

HOW A PARENT CAN EXPRESS CONCERN

I have a concern about my/a
Child's Safety



I can talk to the
Class Teacher



I am still concerned I can talk to:
Mr M Conlon
Designated Teacher & Principal



I am still concerned I can talk to:
Mrs S Hynds (Cargan)
Mrs L Gormley (Martinstown)
Deputy Designated Teachers



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
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Ballymena
Co. Antrim
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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 S Hynds (Cargan)
Mrs L Gormley (Martinstown)
(Deputy Designated Teachers)

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.

