2026

Child Protection Information Summary

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Carryduff Primary School

In line with all schools in Northern Ireland we have procedures in place to safeguard the pupils and to act upon any concerns we may have.

The Board of Governors, staff and school community of Carryduff Primary School are:

> '*Committed to providing a stimulating, safe and supportive environment for all, where pupils feel valued and inspired to discover their true potential in partnership with parents*.'

In Carryduff Primary School we strive to create a happy, caring and supportive environment in which each child feels valued and secure. Each teacher is concerned with the personal development of the individual pupils in his / her class, with their well-being and with helping them to gain maximum benefit from their time at school. Pupils are encouraged to develop an attitude of courtesy and care towards others, to take responsibility for their own actions, and to develop self-respect and self-esteem.

The school actively promotes and enjoys good relationships between the pupils, staff and parents. We firmly believe that nurture and respect within our school community will help the children to develop personally, socially and academically.

We work in partnership with various outside agencies, such as: NSPCC, School Health Team, EA Education Welfare Officer, EA Educational Psychology, Barnardo's, PSNI and Social Services.

Child Protection Education

With the support of outside agencies, we educate our pupils in how to keep safe and what to do should they have concerns. The content of Child Protection education is age appropriate and examples of issues which have been covered in the last two years are as follows:

- Whole school assemblies on 'Keeping Safe', 'Stranger Danger' and 'Who to Talk To'
- Class talks on 'Keeping Safe at the End of School'
- Class talks on 'Stranger Danger'
- NSPCC whole school assembly on recognising signs of abuse
- NSPCC programme with P6 & P7 pupils on recognising signs of abuse
- ChildLine posters and Who Can I Talk To posters displayed in every classroom and in public areas of the school
- E-safety lessons & participation in Safer Internet Day annually
- PATHS lessons in every class

Please be assured that the school will do whatever is reasonable in all the circumstances to safeguard and promote the safety and well-being of the pupils.

A copy of the complete Child Protection Policy can be viewed on the school web site www.carryduffprimarysch.weebly.com or may be seen in school.

Concerns

What I can do if…..

I have a concern about my child or another child's safety

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I can contact the class teacher

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If I am still concerned I can contact
Mrs Hodkinson
(Designated Child Protection Teacher)
or
Ms Hyndman/Miss Martin
(Deputy Designated Teachers)

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If I am still concerned
I can contact
Mrs Preston (Principal)

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If I feel my concern has not been adequately dealt with
I can write to
Dr Murphy
(Chairman of the Board of Governors)
or **Mrs Lowe** (Governor for Child Protection)

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At any time a parent can contact the PSNI or Social Services Gateway Team

Who Can I Talk To in Carryduff Primary School?

Mrs Hodkinson
Designated Teacher

Ms Hyndman
Deputy Designated Teacher

Miss Martin
Deputy Designated Teacher

Mrs Preston
Principal

If I am feeling worried or sad there is always someone who can help me