

THE ABBEY CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL



SAFE GUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY SUMMARY

Child Protection Ethos

We in the Abbey Grammar School have a responsibility for the safeguarding and child protection of the children in our care and we will carry out this duty by providing a caring, supportive and safe environment, where each child is valued for his or her unique talents and abilities, and in which all our young people can learn and develop to their full potential.

School Safeguarding Team

The following are members of the school's Safeguarding Team:

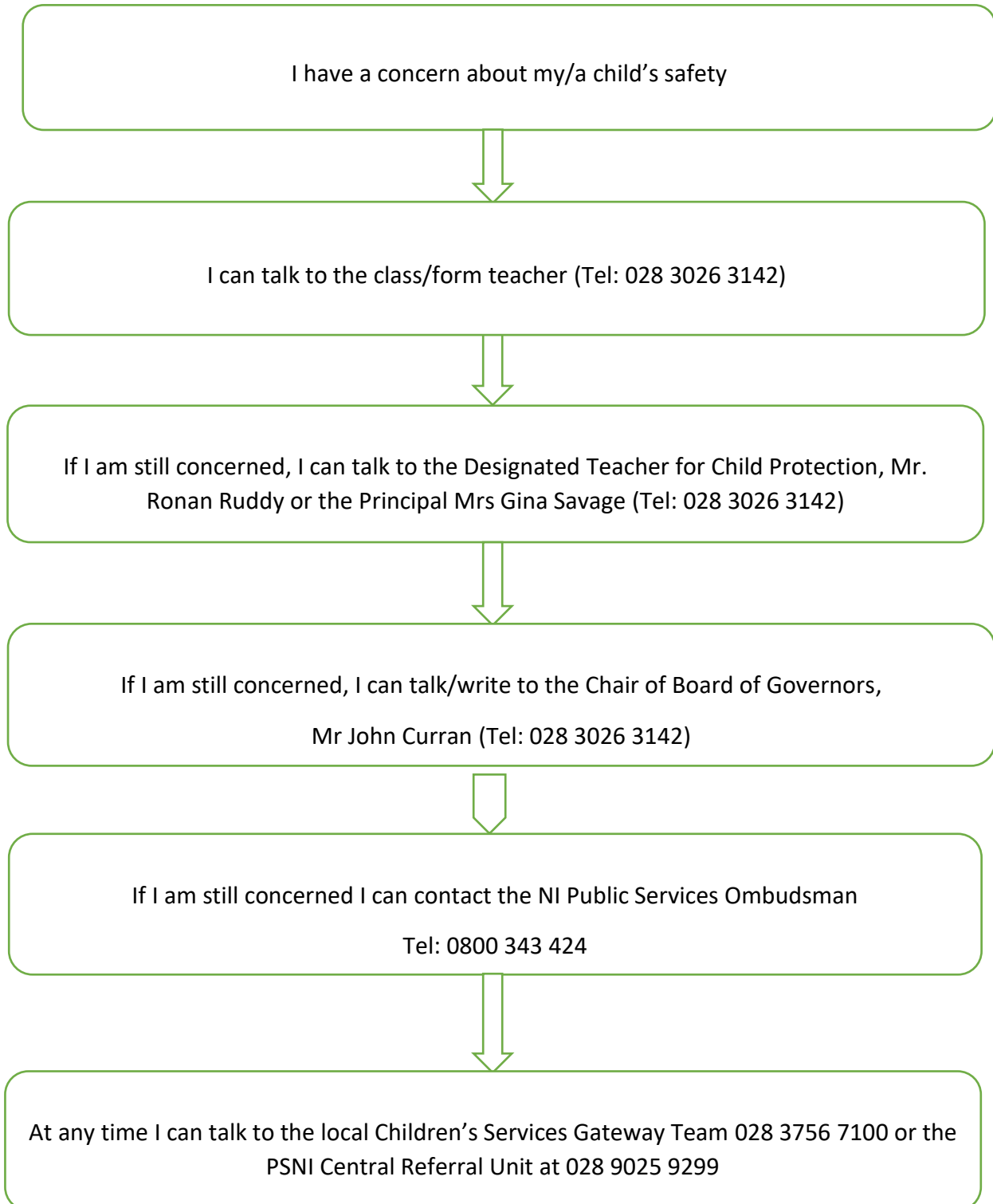
- Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Mr Ronan Ruddy
- Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection: Mrs Annette Elmore
Ms Catriona O'Hare
Mr Mark Rodgers
Mr Sean Gallagher
Mrs Phyllis McQuillan
- Principal: Mrs Gina Savage
- Designated Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lorraine McKeown
- Chairman of the Board of Governors: Mr John Curran

How a parent can raise a concern

If a parent has a concern they can talk to the Form Teacher or the Designated Teacher for Child Protection or to the Principal. If they are still concerned they may talk to the Chairman of the Board of Governors. If a parent wishes they can contact the NI Public Service Ombudsman. At any time a parent may talk to a social worker in the local Social Services Gateway Team or to the PSNI Public Protection Unit. Details of who to contact are shown in the flowchart below.

How a Parent can raise a concern

If a parent has a potential child protection concern:



Further Children's Services – Northern Ireland

Who can help me? I don't want to talk to anyone I know about this, who can I speak to?

You can speak to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency

Barnardo's SEEN project (Sexual Exploitation Ends Now) who can signpost you to agencies who can help - 028 9065 8511

NSPCC CSE helpline 0808 800 5000 -

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact the NSPCC Helpline. It doesn't have to be an emergency – you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children.

*Dedicated NSPCC child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action. You can contact the NSPCC Helpline seven days a week by emailing help@nspcc.org.uk or on **0808 800 5000**.*

Sometimes asking for help or advice is easier by text.

The **Text-A-Nurse** scheme gives confidential health advice for young people aged 11-19 in NI.

- **Southern Trust Text-A-Nurse** 07507 328057

Further help and advice available from:

Local Social Service Gateway Teams:

- **Southern HSC Trust** 0800 783 7745

Regional Emergency Social Work Service 028 9504 9999

Concerned by your behaviour or someone else's? - Contact **STOP IT NOW! UK & IRELAND** on 0808 1000 900