

MEANS BY WHICH POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT

- By providing an environment within the school where every child is valued.
- By allowing a variety of opportunities for class and group discussions of thoughts and feelings eg through "Circle Time and PDMU Lessons".
- By identifying a range of people to whom children can turn to share concerns and discuss problems.
- By integrating the key concepts of Child Protection within the curriculum.
- By monitoring children's physical, emotional, social, intellectual and behavioural development.
- By promoting staff awareness of types and indicator's of child abuse and neglect.
- By informing staff of the procedures for reporting and recording concerns.
- By informing parents of the school's Child Protection Policy.
- By establishing regular contact with other appropriate agencies in order to promote co-operation to protect children.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Details of the school's Child Protection Policy are contained within the following documents:

Child Protection Policy and Procedures

School's Prospectus

Governors' Annual Report

Pastoral Care Policy

Newsletters

Parents are reminded that in implementing the Child Protection Policy and Procedures the school may be required to refer cases to the investigative agencies in the interests of the child.

Parents can support the procedures for Child Protection by notifying the school when someone other than the parent or usual carer will be picking the child up from school.

ST JOSEPH'S P.S.



CHILD PROTECTION

POLICY & PROCEDURES

Information for Parents

Email: ipporter336@c2kni.net

Full Policy can be found on the school website at
www.stjosephspsballycruttle.com

Tel: 028 44841546

MISSION STATEMENT

'The Child Protection programme seeks to support the child's development in ways which will foster security, confidence and Independence. It is regarded as central to the well-being of the individual and is therefore seen to be an intrinsic part of all aspects of the curriculum.'

AIMS OF CHILD

PROTECTION POLICY

- To enhance children's:
 - Self-esteem
 - Self-confidence
 - Assertiveness
 - Communication skills
 - Personal safety

- By developing appropriate skills to make reasoned, informed choices, judgements and decisions.
- As part of a statutory discipline policy to have a whole-school policy against Bullying.
- To ensure that staff are well-informed about Child Protection issues including the procedures for reporting concerns as outlined in the School's Child Protection Policy,
- To provide a model for appropriate and effective communication between children, teachers, parents and other adults working with children.
- To promote co-operation with statutory agencies in the multi-agency response to Child Protection.



As a parent, if I have a concern about my / another child's safety:

Stage 1: I can talk to the class teacher.



Stage 2: If I am still concerned I can talk to the Designated Teacher for Child Protection; Mrs Cochrane, the Deputy Officer; Mrs Turley .



Stage 3: If I am still concerned I can talk to the Principal; Mrs Porter.



Stage 3: If I am still concerned I can talk / write to the Chairman of the Board of Governors.



**If I am still concerned, I can contact the
NI Public Services Ombudsman Tel:
0800343424**

At any time I can talk to the

Children's Services Gateway Team:

Telephone: 028 90259299

We will aim to respond to a concern within 24 hours.