

Safe Guarding Pupils In St. Joseph's College

If you have any queries about the information in this leaflet or the Child Protection Policy please do not hesitate to contact

St Joseph's College

Safe Guarding Protecting the children in our care

All staff working in the school have Child Protection / Safe guarding awareness training each year.

Volunteers and Sports Coaches who assist our teachers are all police checked.

All visitors to the College must report to reception.

We teach our pupils Internet Safety.

We encourage pupils to talk to us about their worries/concerns.

Family Works councillors are in attendance each week in school

Ms M Gribbin



Pastoral Leader
Designated
Child Protection Teacher

Ms C L'Estrange



Vice Principal
Deputy Designated Child
Protection Teacher

The full policy document is available on request from the Principal



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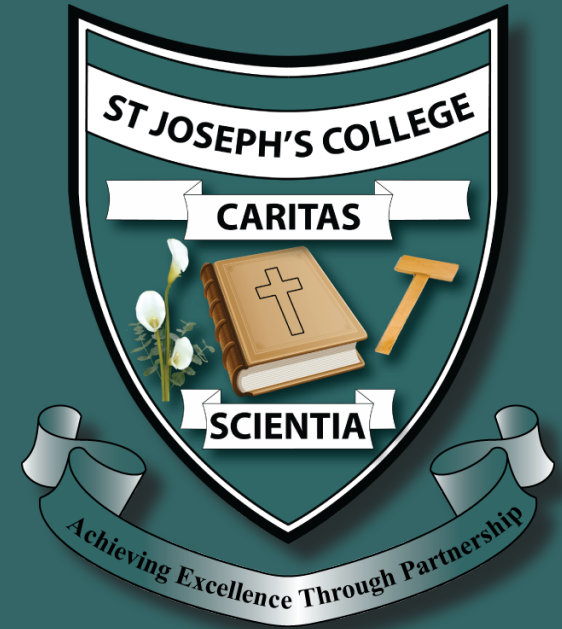
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A Guide For Parents And Carers

St Joseph's College Child Protection Policy [Safe Guarding Policy]

In St. Joseph's College we place great emphasis on the safety and well being of all our pupils. The school recognises that children have the right to be protected from all forms of violence, to be kept safe from harm and given proper care by those looking after them. We recognise our statutory obligation to make a referral either to the social services or to the police when we suspect that a pupil is suffering abuse or when a pupil makes an allegation that he/she is suffering abuse.

- Ms M Gribbin (Pastoral Leader) is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection.
- Miss C L'Estrange (VP) is the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

All School Staff receive annual Safeguarding awareness training from the Designated Teacher.

During a recent ETI inspection (March 2017), the school provided evidence that satisfactory arrangements are in place for safeguarding learners which broadly reflect the guidance issued by the relevant Departments. The pupils reported that they feel safe and secure in school. They know what to do and who to talk to if they are concerned about their safety or well-being. **A full copy of the Child Protection Policy and Procedures is available from the Principal.**

St Joseph's College Child Protection Policy and procedures will be reviewed annually and updated to take account of new guidance and legislation when necessary.

How A Parent Can Make A Complaint In Relation To Child Protection

If you have a concern about the safety/welfare of your own child or any other child please follow the procedure below.

I have a concern about my / or another child's safety, I can talk to
Ms M Gribbin



or **Ms C L'Estrange**



If I am still concerned, I can talk to
Ms M McCormick (Principal)



If I am still concerned, I can talk/
write to the **Chairman of the Board
of Governors, Mr P Bready c/o St.
Joseph's College**



At any time, I can talk to a social worker at the Gateway Team Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Tel no: 02890 507000

The local Police CARE Unit
Tel no: 02890 650222/08456008000

Procedure for dealing with a disclosure of suspected child abuse

It should be noted that information given to members of staff about possible child abuse cannot be held 'in confidence'. In the interests of the child, staff may need to share this information with other professionals. However, only those who need to know will be told.

Disclosure/Concern regarding abuse or neglect is received by a member of staff



Tell the Designated Teacher for Child Protection, Ms Sharon Kiernan or the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection Miss Christine L'Estrange



Designated Teacher meets with Principal [in case of Principal's absence Vice- Principal] to plan course of action and ensures that a written record is made.



No Referral

Referral

(Parents informed of school concerns). Reassure complainant issue is being investigated.

Social Services, BELB informed, (Parents informed by either the school or Social Services. Reassure complainant issue is being investigated.



School will continue to monitor the situation as appropriate