

## How a Parent can Express a Concern

I have a concern about my/a Child's Safety

I can talk to the Class Teacher

If I am still concerned I can talk to:  
Mrs O Mallon  
Designated Child Protection Officer

If I am still concerned I can talk to:  
Mrs F McConway Principal  
Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer

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

If you have escalated your concern as set out above and are of the view that it has not been addressed satisfactorily, you may revert to the school's complaints policy. The policy should cumulate in the option for you to contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO) who has the legislative power to investigate your complaint.

At anytime you can talk to the local Children's Services Gateway Team or the PSNI Central Referral Unit (02890259299)



## Contacts and Helplines

**By Letter:** The Principal  
104 Moneynick Road  
Toomebridge  
BT41 3HS

**By Telephone:** 028 796 50331

**By E-mail**

[info@moneynickps.randalstown.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@moneynickps.randalstown.ni.sch.uk)

**Social Services - Antrim**  
Tel: 02894416555 (9am-5pm)

**Homefirst Community Trust**  
Tel: 028 2531 3000

**NSPCC Helpline**  
24hrs – 808 800 5000

**NI Childline**  
Tel: 0800 1111

**Save the Children**  
Tel: 028 9043 1123

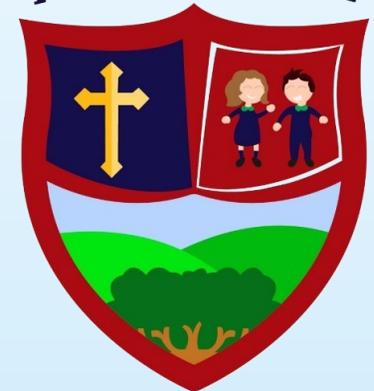


Fiona McConway August 2020

## Child Protection

### A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

**MONEYNICK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



### Child Protection is Everybody's Business



## School Policy

We in Moneynick Primary School aim to provide a caring, safe and supportive environment. Safeguarding Procedures are in place to ensure visitors and staff are vetted and Child Protection Training and Code of Conduct are kept up to date.

It is our aim that the growth of the child will be fostered in a secure environment where Christian values are lived daily.

It is our responsibility to ensure that all individuals are protected from risks of possible abuse.

We seek to protect our pupils by helping them learn about the risks of possible abuse, helping them recognise unwelcomed behaviour in others, and acquire the confidence and skills to keep themselves safe. We do this via PDMU, Internet Safety lessons, Anti-Bullying and Rights Respecting Assemblies.

We engage with outside agencies such as the NSPCC and the PSNI, who deliver keeping safe programmes to our children.

The problem of child abuse, if it occurs, will not be ignored by anyone.

All schools are required by law to have a Child Protection Policy and to communicate this to parents. A detailed policy document is freely available on request from the school office.

## What is Child Abuse?

Abuse can take any of the following forms:

### Neglect:

The persistent or significant neglect of a child from exposure to any kind of danger, including cold or starvation, or persistent failure to carry out important aspects of care, resulting in the significant impairment of the child's health or development.

### Physical:

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

### Sexual:

The sexual exploitation of a child or young person for an adult's or another young person's own sexual gratification; the involvement of children or young people in sexual activities of any kind.

### 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.

### Exploitation:

The ill-treatment, manipulation or abuse of power and control over a child or young person.

## Procedure for Reporting Suspected or Disclosed Child Abuse

If at any time, a child makes a disclosure to a member of staff that gives rise to concerns about possible abuse, or if a member of staff has concerns about a child, the member of staff will act immediately, and the following process will be applied:

He/she will speak confidentially to **Mrs O Mallon** (Designated Child Protection Officer) who will discuss any concerns with **Mrs F McConway** (Principal and Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer)

*If appropriate, a referral will be made immediately to:*

<b>Social Services</b>	<b>CCMS</b>
<b>Care Unit (PSNI)</b>	<b>EA</b>

*Parents will be kept informed in line with statutory requirements.*

**Where a disclosure is made, the School is legally obliged to refer the matter to Social Services immediately.**

