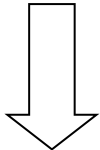
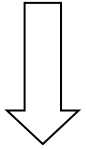


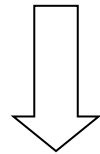
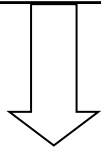
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I have a concern about my/a child's safety



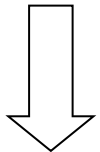
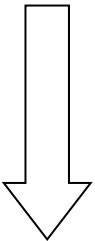
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If it is about the Designated teacher

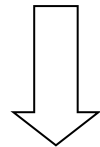


If I am still concerned

Tell the Principal



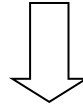
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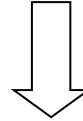
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HOW A PARENT CAN MAKE A COMPLAINT

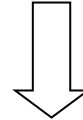
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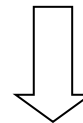
I can talk to the class teacher



If I am still concerned I can talk to the designated teacher (Mrs McLaughlin or deputy designated teacher (Mrs Cathy McKenna)



If I am still concerned I can speak to the principal, Mrs Farley



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

Important Numbers

**Southern Health and Social Services Board,
Armagh Tel: 0800 783 7745 /028 3741 5285**

**Child line: 0800 111
Childline.org.uk**

**PSNI Tel: 0845 600 8000
CEOP.police.uk**

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS re CHILD PROTECTION



THE SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD AT ITS HEART

Mount Saint Catherine's P.S

Windmill Hill

Armagh

BT60 4BR

Tel: 028 3752 2241

Fax: 028 3752 7422

Mission Statement of

Mount Saint Catherine's primary School

Teachers, parents and governors will work together to develop each child spiritually, morally, intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically within our Sacred Heart ethos, so that by realising their potential, they can maximise it and have an appreciation of self-worth and self-learning.

"Welcome them with kindness and give them encouragement, so that their hearts will open out and you will be able to help them by advice to form their characters"

Saint Madeline Sophie Barat

Foundress of the Religious of the Sacred Heart



Principles

The following principles form the basis of our Child Protection Policy:

- Children should be listened to and taken seriously.
- In any incident the child's welfare must always 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.

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 overriding concerns of all caring adults 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 Mount Saint Catherine's follow the guidelines and procedures described in the DENI publication "Pastoral Care in School-child Protection"(1999)

Our school is also part of the Multi-disciplinary initiative 'Operation Encompass'. This means that after an incident of domestic violence in the home, we will be contacted by police so we can check on the well-being of the child and support them throughout the day. Confidential records are stored in school about these calls .

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Implementation of procedure

Who to contact:

The designated teacher (Mrs McLaughlin) and the designated teacher (Mrs McKenna) 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: Duty Social worker.

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 with you first to discuss our concerns
- If the issue has not been resolved, we are obliged to consult with the appropriate agency
- Seek advice from CPSSS/Social Services / PSNI
- 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

Our full child Protection Policy can be obtained from our school website.