

## Pastoral Care

The happiness of your child is a priority in Our Lady's & St Mochua's PS. It is important for children to feel secure in the classroom and around school. The school seeks to develop close links with parents and high priority is given to the care and welfare of our pupils.

Pastoral Care involves all pupils and adults within our school and it is our aim to provide a caring and warm environment so that each person involved in school life feels safe and secure.

The pastoral care of our pupils means responding to their needs at a period of their young lives when they are developing physically, emotionally and acquiring a wide range of knowledge and skills.

School policy statements which contribute to pastoral care:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Positive Behaviour
- Anti-Bullying
- Intimate Care
- Special Educational Needs
- Educational Visits / Risk Assessments
- Health and Safety
- E-Safety
- First Aid /Administration of Medicines
- Relationships and Sexuality Education
- Attendance
- Safe Handling

The procedure to follow as a parent if you have a potential child protection concern:

I have a concern about my child's safety

I can talk to the class/form teacher

If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Teacher for child protection – **Mrs Marian McClelland** Deputy Designated Teacher for child protection **Mrs Shauna Gollogly** or the Principal – **Mr Gary Farrell**

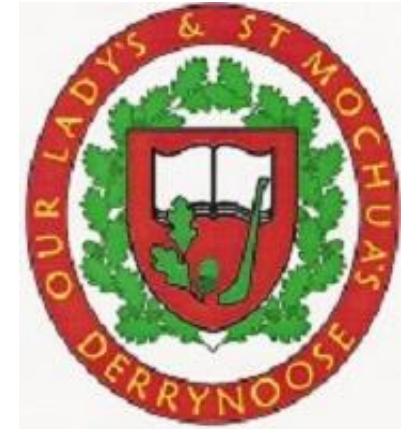
If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chair of Board of Governors – **Mr Brian Rafferty**

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 at 028 37415285** or the **PSNI Central Referral Unit at 028 9025 9299 or 101**

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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## Child Protection

### Aims and Information

A Child Protection Policy is in operation at Our Lady's & St Mochua's PS. The aim is to protect our pupils by ensuring that everyone who works in our school – teachers, non-teaching staff and volunteers – has clear guidance on the direction and interagency management of situations where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected. The over-riding concern of all our staff must be the care, welfare and safety of the child.

### SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Designated  
Teacher  
**Mrs M  
McClelland**



Deputy  
Designated  
Teacher  
**Mrs S Golloaly**



Principal  
**Mr G Farrell**



Designated  
Governor for  
Child Protection  
**Mr F Corvan**



Chairperson of  
Board of Governors  
**Mr B Rafferty**

All staff at Our Lady's & St Mochua's PS are involved in the development and delivery of our Pastoral Care programme, which includes:

- Providing a range of experiences to support our pupils' personal, social and emotional development.
- Teaching our children specific strategies to keep themselves safe from harm.
- Involving our children in daily 'healthy living' practices which we hope will influence their whole lives
- Teaching our children about bullying - its meaning and its consequences and how to deal with bullies.

Members of Our Safeguarding Team can be contacted during unplanned school closures. This service should only be used in emergency situations e.g. Critical Incidents

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Designated Teacher: Mrs M McClelland

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Deputy Designated Teacher:

Mrs S Golloaly

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## Child Abuse

Child abuse can take any of the following forms:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Neglect
- Sexual
- Exploitation

In cases of suspected abuse, the school will inform Social Services, Education Authority and CCMS.

It is NOT the responsibility of the school to investigate suspected abuse. Parents should be aware that where there is suspected abuse, the welfare of the child is paramount. In the interest of the child, staff may need to share information with other professionals. However, we will ensure that a proper balance between protecting the rights of the child and respecting the rights and needs of families is maintained. Information will be shared only with those who need to know.

We recognise that very young children and those with Special Needs or disabilities have equal rights to protection. Adults in school, charged with their care, follow the school's Intimate Care Policy and procedures. Copies of this policy and of our Child Protection Policy are available on request.