

# CHILD PROTECTION

## Aims

We at St Joseph's Primary School acknowledge that, along with outside agencies, we have a statutory responsibility for the protection of children. It is consistent with the aims and objectives of our school that all staff have a duty to help protect children from abuse or from the risk of abuse.

## Guiding Principles

- **The welfare of the child is paramount.**
- At all time, there must be a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency approach to commitment to protection, support and safeguarding of children from harm.
- Each agency involved must have an understanding of each other's professional values and accept each other's role, powers and responsibilities.
- Any actions taken by agencies must be considered and well informed so that they are sensitive to and take account of the child's gender, age, state of development, religious culture and race.
- The rights of confidentiality for parents, carers, teaches and children must be respected and information will only be shared in the interests of the child's welfare.

It is the policy of St Joseph's Primary School (Madden) to educate all our children in an environment in which they themselves feel safe and secure.



## Procedures

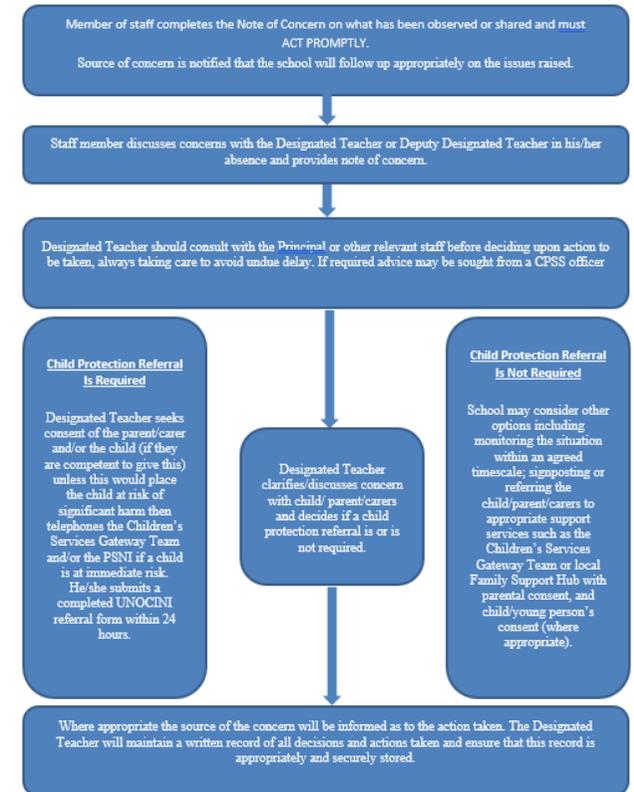
The following procedures for Child Protection are intended to protect our pupils by ensuring that everyone who works in the school, teacher, non-teaching staff and volunteers have;

- An understanding of the Child Protection Policy and Procedures
- An understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse.
- Clear guidance on the action which is required where abuse of a child is suspected.
- Received Child Protection training.
- Undergone a vetting procedure.

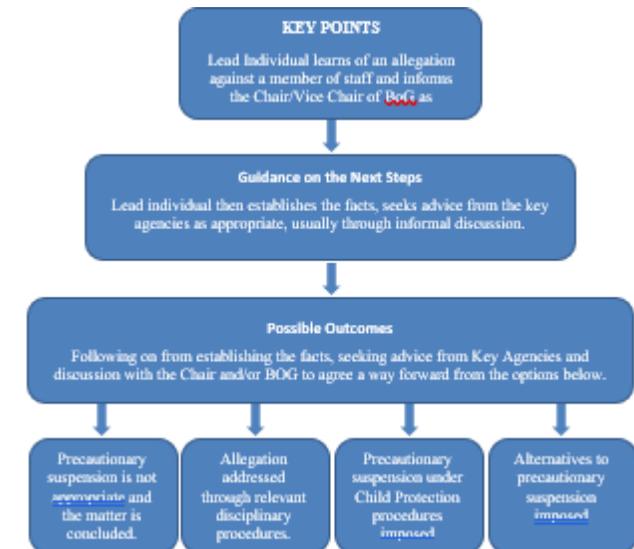
## Bullying

Staff at St Joseph's PS recognise that bullying is also a distressing form of abuse and will not be tolerated. All staff will be vigilant and will implement the strategies from the anti-bullying policy to help prevent this.

