

What Can A Parent Do When They Have A Concern About Possible Child Abuse?

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 Mrs L Stevenson (Designated Teacher) or Mrs K Knox (Deputy Designated Teacher)

If I am still concerned I can talk to Mrs J Bryans (Principal)

If I am still concerned I can contact the Chair of the Board of Governors (Mr W Gordon)

At any time I can talk to the local Children's Services Gateway Team (0300 1000 300) or the PSNI Central Referral Unit at cru@psni.police.uk



A COPY OF OUR FULL POLICY FOR CHILD PROTECTION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE
www.carrps.com

USEFUL CONTACTS AND INFORMATION:

Gateway Social Worker: 028 90602705

Gateway Services: 0300 1000 300

PSNI Referral Unit: CRU@psni.pnn.police.uk

Childline: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

Education Authority [South Eastern Region]: Out of hours emergency service: 028 9504999



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CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

2023

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Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mrs Stevenson



Deputy Designated Teacher

Mrs Knox

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF OUR CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:

- To take all reasonable steps to ensure that the welfare of all children is paramount.
- To provide a setting that is consistent in provision of safe and effective care where pupils feel safe.
- To provide all staff, with appropriate knowledge so that they will be alert to possible signs of abuse/harm and the procedures to follow.
- To set out clear expectations of roles and responsibilities.
- To promote safe practices and challenge unsafe practices.
- Where abuse is suspected, we aim to make an immediate referral to the appropriate bodies and carry out enquiries carefully and sensitively.
- If abuse is suspected staff will deal with it instantly.
- To ensure an effective record keeping system.
- To implement a personal and social educational programme which will include self protection programmes to help children recognise and deal with potentially dangerous situations.

CARR PRIMARY SCHOOL'S SAFEGUARDING TEAM:

Designated Teacher : Mrs L Stevenson

Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs K Knox

The Child Protection Governor: Mr S Shaw

Chairperson of Board of Governors: Mr W Gordon

DEFINITIONS OF ABUSE:

In Carr Primary School we use the following definitions:

Neglect- the persistent or significant neglect of a child, or the failure to protect a child from exposure to any kind of danger, including cold or starvation, or persistent failure to carry out important aspects of care, resulting in significant impairment of the child's health or development, including non-organic failure to thrive.

Physical – physical injury to a child, whether deliberately inflicted or knowingly not prevented. This may include hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating, confinement to a room or cot, or inappropriately giving drugs to control behaviour.

Sexual – the sexual exploitation of a child or young person for an adult's or another young person's sexual gratification; the involvement of children or young people in sexual activities of any kind (including exposure to pornography) which they do not understand, to which they are unable to give informed consent or that violate normal family roles. Can include use of digital technology to groom or cyber-bully.

Emotional – persistent or significant emotional ill-treatment or rejection, resulting in severe adverse effects on the emotional, physical and/or behavioural development of a child. It may involve conveying to a child that he/she is worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as he/she meets the needs of another person. It may involve causing a child frequently to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of a child. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of ill-treatment of a child, though it may occur alone.

Domestic Abuse - involves any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality. The school has a duty to inform Social Services of suspected domestic abuse whether it has been directly witnessed by the child or not. Please note that domestic abuse can also come from an-

CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES:

All staff at Carr Primary School will ensure that all children are aware of who they can talk to if they are sad, worried, being bullied or have any other concerns. The Department of Education for Northern Ireland requires all those working in education to co-operate fully with Social Services and other agencies to protect children. It is therefore our duty to refer if there is a concern about any form of abuse.

CHILD PROTECTION FLOWCHART (STAFF)

This flowchart indicates the procedures undertaken in case of suspected child abuse in Carr Primary School.

