

Child Protection at St Colman's PS, Saval

At St Colman's PS children are encouraged, by example, to become confident, respectful, caring, loving, conscientious, wholesome individuals. This encouragement and example draws on the strong support of the parents and local community. Both governors and teachers are mindful of their responsibilities and work incessantly for the greater good of the children in their care.

" Children are our greatest natural resource and our only hope for the future"

John F Kennedy

Our Aim

To protect our pupils by ensuring that everyone who works in our school have clear guidance on the detection and inter-agency management of situations, where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected.

The overall concern of all caring adults must be the care, welfare and safety of the child. The welfare of each child is our paramount consideration.

In all of their contact with pupils, staff in St. Colman's PS follow the guidelines and procedures described in the DENI publication 'Pastoral Care in School - Child Protection' 1999.

Our Child Protection Policy

The basis of our school's Child Protection Policy is:

- Children should be listened to and taken seriously;
- 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 a conflict the child's interests must always come first.

Implementing of Procedure

Who to contact

The designated teacher (Mrs McGreevy) and the deputy designated teacher (Mr Hogg) shall be responsible for dealing with cases of suspected child abuse.

Role of the designated teacher

- To listen to the child
- To notify the principal
- To refer the concerns to the Senior Social Worker, Chief Ed. Welfare Officer as appropriate.

Procedures

If we have concerns about the welfare of your child, what are we required to do?

- In the majority of cases we will ask to meet you first to discuss our concerns
- If the issue has not been resolved, we are obliged to consult with the appropriate agency.
- If they advise us to make a referral to Social Services we must follow that advice.
- We will endeavour, at all times, to keep you informed.

How a Parent can make a complaint

I have a concern about my/a child's safety



I can talk to the class teacher



If still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Teacher,
Mrs M McGreevy
or the deputy designated teacher,
Mr D Hogg

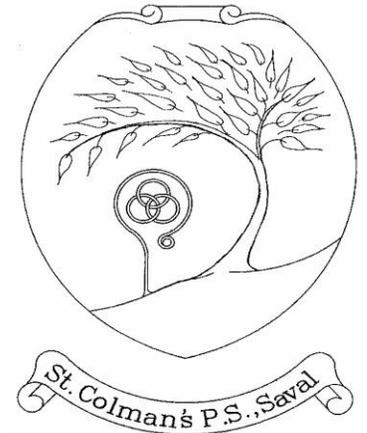


If I am still concerned I can talk to the Principal



If I am still concerned I can talk/write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors (Mrs Karen McNally and marked confidential).

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS CHILD PROTECTION



Please sign the attached slip to confirm you have received and read this leaflet.

St. Colman's PS

43 Sheeptown Road
Newry
Co Down
BT34 2LA
Tel: 028 302 66184

September 2015

I confirm that I have received and read the attached leaflet on
Child Protection Information for parents.

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SignedParent/Guardian

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