



For further information contact:

Mrs Finnegan, the Designated Teacher for Child Protection at Good Shepherd Primary School,

or

Ms O'Kane, the deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

Contact us

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A Parent's Guide to Child Protection

2021-2022



What is Child Abuse?

Child abuse may include physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; neglect; or exploitation.

At Good Shepherd Primary School we are committed to keeping your child safe by:

- helping every pupil develop strategies to keep themselves safe.
- ensuring that every member of staff is vetted.
- responding appropriately where any concerns are raised about a child.

Teachers and parents have responsibility for the welfare of the children in their care.

It is important that you, as parents, are aware of these arrangements and know to inform the school of any concerns you may have about the safety of any child at Good Shepherd Primary School.



How can I report alleged abuse of a child?

If you have a concern about a child's safety, you can talk to Mrs Catherine Finnegan or Ms Angela O'Kane at Good Shepherd Primary School, tel: (028) 90301000. At times we may need to refer concerns to other agencies in the interests of the child.

If you are still concerned you can talk or write to the Board of Governors representative for child protection, Mr Cathal McManus (his contact details are available from the school office).

If you are still concerned contact:

- NI Public Services Ombudsman 0800 343 424
- Gateway Team 028 90602705
- PSNI Central Referral Unit 028 90259299

Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have a concern or a complaint. We all have a duty of care to protect children and their welfare must always be our priority.