

Through our curriculum we help children learn to take responsibility for their own behaviour and we also make them aware of those people they can talk to if they are unhappy or have any problems, we refer to these people as their 'trusted adults'.



All staff who are appointed to positions in St Dallan's Primary School are vetted / supervised in accordance with relevant legislation and departmental guidance.



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This leaflet is intended as a summary of school procedures relating to safeguarding and child protection. A detailed copy of of St Dallan's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available in the school office as are all related policies listed below:

- Promoting Positive Behaviour
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy
- Use of Reasonable Force Policy
- Attendance Policy
- ICT and Online Safety Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Intimate Care Policy
- Supporting Children with Medical Needs Policy

Parents/carers are asked to give written consent for:

- Personal Care
- Photography/ Recording
- Supporting pupils with medical needs
- Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement

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St Dallan's Primary School



Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

(A Summary)



Safeguarding Team

Mrs U Farrell (Principal)

Designated Teacher:

Mrs K McDonald

Deputy Designated Teacher:

Mrs F McGreevy

Chairperson of the Board of Governors

Mr William Reilly

Governor for Child Protection

Mrs Patricia McCourt

DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse occurs when a child is neglected, harmed or not provided with proper care. They can be abused by those known to them or more rarely, by a stranger.

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, supervision or attention to medical needs.

Emotional abuse: The persistent emotional ill treatment of a child eg conveying to a child that he/she is worthless, unloved or inadequate; deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say. Exposing a child to domestic violence, parental substance misuse or adult mental health problems.

Physical abuse: The deliberate physical injury to a child, or the wilful or neglectful failure to prevent physical injury or suffering eg hitting, shaking, confinement to a room or inappropriately giving drugs to control behaviour.

Sexual abuse: 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: The abuse of power over a child/young person to deceive a child under the age of 18 into sexual activity, criminal activity etc in exchange for something the child wants or needs or for financial gain of the perpetrator.

Domestic Violence: incidents of controlling or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between partners/family members that can seriously effect children emotionally and socially.

CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

If any parent has any concerns about their child or another child's welfare or safety, the following procedures may be followed.

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

I can talk to the class teacher

If I am still concerned I can talk to the Designated Teacher for Child protection, Mrs McDonald, the Deputy Designated Teacher, Mrs McGreevy or Mrs Farrell the Principal

If I am still concerned I can talk/write to Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mr Bill Reilly

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 on 0800 783 7745 or the PSNI Central Referral Unit on 028 9025 9299

If there are concerns that a child might be at risk, the school are obliged to make a referral to Social Services and if necessary inform the PSNI. Parents will be informed of a decision to refer a child 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 Mrs Farrell (Principal)

Mrs Farrell will inform the Chairperson of the Board of Governors – Mr Bill Reilly

DENI 1999/10 (Section3) will be consulted to inform further actions

If the complaint is about Mrs Farrell (Principal)

Inform the Designated Teacher – Mrs McDonald (VP) who will inform the Chairperson of the Board of Governors – Mr Bill Reilly

DENI 1999/10 (Section3) will be consulted to inform further actions

No concern about the welfare of any child will be ignored by staff in the school. Children feeling safe, secure and happy in their environment is paramount to us and it is embedded in the ethos of St Dallen's Primary School.