

CHILD PROTECTION AT PRIMATE DIXON

The school's Safeguarding Team are responsible for managing Child Protection Policy.

The Safeguarding Team at Primate Dixon

Designated Teacher – Mrs Siobhán Murphy

Deputy Designated Teacher – Ms Émer Murphy

Deputy Designated Teacher – Mrs Roslyn Arthur

Deputy Designated Teacher – Mrs Theresa McIver

School Principal – Mr Seán Dillon

Photographs of our Safeguarding (Children's Help) Team are displayed around the school.

- Implementing all aspects of the school's Child Protection Policy & Procedures
- Annual Policy Review & Discussion
- Promoting a positive Child Protection ethos
- Attending & leading in-Service Training
- Making necessary referrals to Social Services (Gateway Team)/PSNI
- Ensuring temporary staff are aware of the school's Child Protection Policy
- Reporting to the school's Board of Governors at every Governors' meeting.



Our policy makes reference to Statutory Authorities

- the Gateway Team this is the statutory Social Service agency responsible for Children's Welfare in the north of Ireland.
- Education Authority www.eani.org.uk
- Department of Education www.deni.gov.uk

Primate Dixon is an **Operation Encompass** school. When the PSNI have attended a domestic incident and a pupil is present, they will contact schools the next day to share this the school safeguarding team.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

All school staff have responsibility for implementing Child Protection Policy.

If any member of staff has any concern about the safety or welfare of any child, they have an absolute duty to report this.

INFORMATION GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF STAFF OR CONCERNS THEY MAY HAVE ABOUT POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE CANNOT BE HELD 'IN CONFIDENCE'.

STAFF HAVE A LEGAL AND MORAL DUTY TO ACT IN THE INTERESTS OF CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

INFORMATION & RECORDS ARE TREATED WITH THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY & SECURITY

AND SHARED ONLY WITH THOSE WHO NEED TO KNOW.

They immediately report any concern to our Designated Teacher, Mrs Murphy, or in her absence to another Designated Teacher.

Following any report, the Designated Teacher, Deputy Designated Teacher and Principal meet as a matter of urgency and ensure appropriate action is taken.

If we feel we need further advice we will consult with Education Authority Child Protection staff or Gateway Children's Team.

Decisions to make a referral are only made with full consideration and appropriate advice.

We act on the advice given by Gateway in regard to reporting to parents.

Copies of Primate Dixon Child Protection Policy are available from the school on request (028 8774 6044) and also at <http://www.primatedixonpscoalisland.org/>.



Primate Dixon Primary School



Parent Information 'Keeping Children Safe'

**Every Child Is Always
More Than Good Enough!**

<http://www.primatedixonpscoalisland.org/>

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**STAYING SAFE
PRIMATE DIXON
SCHOOL VALUES & MISSION**

We aim for **BEST PRACTICE** in all aspects of school.

We take very seriously the core values of our
SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT.

**Values of
WELCOME, SAFETY, BELONGING,
PARTICIPATION & ENTITLEMENT TO THE VERY BEST.**



SCHOOL MISSION

In Primate Dixon PS we want every child

- to enjoy their primary school years
- to have the very best primary education
- to learn & grow to be the best they can be in every way
- to be confident and know they are always more than good enough.

We want Primate Dixon PS to be a place

- where no one is left out & no one is left behind
- where there are no barriers to taking part

**We can achieve this only by working in partnership –
home, school and parish community.**

**STAYING SAFE
PREVENTATIVE CURRICULUM AT PRIMATE DIXON**

The care, safety and well-being of every child are the paramount consideration of all who work in Primate Dixon Primary School.

Child Protection Policy and Procedures are extremely important parts of this.

Lots of other parts of the school's work contribute to keeping children safe and together form our

PREVENTATIVE CURRICULUM.

- Health & Safety Policy
- School Codes of Conduct
- Safe Employment Practice
- Safe Management of Personal Data
- Internet, e-Safety & Social Media Policies
- Mobile Phones & Other Devices Policy
- Pastoral Policies & Arrangements
- Listening to Children – School Council
- Anti-Bullying Policy & Building Friendships
- Educational Visits Policy
- Risk Assessment Arrangements
- Safe Movement Into and Out Of School
- Staying Safe at Home and on the Roads
- Accident & Incident Management
- Safe Through The School Day Routines
- Promoting An Allergy-Aware School
- Access and Visitor Arrangements
- Working with Outside Agencies
- Effective School Safeguarding Team
- And also other Safety-Related Policies



**If you would like additional information about
any aspect of our work, please contact us.**

Your view is always welcome!

Copies of all policies are available at the school.

**STAYING SAFE
DEFINING CHILD ABUSE**

There are six main areas of abuse that very directly affect children.

**NEGLECT PHYSICAL ABUSE
SEXUAL ABUSE EXPLOITATION
EMOTIONAL ABUSE**



Where any concern arises in regard to any of these, the school will **ALWAYS** act promptly and will always seek to act in the best interests of children.

**WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT,
IF I HAVE A CONCERN?**

1. If you ever have a concern or worry about your child's safety, please do not let this mount, act.

We will always take concerns seriously and work to resolve these.

2. You can talk to your child's teacher.

3. If you are still concerned, you can talk to our Designated Teacher, Mrs Siobhán Murphy, or any of our Designated Teachers.

4. If you remain concerned, you can talk to the Principal, Mr Seán Dillon.

5. If you are not satisfied that your concern has been addressed, you can talk to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, Mrs Catherine Sheeran.

**At any time, you can talk to the Duty Social Worker
at Gateway Children's Services (028 3756 7100)
or to the PSNI Central Referral Unit (028 9025 9299)**

**THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND OTHERS IS
ALWAYS, ALWAYS TREATED SERIOUSLY.**