

## HOW A PARENT CAN EXPRESS A CONCERN

I have a concern about my Child's Safety



I can talk to the Class Teacher



If I am still concerned I can talk to:  
Miss M Maguire  
(VP/Designated Teacher)  
Or  
Mr M Meehan (Principal)



If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chairman of the Board of Governors  
Mrs S Kinoulty



At any time I can talk to  
Social Services (Gateway) 02895985590  
Child Protection Support Services  
CCMS Education Welfare -02892013014  
PSNI-Public Protection Unit – 101 (non emergency)/999(emergency)

## HOW TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL

By writing to

Mr M Meehan  
St. Mary's Primary Greenlough  
220, Mayogall Road,  
Clady,  
Portglenone,  
Co. Antrim  
BT44 8NN

**By Telephone**  
**028 25 821 066**

**By E-mail**  
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## ST. MARY'S PRIMARY GREENLOUGH



***A Guide for Parents***

***Children Protection Policy***

**We in St. Mary's Primary aim to provide a caring, supportive and safe environment.**

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

Child abuse, if it occurs, will not be ignored by anyone in our school.

All schools are required by law to have a child protection policy and to communicate this to parents.

A detailed policy is 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 (including exposure to pornography) which they are unable to give informed consent or that violate normal family roles.

**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 a disclosure of child abuse or suspected 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 initially to Miss Maguire (Designated Teacher) Or in her absence Mrs R Quinn (Deputy Designated Teacher)***

***Who will discuss any concerns with Mr Meehan (Principal)***

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

***Social Services, CCMS, EA and/ or Care Unit (PSNI)***

***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.***