Information for Parents

Safeguarding & Child Protection at Ballyoran Nursery

Keeping our children safe, happy and supported



Play
Learn
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Together

Our Vision

As a welcoming inclusive school we aim to provide a safe, happy, caring and stimulating learning environment which will enable each child to develop to his or her full potential – academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually, in preparation for becoming responsible citizens.

Our Commitment

The staff and governors of Ballyoran Primary School Nursery Unit have both a primary and a collective responsibility for the welfare and safety of the pupils in our care.

Working Together

The link between home and school is of vital importance and we value the contribution of parents in supporting and informing us about any relevant aspect of your child's welfare.

Our Policy

A Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy operates in Ballyoran Primary School Nursery Unit. Its aim is to protect our pupils by ensuring that everyone who works in our school has clear guidance on the procedures involved where abuse of a child is suspected. The safety and welfare of our pupils is our paramount consideration.

Key Principles

1. Every child has the right to be safe from harm and to have proper care given to their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.
2. Children should be listened to and taken seriously.
3. In any incident the child's welfare must always be paramount; this overrides all other considerations.

Please Note

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.

Reporting a Child Protection Concern within the Nursery

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

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I can talk to the class teacher.

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If I am still concerned, I can talk to the **Nursery Deputy** Designated Teacher for Child Protection, **Miss French**, the School Designated Teacher for Child Protection, **Mrs McGuire** or the School Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection, **Miss McKernan**.

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If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chair of the Board of Governors, **Mrs Loney**, through school.

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At any time I can talk to the local **Children's Services Gateway Team** or the **PSNI Central Referral Unit at 101**.

Additional Information

If you have escalated your concern as set out in the above and are of the view that it has not been addressed satisfactorily, you may revert to the school's complaints policy. This policy culminates in the option for you to contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO) who has the legislative power to investigate your complaint.

If a parent has a concern about a child's safety or suspect child abuse within the local community, it should be brought directly to the attention of the Children's Services Gateway Team.

In all cases of suspected child abuse, the action that will be taken in Ballyoran Primary School is that of informing Social Services and the Education Authority. The school will NOT be involved in investigating the suspected abuse.

Further Information

This leaflet is intended as a summary of the Safeguarding and Child Protection policy and procedures in Ballyoran Primary School. If you require a full copy of this Policy, please visit the school website **www.ballyoranps.com** (Click on 'Parents' & 'Safeguarding Children') or contact the school office on **028 3835 2009**.

Be Kind | **Be Respectful** | **Be Inclusive** | **Be the Best We Can Be**

Safe Children Brighter Futures ♡

Together We Belong ♡

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