

## OUR SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM AT ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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If you have any concerns you can talk to us

### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY SUMMARY

We in St Brigid's Primary School, Nursery and Special Classes have a responsibility for the Pastoral Care, general welfare and safety of the children in our care and we will carry out this duty by providing a caring, supportive and safe environment, which reflects our Catholic ethos and 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. All staff, teaching and non-teaching should be alert to the signs of possible abuse and should know the procedures to be followed. The child protection and safeguarding policy sets out guidance on the action, which is required where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected and outlines referral procedures within

## Types of Child Abuse

**Neglect** is the failure to provide for a child's basic needs, whether it be adequate food, clothing, hygiene, supervision or shelter that is likely to result in the serious impairment of a child's health or development. Children who are neglected often also suffer from other types of abuse.

**Physical Abuse** is deliberately physically hurting a child. It might take a variety of different forms, including hitting, biting, pinching, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning or suffocating a child.

**Sexual Abuse** occurs when others use and exploit children sexually for their own gratification or gain or the gratification of others.

**Emotional Abuse** is the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child. It is also sometimes called psychological abuse and it can have severe and persistent adverse effects on a child's emotional development.

**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.

**The following is a list of other related pastoral care policies which are also available from the school (or on the website).**

Positive Behaviour, Anti-bullying, Use of Reasonable force/Safe Handling, Special Educational Needs, Educational Visits, First aid and Administration of Medicines, Health and safety, Relationships and Sexuality Education, E –Safety/Use of mobile phones and cameras

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## Parent Referral Process

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 the Designated/ Deputy Designated Teacher for child protection or the Principal

If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chair of Board of Governors

If I am still concerned I can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman  
Tel: 0800 343 424

At any time I can talk to the local Children's Services Gateway Team or the PSNI Central Referral Unit at 028 71314090

\*Please note as a parent you can make a referral directly to social services .

