

We aim to work closely with parents/guardians in supporting all aspects of their child's development and well-being. Any concerns a parent may have will be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional manner.

If you have a concern about your child's well-being you can talk to the Class Teacher, the Designated or Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection or the Acting Principal.

If you are still concerned you may talk to the Chair of the Board of Governors.

At any time a parent may talk to a social worker in the local Gateway team or to the PSNI Public Protection Unit.

If you have any concerns about your child's well-being you should use the following procedure to raise a child protection concern:

- I have a concern about my child's well-being—I can talk to my child's teacher
- If I am still concerned—I can talk to either of the Designated Teachers or DDT for Child Protection (Mrs E. Cooper)
- If I am still concerned—I can talk to the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs. K. Evans —school/ Mrs A. Condren—nursery)
- If I am still concerned I can talk/write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors (Rev. R. Boyd or the governor responsible for Child Protection—Ms. N. McMorris.

At any time I can talk to the:

- Social Worker in Gateway Team: 02871314090
- PSNI: Public Protection Unit : 101

This leaflet can only provide a summary of our Child Protection policy but the full policy is available on request from the school office or it can be accessed on the school's website (contact details below). This policy will be reviewed annually and issued to parents/carers at least every two years. Should you have any questions to ask or comments to make in relation to the content of this leaflet or full policy, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Cooper)

The following list shows other related Pastoral Care policies, which are also available from the school or on the school website:

- Positive Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Educational Visits
- Use of Mobile Phones/Electronic device Acceptable use of the internet
- Attendance Policy
- SEN policy
- Collection Policy
- Drugs Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Medication Policy
- Relationships and Sexuality (RSE) Policy

Other useful contact numbers including school address, telephone number and website details:

School address:

Newbuildings Primary School, 83 Victoria Road, Newbuildings, L'Derry. BT47 2RL

Telephone Number: 02871343896

Email:

info@newbuildings.newbuildings.ni.sch.uk

Web address: www.newbuildingsps.co.uk

Education Authority Western Division: 028 82411480

PSNI Public Protection Unit: 999 (Emergency) or 101 (Non-Urgent)

Western Health & Social Care Trust:

02871314090



Newbuildings Primary & Ballyore Community Nursery School

PASTORAL CARE SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION POLICY (Summary)

Information for Parents

Mission Statement:

At Newbuildings Primary & Ballyore Community Nursery School we endeavour to create a caring and welcoming school that provides the best primary education in a stimulating environment. Our aim is to have a school where children are happy, feel safe and are valued.

Ethos & Principles

We at Newbuildings Primary School and Ballyore Community Nursery, working in partnership with the whole school community, will support every child to feel welcomed, safe, nurtured and actively involved in their learning journey to achieve their educational, social, and emotional potential.

All staff, teaching and non-teaching should be alert to the signs of possible abuse and know the procedures to be followed. This policy sets out guidance on the action, which is required where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected and outlines referral procedures within our school.

The general principles, which underpin our work, are those set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and are enshrined in the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, The Education and Libraries (NI) Order 2003, the Department of Education (Northern Ireland) guidance in Schools Circular 2017/04 -Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools - A Guide for Schools, Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland Procedures Manual, Co- operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland (2017), Safeguarding Board Act Northern Ireland (2011).

The following principles form the basis of our Child Protection Policy.

It is a child's right to feel safe at all times, to be heard, listened to and taken seriously.

- We have a pastoral responsibility towards the children in our care and will take all reasonable steps to ensure their welfare is safeguarded and their safety is preserved.
- In any incident the child's welfare must be paramount, this overrides all other considerations.

A proper balance must be struck between protecting children and respecting the rights and needs of parents and families; but where there is conflict the child's interest must always come first.

The School Safeguarding Team

Members of the school's Safeguarding Team are as follows:

- Chair of the Board of Governors (Rev. R. Boyd)
- Designated Governor for Child Protection (Ms. N. McMorris)
- Principal (Mrs. E .Cooper)
- Deputy Designated Teacher (Mrs .K. Evans & Mrs A. Condren (Ballyore Community Nursery)

The team will be supported and take advice from Designated Officers for Child Protection at the Education Authority (EA CPSS)

The main role of the team is to:

- Monitor and periodically audit the safeguarding and child protection arrangements in the school
- Identify any actions required to address audit findings or ETI inspection of its safeguarding/child protection arrangements
- Provide support for the Designated and Deputy Designated teachers in the exercise of their child protection responsibilities.

In order to safeguard our children at Newbuildings Primary School & Ballyore Community Nursery we ask that parents/carers:

- Telephone the school on the morning of their child's absence, or send a message via Seesaw, use the 'Report An Absence' function on the school website or send a note on the child's return to school, so as the school is reassured as to the child's well-being;
- Make requests to the school in advance for permission to allow their child to attend medical or other appointment including providing details of any arrangements for the collection of the children. Inform the school whenever anyone, other than the agreed adult intends to collect their child after school.
- Share any concerns they may have in relation to their child with the school.

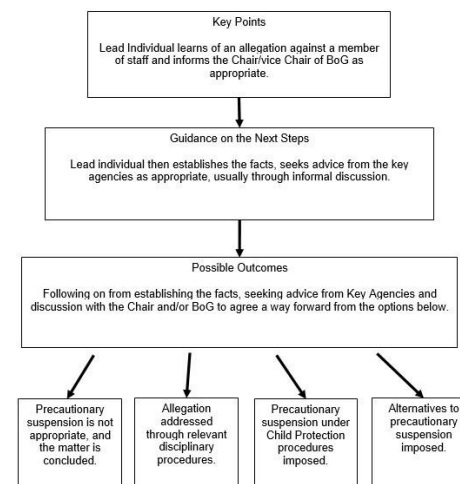
The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs E. Cooper. The Deputy Designated Teachers are Mrs. K. Evans Mrs A. Condren (Nursery)

The DDT will assume responsibility in Mrs Cooper's absence.

The Department 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 to social services, if there is a concern about any form of abuse. The following diagram shows the procedures we are required to follow and is based upon the procedure described in Department of Education (N.I.) guidance in Schools Circular 2017/04 - Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools - A Guide for Schools

Appendix 8

Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against a Member of Staff



EA - Education Authority