

## Safeguarding / Child Protection

There are noticeboards at front and rear of the school.

Safeguarding / Child Protection noticeboards are located in the front entrance hall and opposite the door leading to the P1-P2 playground. These display photographs of the staff who have specific Safeguarding / Child Protection responsibilities.



### e-Safety

The staff at Lisnasharragh are acutely aware that the internet provides many learning opportunities for children, however, unsupervised access can lead to many dangers. Please help protect your child by closely monitoring his/her use of the internet at home.

**If you have any concerns regarding safe access to the internet please speak to:**

**Mrs T Crawford**  
Designated Person

**Miss N Herron**  
ICT Co-ordinator



Lisnasharragh Primary School aims to create a caring and supportive environment where everyone can be free from bullying in any form.

Bullying is highly distressing and damaging, and is not tolerated in our school.

### Definition of Bullying

Bullying is intentional, repeated behaviour which makes others feel uncomfortable or threatened. Bullying may be emotional, physical, verbal/written or extortion.

If you have any concerns that your child is being bullied, speak to the class teacher or the Designated Person (Mrs Crawford). Please refer to the Safeguarding Policy or e-safety policies for further information or contact Mrs Crawford. The full policy is available from the school office.



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**Lisnasharragh Primary School**

The staff at Lisnasharragh have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils at our school.

We seek to protect our pupils by helping them learn about the risks of possible abuse, to be able to recognise unwelcome behaviour in others and acquire the skills and confidence they need to keep themselves safe.

All of our staff and volunteers have been subject to appropriate background checks.

### Lisnasharragh PS Safeguarding Team

**Mrs T Crawford**  
Designated Person

**Mrs D Nevin**  
Deputy Designated Person

**Mr P Monks**  
School Principal

**Mr J McClune**  
Chairperson of Board of Governors

**Mr A Dugan**  
Designated Governor

## **Safeguarding / Child Protection**

### **How a Parent can 'Report a Concern' about a Child's Safety**

Any parent can report a concern regarding the safety of their child or of any other child.

#### **Step 1**

'I have a concern about my child (or any other child).'

#### **Step 2**

'I can talk to the class teacher of this child.'

#### **Step 3**

'If I am still concerned I can talk to the Designated Person (Mrs Crawford) or the Deputy Designated Person (Mrs Nevin).'

#### **Step 4**

'If I am still concerned I can talk to the Principal (Mr Monks).'

#### **Step 5**

'If I am still concerned I can talk (or write) to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors (Mr McClune).

#### **Step 6**

'Also, at any time I can contact:  
**Social Services (Knockbreda Centre)**

Telephone : 028 9050 7000

Out of Hours - 028 9504 9999

**Police Service NI**

Telephone : 101 (999 in an emergency)

You will be put in contact with a specially trained police officer.

## **What is Child Abuse?**

### **We use the following definitions:**

#### **Neglect**

Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's physical, emotional and (or) psychological needs, to an extent that is likely to cause significant harm.

#### **Physical Abuse**

Physical abuse is the deliberate physical injury to a child or the wilful or neglectful failure to prevent physical injury or suffering.

#### **Sexual Abuse**

Sexual abuse involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities.

#### **Emotional Abuse**

Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional ill treatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on a child's emotional development.

#### **Intimate Care Guidelines**

- the child will be reassured and made as comfortable as possible
- we have a small stock of clothing such as pants and socks that can be used
- if required a child will be given assistance regarding the changing of clothing – this would generally apply to children at Foundation Stage (P1 and P2) and Key Stage 1 (P3 and P4)
- the school will make every effort to contact parents as soon as possible

## **Child Making a Disclosure**

If a child makes a disclosure to a teacher (or other member of staff) which gives rise to concerns about possible abuse, or if a member of staff has concerns about a child, the member of staff will act promptly. If there are concerns that the child may be at risk, the school is obliged to make a referral. Unless there are concerns that a parent may be the possible abuser, the parents will be informed immediately. No decision to refer a case to Social Services will be made without the fullest consideration and appropriate advice from EA Safeguarding / Child Protection officers.

*The safety of the child is our first priority. Where there are concerns about possible abuse the Principal or Designated Person will inform:*

### **Education Authority's (SE) officers for Safeguarding / Child Protection**

Telephone : 028 9056 6434

### **Social Services - Gateway**

Telephone : 028 9050 7000

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.

If a complaint about possible child abuse is made against a member of staff, the Principal, (or the Designated Person if he is not available), must be informed immediately.