



## How can a parent raise an issue or express a concern?

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



I can talk to the class teacher in the Nursery Unit or Primary School



If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Teachers for Child Protection/Safeguarding

**Mr Fulton**

**M Armstrong/Mrs McKersie**



If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Principal

**Mr J Armstrong (Principal)**



If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors -

**Mr Young** c/o Euston Street Primary School & Nursery Unit



*At anytime, I can talk to a social worker at the Gateway Services or the PSNI Public Protection Unit Contact numbers overleaf.*

Details of procedures where a complaint has been made about possible abuse by a member of the school staff are in the full policy document on the website

[www.eustonstreetps.co.uk](http://www.eustonstreetps.co.uk)

This copy of the school's Child Protection/Safeguarding arrangements will be maintained and circulated to parents every year. A full copy of the policy document is available on the school website. A paper copy can be requested via the school office given 24 hours notice.

## Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts

Euston Street Primary School & Nursery Unit

Principal - Mr John Armstrong 028 90457089

Chairperson of Board of Governors -

Mr M Young 02890457089

Designated Governor for Child Protection/Safeguarding & E:Safety – Mr S Quinn

Single contact for Children's Service referral: Belfast Gateway Team 02890507000

Out of hours emergency 028 90507000  
(after 5pm evenings/weekends/public/bank holidays)

PSNI Public Protection Unit 028 90650222

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Child Line 0800 11 11

**REMEMBER: If you have ANY issues regarding child protection or have concerns regarding the safety or well being of any child in our school DO NOT hesitate to contact Mr Fulton, Mrs. McKersie or Mr. Armstrong immediately.**



Teachers will ask you to sign off that you have read this information at parental interviews. Please keep this information at home. Thank you.

## Euston Street Primary School & Nursery Unit

Child Protection/Safeguarding  
Parental Information



Principal Mr J Armstrong

Child Protection is everyone's responsibility

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## Designated Teacher for Child Protection

**Mr Fulton**  
(Vice-Principal  
& Year 7 teacher)



## Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection

**Mr J Armstrong** Principal  
**Mrs S McKersie** Head of Nursery



## Introduction

This leaflet provides a summary of our child protection policy. The full policy document is available on request from the school office or via the school website.

- All adults – teaching staff, support staff and volunteers in Euston Street Primary School & Nursery Unit accept that they have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of our pupils.
- No concern about the welfare of any child will be ignored by staff in Euston Street Primary School & Nursery Unit. Children's safety and feeling secure and happy in their environment is of paramount importance and it is embedded in the ethos of the school.
- Euston Street Primary School & Nursery Unit recognises the importance of a partnership between home and school but where issues of child abuse or suspected child abuse arise, our first and only responsibility is to the child.
- As part of our ongoing work in the area of Child Protection we will endeavour to raise children's awareness about themselves and to develop a trusting climate in which our children feel able to talk and share their thoughts and feelings.

### **THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM AT ESPS & NURSERY UNIT**



**Chair of Governors:** Mr Young  
**Principal:** Mr Armstrong  
**Designated Governor for  
Child Protection & E safety :** Mr Quinn  
**Designated Teacher for  
Child Protection:** Mr Fulton  
**Deputy Designated Teacher** Mr Armstrong  
**Deputy Designated Teacher** Mrs McKersie

Members of the team have clear roles and responsibilities in relation to the safeguarding of pupils within the school and these are detailed in our full child protection policy.

## What is Child Abuse?

### Definition of Abuse

'Child abuse occurs when a child is neglected, harmed or not provided with proper care. Children may be abused in many settings, by those known to them, or more rarely by a stranger. There are different types of abuse and a child may suffer more than one of them....'

### **ACPC Regional Policy & Procedure**

### Categories of Child Abuse

#### **Neglect**

Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's physical, emotional and/or psychological needs, likely to result in significant harm. It may involve a parent or carer failing to provide adequate food, shelter and clothing, failing to protect a child from physical harm or danger, failing to ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment, lack of stimulation or lack of supervision. It may also include non-organic failure to thrive (faltering growth).

#### **Physical**

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

#### **Sexual**

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

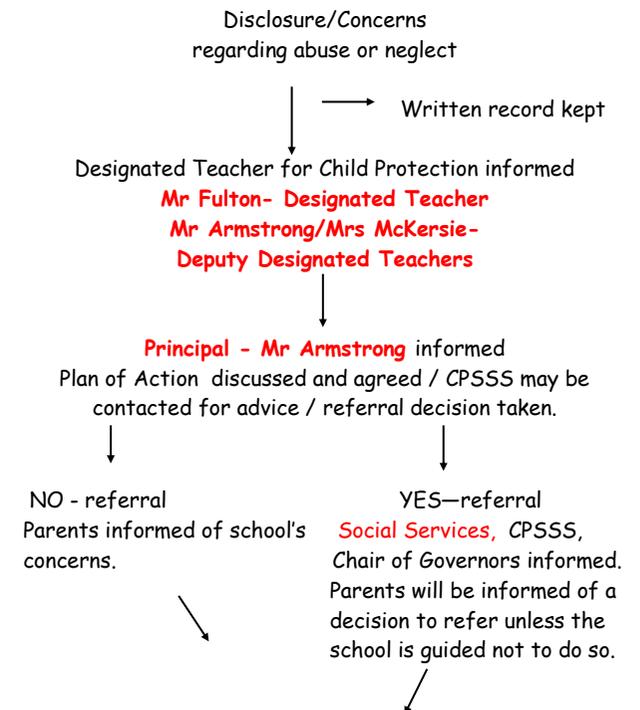
#### **Emotional**

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

## Procedures

All staff at Euston Street Primary School & Nursery Unit will ensure that all children are aware of who they can talk to if they are sad, worried, being bullied or have any other concerns.

The Department of Education of Northern Ireland requires all those working in education to co-operate fully with Social Services and other agencies to protect children. It is therefore our duty to refer if there is a concern about any form of abuse. The following diagram shows the procedures we are required to follow as described in The Department of Education for Northern Ireland publication 'Pastoral Care in School s— Child Protection (99/10)'. DENI circular 2017/04



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.

