

How A Parent Can Express a Concern

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

I can talk to a member of staff

If I am still concerned I can talk to Miss Greer or Mrs Wallace. (If not available speak to the principal)

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



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A guide for Parents

Safeguarding & Child Protection

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School Policy



- ◆ We in Donegall Road Primary School aim to provide a caring, safe and happy environment
- ◆ The problem of child abuse will not be ignored by anyone in our school
- ◆ It is our responsibility to ensure that all children are protected from the risks of possible abuse
- ◆ All schools are required to have a Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy and make copies of this document available in school.

This policy document is also available on our school website at:

www.donegallroadps.com

What is Child Abuse?

Neglect: persistent or significant failure to protect a child from exposure to danger, cold, starvation, to carry out aspects of care that result in impairment of a child's health or development.

Physical: deliberate physical injury or willful / neglectful failure to prevent physical injury or suffering to a child.

Sexual: actual or likely exploitation or involvement in sexual activities (including exposure to pornography) which they do not understand, to which they are unable to give informed consent or that violates 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: Child sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse in which a person(s) exploits, coerces and/or manipulates a child or young person into engaging in some form of sexual activity in return for something the child needs or desires and/or for the gain of the person(s) perpetrating or facilitating the abuse.



Procedures 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 concern about possible abuse, or if a member of staff has concerns about a child, the member of staff will act immediately and the following procedure will be applied.

- ◆ He /she will speak to Miss Greer (Designated teacher) or in her absence Mrs Curran/Mrs Wallace (Deputy Designated teacher)
- ◆ Miss Greer may discuss any concerns with Mrs Curran/Mrs Wallace or the Designated Child Protection member of the Board of Governors or the Principal.
- ◆ If appropriate a referral will be made immediately to Social Services

NB. Where a disclosure is made the school is legally obliged to refer the matter to Social Services immediately.

