

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



Dear Parent/Guardian

We have briefly summarised our Safeguarding and child protection policy to make you aware of its contents. We are very proud of our Pastoral Care system in St Colman's PS, Saval and particularly appreciate the support we receive from parents who know they can contact us at any time to make arrangements to speak to the teachers. All concerns will be treated with speed, sensitivity and confidentiality.

Parents will give written consent for:

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

TEL: 028 30266184

E Mail:

[info@stcolmans.saval.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcolmans.saval.ni.sch.uk)

A copy of the full Safeguarding and Child Protection policy and other linked policies are available from the office

St Colman's PS

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## Summary of Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

### Safeguarding Team

**Designated Teacher:**

**Mrs Mona McGreevy**

**Deputy Designated Teacher:**

**Mr David Hogg**

**Principal:**

**Mr Adrian Savage**

### WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE?

There are different types of Child Abuse.

## Neglect

The persistent failure to meet a child's physical, emotional and/or psychological needs, likely to cause significant harm, eg inadequate food, shelter, clothing and supervision.

## Emotional

The persistent emotional ill treatment of a child eg conveying to a child that he is worthless, unloved or inadequate. Exposing a child to domestic violence, parental substance misuse or adult mental health problems.

## Physical

The deliberate physical injury to a child, or the wilful or neglectful failure to prevent physical injury or suffering.

## Sexual

Involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities eg physical contact or non contact activities such as looking at inappropriate material or watching sexual activities or encouraging children to behave in sexual inappropriate ways.

## Exploitation

Exploitation is the intentional ill-treatment, manipulation 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

If any parent has a potential child protection

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

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

If I am still concerned I can talk/write to NI Public Services, the Ombudsman

At any time, I can talk to the local Children's Services Gateway Team

Tel 0800 783 7745

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.

No concern about the welfare of any child will be ignored by staff in the school. Children's safety and feeling secure and

The complaint is about somebody other than the Principal

Tell the Principal

The Principal will inform the chair of the BOG.

Current DE Guidance will be followed

The complaint is about the Principal

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

Current DE Guidance will be followed

happy in their environment is of utmost importance to us and it is embedded in the ethos of the school.