



Jordanstown School
the Northern Ireland
centre of excellence
for children
who are deaf or
visually impaired

Pastoral Care/Safeguarding and Child Protection

Overview/summary: For the attention of Parents, Visitors and Substitute staff

Welcome to Jordanstown School.

At Jordanstown School we aim to develop the whole child and acknowledge that children have a hierarchy of needs which can affect their learning. In order to reach their full potential these needs must be addressed.

We are unable to meet these needs exclusively in the school setting and therefore work closely with home and other agencies to ensure and promote the best education for our pupils.

Pastoral Care is promoted in our school through:

- A positive, caring and supportive school ethos;
- A dedicated and loyal staff who know our pupils well and model good practice in empathy and understanding;
- Dedicated staff for child protection and staff training on how to identify and report abuse;
- An openness to listen to both pupil and parent voices and respond appropriately;
- The development of Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (PDMU) through the NI curriculum;
- Celebration of success through; Achievement Assemblies, displays, class and whole school reward positive behaviour strategies and the encouragement to develop new skills through our Extended Schools provision.

Working closely with other agencies to provide specific additional support. (These include EA support services, Educational Psychology, Educational Welfare, Social Services, CAMHS, Health Professionals, Community Nurse teams, Barnardos, Familyworks many more).

CHILD PROTECTION

Our pupils' health and safety is our paramount concern and staff are vigilant to ensure pupils are free from any form of abuse - it is important that all staff read our child protection policy to know the signs and symptoms of possible forms of neglect, sexual, physical or emotional abuse and exploitation. All staff must adhere to the safeguarding and child protection policy in line also with Department of Education guidance.

The Safeguarding Team:

Mr Smith (Principal)

Designated Teacher for Child Protection - Mrs McNeill

Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection -

Mrs Adams and Miss Sturgeon

Governor Representatives for Safeguarding - Mr Patrick

Johnston

What you must do if you have a concern:

- See the Designated Teacher (Mrs Joan McNeill) or in her absence the Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection (Mrs Sarah Adams or Miss Ruth Sturgeon) immediately. Give all details of your concern, or the disclosure that has been made to you;
- You may also speak to the Principal (Mr Adam Smith)
- If on an outing report as soon as you return to school;

Never feel that you will be accused of being an 'alarmist' - it could turn out to be absolutely nothing. However, early intervention may prevent the issue escalating.

The DT/DDT or Principal have the responsibility in liaising with other agencies such as social services and/or the PSNI. Confidentiality is respected and Child Protection is on a need to know basis, with the child's needs at the heart of decision making.

As stated in the Children's' Order...the Child's needs are paramount.

A full copy of this policy can be obtained on request from the school or viewed on the school website

www.jordanstownschool.org