

HOW A PARENT CAN EXPRESS CONCERN

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 C Magill,
Designated Teacher & Vice-Principal



If I am still concerned I can talk to:
Mrs H Magee,
Deputy Designated Teacher & Principal



If I am still concerned, I can
talk/write to the
Chairman of the Board of Governors
Mr A McKillop

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE SCHOOL

By Letter

The Principal
St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit
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A Guide for Parents

Child Protection
& Safeguarding

School Policy



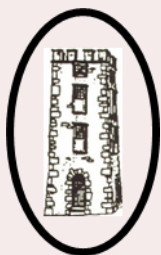
WE IN ST MARY'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT
AIM TO PROVIDE
A CARING, SUPPORTIVE
AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE
THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS ARE PROTECTED
FROM RISKS OF POSSIBLE ABUSE.

THE PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE, IF
IT OCCURS, WILL NOT BE IGNORED BY
ANYONE IN OUR SCHOOL.

ALL SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED
BY LAW TO HAVE A
CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING
POLICY AND TO COMMUNICATE
THIS TO PARENTS.

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



What Is Child Abuse?

Abuse can take any of the following forms:

NEGLECT:

The persistent or significant neglect of 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.

PHYSICAL:

Physical injury to a child, whether deliberately inflicted or knowingly not prevented.

SEXUAL:

The sexual exploitation of a child or young person for an adult's or another young person's own sexual gratification; the involvement of children or young people in sexual activities of any kind (including exposure to pornography) which they are unable to give informed consent or that violate normal family roles.

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.

EXPLOITATION:

The ill-treatment, manipulation or abuse of power and control over child or young person.

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING SUSPECTED OR DISCLOSED CHILD ABUSE

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

He/She will speak initially to
Mrs C Magill
(Designated Teacher)

who will discuss any concerns with
Mrs H Magee
(Principal / Deputy Designated Teacher)

if appropriate, a referral will be made immediately to:
**Social Services, CCMS,
EA, Care Unit (PSNI)**

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 immediately.

