

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.



All staff and volunteers will undergo an Enhanced Criminal Records Check. The staff and volunteers involved will be made aware of the Code of Conduct for Staff.



This leaflet is intended as a summary of school procedures relating to safeguarding and child protection. A detailed copy of the school safeguarding policy is available in the school office as are all related policies listed below

- ICT Policy
- E-Safety Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Pastoral Care Policy

Parents will give written consent for:

- ◆ Personal Care
- ◆ Internet Use
- ◆ Photography/Video Recording
- ◆ Travelling Home Arrangements

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# **St. Joseph's P.S. Bessbrook Child Protection Leaflet.**



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**Mrs. Sinead Trainor**

**Mrs. Patrice Early**

## 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 or significant neglect of a child, or the failure to protect a child from exposure to any kind of danger as well as persistent failure to carry out important aspects of care, resulting in impairment of the child's health or development.

**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

**Physical:** Physical injury to a child, whether deliberately inflicted or knowingly not prevented.

**Sexual:** The sexual exploitation of a child by anyone, adult or another young person, for gratification; this includes exposure of children to sexual activities or materials of any kind which they do not understand, to which they are unable to give informed consent or that violate normal family roles.

**Exploitation:** The intentional ill-treatment, manipulations or abuse of power and control over a child or young person. To take selfish or unfair advantage of a child or young person or situation, for personal gain.

## 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/a 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:  
Mr. Michael Doran /DDT Mrs Sinead Trainor, Mrs Partice Early.

If Designated Teacher or DDT is not available, I can talk to the Principal Mrs Hannaway

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

If I am still concerned I can contact the NI P.S, Ombudsman. Tel: 0800343424

At any time, I can talk to: The local Children's Services Gateway Team on the PSNI Central Referral Unit at 02890259299

If there are concerns that a child might be at risk, the school are obliged to make a referral to Social Services and/or PSNI. Parents will be informed of a decision to refer 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 Principal

The Principal will inform the chair of the BOG.

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

The complaint is about the Principal

Inform the Designated Teacher who will inform the Chair of the BOG

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No concern about the welfare of any child will be ignored by staff in the school. Children's safety and feeling secure and happy in their environment is of utmost importance to us and it is embedded in the ethos of the school