

## 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:  
Mr M Conlon  
Designated Teacher



If I am still concerned  
I can talk to the  
Mrs L Gormley  
Deputy Designated Teacher



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

## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE SCHOOL

### By Letter

The Principal  
Mary Queen of Peace PS  
2 Lisnamanny Road  
Glenravel  
Ballymena  
Co. Antrim  
BT43 6QH

### By Telephone

028 2175 8358

### By E-mail

[info@mqpps.glenravel.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@mqpps.glenravel.ni.sch.uk)

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## A Guide for Parents Child Protection School Policy



WE IN MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PS AIM  
TO PROVIDE A CARING, SUPPORTIVE  
AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

ALL STAFF AT MARY QUEEN OF PEACE  
PS 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.

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 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 the 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 a child or young person.

Our school takes part in 'Operation Encompass'. This is an early intervention partnership between the police and schools, aimed at supporting children who are impacted by domestic abuse.

## **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, or if a member of staff has concerns about a child, the member of staff will act immediately and the following process will be applied:

He/she will speak initially to  
**Mr M Conlon**  
(Designated Teacher & Principal)

Who will discuss the concerns with  
**Mrs L Gormley**  
(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.*

