

Aims

McClintock Primary School aims to establish a caring environment within which the academic, personal, social and spiritual potential of each child will be developed. The pastoral dimension permeates all our school activities.

Principles:

Our Child Protection Policy is based on the following Principles:

- The child's welfare must always be paramount.
- Children must always have a right to be heard, to be listened to, and to be taken seriously.
- Parents/carers have a right to respect but a proper balance must be struck between ensuring this and protecting children.
- Every child has a fundamental right to be safe from harm and have proper care given to their physical, emotional and spiritual well being.



School Safeguarding Team:

Chair of the Board of Governors:

Mr. David Kyle-Ewing

Designated Governor for Child Protection:

Alison Irvine

The School Principal:

Mr. Sam Dennison

Designated Teacher for Child Protection:

Mrs. Mavis Forbes

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection:

Mrs. Tracy Aiken

If you need any further assistance during the day do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

OUR DUTY OF CARE AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF CHILD PROTECTION

Our work with children requires us to follow guidelines that aim to prevent vulnerable children becoming victims of abusive situations such as ...

- **NEGLECT**
- **PHYSICAL ABUSE**
- **EMOTIONAL ABUSE**
- **SEXUAL ABUSE**
- **EXPLOITATION**

At McClintock P.S. staff and voluntary helpers are vetted and checked for criminal

The Dept. of Education of Northern Ireland requires all those working in education to co-operate fully with Social Services and other agencies to protect children. It is therefore our duty to refer if there is a concern about any form of abuse. The diagram on the next page shows the procedures we are required to follow and is based upon the procedure described in The Department of Education publication 'Pastoral Care in School - Child

Staff monitor the children's progress in all aspects of their development and are well placed to notice any signs or symptoms of abuse.

Cases of suspected abuse are jointly investigated by: P.S.N.I. and SOCIAL SERVICES NOT BY THE SCHOOL.

But we have a moral duty and legal requirement to pass on our concerns to the appropriate agencies that we work in

A SUMMARY OF THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASES OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

As the safety and welfare of a child is paramount, information about abuse cannot be 'in confidence' but only those who need

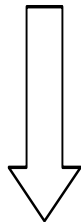
Disclosure made or a concern exists



Matter referred to Designated Teacher. Principal informed & referral decision made.



No referral.
(Parents informed by school)



Referral made to Social Services
(EA Western Region)



School continues to monitor child. School will attend a planning meeting/case conference if appropriate.

IF A PARENT HAS CONCERNS:

I have concerns about my own or another child



I can talk to their teacher



If I am still concerned I can talk to Mr. Dennison

(Principal liaises with the Designated Teacher for Child Protection)



If I still have concerns I can bring the matter to the attention of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors



If I still have concerns, I can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman

Tel: 0800 343 424

AT ANY TIME I CAN TALK TO

**SOCIAL SERVICES
(Gateway Team)**

Tel: 028 71314090

OR

**THE P.S.N.I.
(Central Referral Unit)**

Tel: 028 90025 9299 or

Bullying is a highly distressing and damaging form of abuse and will be responded to sensitively in our school. All staff will be vigilant at all times and will aim to prevent bullying by raising an awareness with pupils, staff and parents about bullying, its forms and consequences. Please contact the school if you have any con-

HOW YOU CAN HELP US ...

- Tell us of any changes in collection arrangements.
- Keep your child safe on their way in and out of school.
- Observe the parking regulations.
- Give us any change of contact details.
- All visitors should report to the Secretary's office.
- If possible tell us of any changes or difficulties your child or family is experiencing — we may be able to help.
- Make time to listen to how staff review your child's progress.
- Read all notes, newsletters and posters on display.
- Return all permission slips etc. on time.
- Encourage your child to talk about their day.
- Listen to your child carefully to understand what they actually mean.

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR

COMPLAINTS ABOUT WHAT WE DO.

POLICIES AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL:

Positive Behaviour Policy
Anti-Bullying
Use of Reasonable Force/Safe Handling
Special Educational Needs
Educational Visits
First Aid and Administration of Medicines
Health and Safety Policy
ICT and Internet Safety
Intimate Care
Comments/Complaints

This leaflet can only provide a summary of our Child Protection Policy; a more detailed policy is available on request from the school office.

McClintock
Primary
School



Protecting
our

Information for Parents
POLICY AND

Our Mission...

We are a rural community primary school set in the picturesque village of Seskinore.

We endeavour to provide a caring and supportive learning and teaching environment in which all are inspired to become confident, co-operative and mutually respectful individuals. We encourage dedication and thoughtfulness in all members of the school community to fulfil their potential as creative and reflective lifelong learners.

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