

Through our curriculum we help children learn to take responsibility for their own wellbeing and 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 and will adhere to the school's agreed Code of Conduct for Staff.



#### Dear Parent/Guardian

We have briefly summarised our Safeguarding and child protection policy to make you aware of its contents. We are very proud of the Pastoral Care system in St. Patrick's Primary & Nursery School and particularly appreciate the support we receive from parents and carers who know they can contact us at any time to make arrangements to speak to the staff.

*All concerns will be treated with speed, sensitivity and confidentiality.*

Parents will give written consent for:

- ◆ Personal Care
- ◆ Photography/Video Recording
- ◆ Travelling Home Arrangements

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A copy of the full Safeguarding and Child Protection policy and other linked policies are available from the school office/on the school website

## St. Patrick's Primary & Nursery School, Mayobridge



## Summary of Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

### Safeguarding Team:

**Principal: Mrs M Ryan**

**Designated Teacher: Mrs O Mc Kinley**

### Deputy Designated Teachers:

**Mrs B O'Hare**

**Mrs S Kelland**

**Mrs J Smyth (Nursery)**

## CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

### WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE?

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.

#### Sexual

Involves forcing 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

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 any parent has any concerns about their child or another child's welfare or safety, the following procedures should be followed:

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

I can talk to the Class Teacher

If I am still concerned I can talk to the Designated Teacher - Mrs O Mc Kinley or Mrs B O Hare/Mrs S Kelland/Mrs J Smyth as Deputy Designated Teachers for C. P.

If no Designated Teacher is available I can talk to the Principal Mrs M Ryan

If I am still concerned I can talk/write to Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mrs N Lynchehaun

If I am still concerned I can contact the Ombudsman Tel: 0800343424

I can talk to a Social Worker at any time: Tel 0800 783 7745 or the PSNI Public Protection Unit: Tel: 101

**If there are concerns that a child may be at risk, the school is 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.**

### 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.

Current DE Guidance will be followed

The complaint is about the Principal

Inform the Designated Teacher who will inform the Chair of the BOG

Current DE Guidance will be followed

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.

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