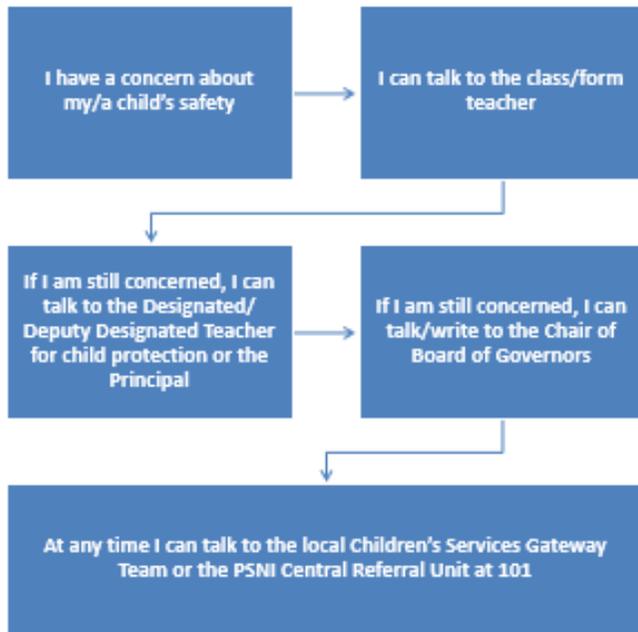
## Procedure Where the School Has Concerns, or Has Been Given Information, about Possible Abuse by Someone Other Than a Member of Staff



## Procedure Where Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against a Member of Staff



If a parent suspects an incident of child abuse within the school the following procedures should take place.



### Contact Details:

REFERRALS TO SOCIAL SERVICES																
<p>• <b>Child Protection Gateway Services</b></p> <p>Submit UNOCINI referral form within 24 hours of call to Duty Social Worker and copy to child's file.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>TRUST</th> <th>CONTACT NUMBER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>South Eastern Trust</td> <td>0300 1000 300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belfast Trust</td> <td>02890 507000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western Trust</td> <td>02871 314090</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern Trust</td> <td>02837 567100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northern Trust</td> <td>0300 1234 333</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		TRUST	CONTACT NUMBER	South Eastern Trust	0300 1000 300	Belfast Trust	02890 507000	Western Trust	02871 314090	Southern Trust	02837 567100	Northern Trust	0300 1234 333			
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We at St Joseph's Primary School (Madden) strive to create a secure, happy and caring environment in which pupils can learn and develop all their talents. There is a whole school structured approach to Pastoral Care, promoting an ethos that contributes to the care, safety and well-being of all the children in our school.

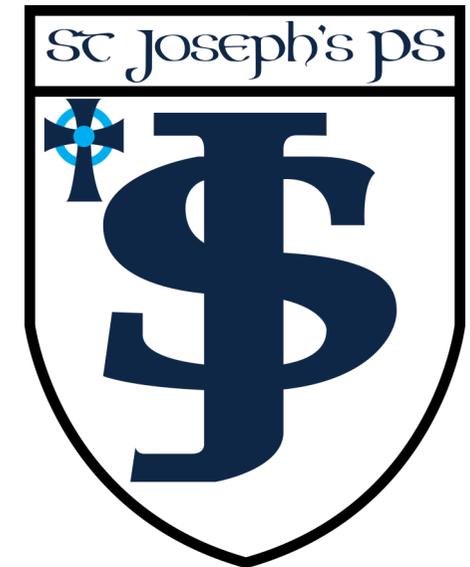
All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that the welfare of all children is safeguarded and that their safety is preserved.

## Child Protection is Everybody's Responsibility!



Please note that the full Child Protection Policy can be accessed from the Secretary's Office at any time or online at [stjosephspsmadden.com](http://stjosephspsmadden.com) under School Policies

# St Joseph's Primary School (Madden)



## Child Protection and Safeguarding Summary

Designated Teacher:  
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