCPARLAND

CHAIR OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

MRS. DEIRDRE MCNALLY



THE SCHOOL'S COMPLAINT PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE. BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES WHERE A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN MADE ABOUT POSSIBLE ABUSE BY A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL STAFF.

THE COMPLAINT IS ABOUT SOMEBODY OTHER THAN THE PRINCIPAL.

TELL THE PRINCIPAL

THE PRINCIPAL WILL INFORM THE CHAIR OF THE BOG MRS DEIRDRE MCNALLY

THE COMPLAINT IS ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL

IF THE COMPLAINT IS ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL THEN INFORM THE DESIGNATED TEACHER WHO WILL INFORM THE CHAIR OF THE BOG

FURTHER ACTIONS

NO CONCERN ABOUT THE WELFARE OF ANY CHILD WILL BE IGNORED BY STAFF IN THE SCHOOL. CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND FEELING SECURE AND HAPPY IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO US AND IT IS EMBEDDED IN THE ETHOS OF THE SCHOOL.

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS A FORM OF SEXUAL ABUSE WHERE CHILDREN ARE SEXUALLY EXPLOITED FOR MONEY, POWER OR STATUS. IT CAN INVOLVE VIOLENT, HUMILIATING AND DEGRADING SEXUAL ASSAULTS. CONSENT CANNOT BE GIVEN, EVEN WHERE A CHILD MAY BELIEVE THEY ARE VOLUNTARILY ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH THE PERSON WHO IS EXPLOITING THEM. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION DOESN'T ALWAYS INVOLVE PHYSICAL CONTACT AND CAN HAPPEN ONLINE.

CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES
IF ANY PARENT HAS ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR CHILD OR ANOTHER CHILD'S WELFARE OR SAFETY, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES MAY BE FOLLOWED.

I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT MY CHILD/A CHILD'S SAFETY

I CAN TALK TO A CLASS TEACHER

IF I AM STILL CONCERNED I CAN TALK TO THE DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION: MR WYLIE.
IF THE DESIGNATED TEACHER IS NOT AVAILABLE I CAN TALK TO THE DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHER: MRS COLEMAN

IF I AM STILL CONCERNED I CAN TALK TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS: MRS DEIRDRE MCNALLY

IF I AM STILL CONCERNED I CAN TALK TO THE NI PUBLIC SERVICE OMBUDSMAN ON 0800 343 424

AT ANY TIME I CAN TALK TO THE GATEWAY TEAM OR THE PSNI CENTRAL REFERRAL UNIT ON

IF THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT A CHILD MIGHT BE AT RISK, THE SCHOOL ARE OBLIGED TO MAKE A REFERRAL TO SOCIAL SERVICES AND/OR PSNI. PARENTS WILL BE INFORMED OF A DECISION TO REFER, UNLESS THE SCHOOL IS GUIDED NOT TO DO SO.

DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE
CHILD ABUSE OCCURS WHEN A CHILD IS NEGLECTED, HARMED OR NOT PROVIDED WITH PROPER CARE. THEY CAN BE ABUSED BY THOSE KNOWN TO THEM OR MORE RARELY, BY A STRANGER.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHILD ABUSE. NEGLECT: THE PERSISTENT FAILURE TO MEET A CHILD'S PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND/OR PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS, LIKELY TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT HARM, EG INADEQUATE FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING AND SUPERVISION.

EMOTIONAL: THE PERSISTENT EMOTIONAL ILL TREATMENT OF A CHILD EG CONVEYING TO A CHILD THAT HE IS WORTHLESS, UNLOVED OR INADEQUATE. EXPOSING A CHILD TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PARENTAL SUBSTANCE MISUSE OR ADULT MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

PHYSICAL: THE DELIBERATE PHYSICAL INJURY TO A CHILD, OR THE WILFUL OR NEGLECTFUL FAILURE TO PREVENT PHYSICAL INJURY OR SUFFERING EG HITTING, SHAKING, CONFINEMENT TO A ROOM OR INAPPROPRIATELY GIVING DRUGS TO CONTROL BEHAVIOUR.

SEXUAL: INVOLVES FORGING OR ENTICING A CHILD TO TAKE PART IN SEXUAL ACTIVITIES EG PHYSICAL CONTACT OR NON CONTACT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS LOOKING AT INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL OR WATCHING SEXUAL ACTIVITIES OR ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO BEHAVE IN SEXUAL INAPPROPRIATE WAYS.

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. IT MAY MANIFEST ITSELF IN MANY FORMS SUCH AS CHILD LABOUR, SLAVERY, SERVITUDE, ENGAGEMENT IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, BEGGING, BENEFIT OR OTHER FINANCIAL FRAUD OR CHILD TRAFFICKING.