

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe.

Harm is identified in four ways:

Physical— when a child is deliberately hurt or injured

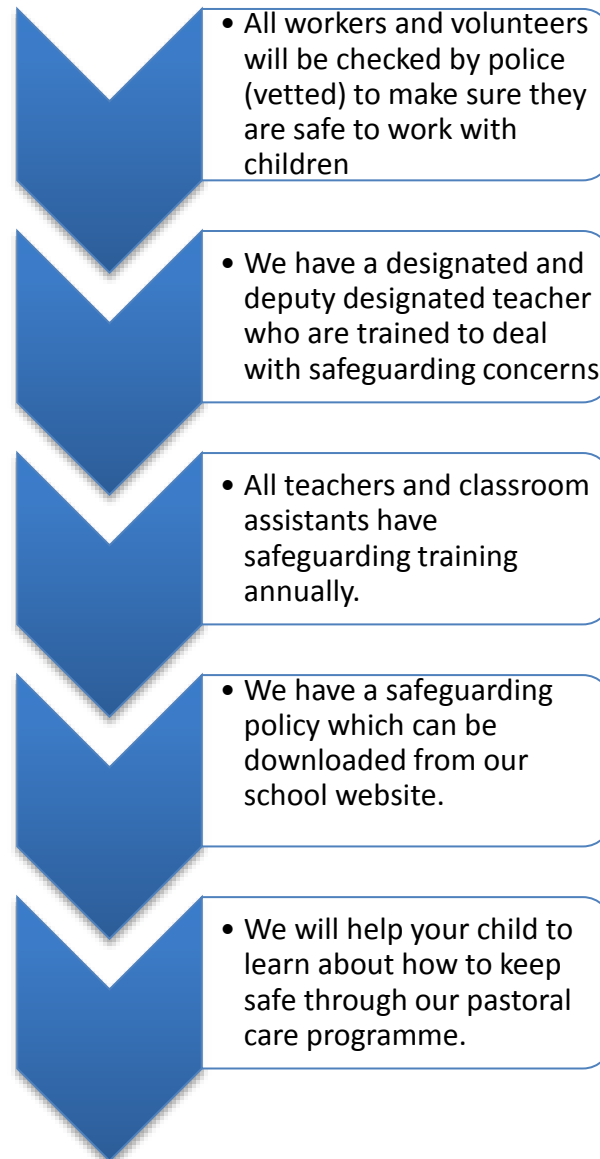
Sexual— when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or none physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image

Emotional— when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence

Neglect— when a child is not being taken care of by their parents. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone

What School Must Do

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.



What Parents Must Do

Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always feel confident to raise concerns about your child.

- ✓ Talk to school if you need help or support.
- ✓ Read the school policies about safety issues
- ✓ Inform school if your child has a medical condition
- ✓ Inform school if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child
- ✓ Inform school if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility
- ✓ Who will be dropping off or collecting your child and two other emergency contacts. You must inform school of any changes to agreed arrangements.
- ✓ Inform school if your child is going to be absent and the reason why.

Keeping Children Safe

Belfast Hospital School is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for children to learn.

This leaflet will explain:

- ✓ The four ways in which harm and/or abuse is defined
- ✓ What we, at Belfast Hospital school must do to protect and keep your child safe from harm and/or abuse
- ✓ What you, as a parent must do to help your child stay safe and enjoy school
- ✓ Who to contact for further information about child protection

Useful contacts

If you are worried about safeguarding or child protection concerns always contact the school immediately.

Designated Teacher:

[Chris Kennedy \(Acting Vice Principal\)](#)

Deputy Designated Teacher:

[Kathy Boyle \(Principal\)](#)

[Karanne McGrath \(TOPS Project\)](#)

[Alun McKeever \(ETA\)](#)

[Alison Cannon \(Wards\)](#)

Designated School Governors with

Safeguarding Responsibility:

[Loretta Jones/Pat McConnell](#)

School Contact Number:

02890633498

More information can be obtained at

www.education-ni.gov.uk

www.eani.org.uk

Information for Parents

Children Protection in Education



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