

How a Parent Can Raise a Child Protection Concern

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



I can talk to the class teacher.



If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Teacher- Mrs Gilmore

Or I can talk to the Deputy Designated Teachers-Mrs Campbell/Mrs Bell

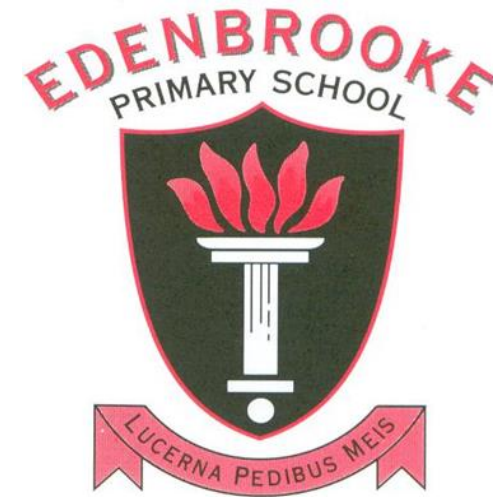
Or I can talk to the Principal-Miss Grimason

If I am still concerned, I can talk or write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors— Ms D. Fallis

At any time, I can talk to the Duty Social Worker in Gateway 028 9050 7000 or 028 9504 9999 (out of hours)/ 0800 197 9995 (out of hours emergency)

PSNI- Central Referral Unit-cru@psni.police.uk

If you have escalated your concern as set out in the above flowchart and are of the view that it has not been addressed satisfactorily, you may revert to the school's complaints policy. This policy should culminate in the option for you to contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO) who has the legislative power to investigate your complaint.



Child Protection

Designated Teacher for Child Protection:
Mrs M Gilmore

Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection:
Miss L. Grimason/Mrs C. Campbell/Mrs S. Bell

Designated Governor for Child Protection:
Mrs Eleanor Ebrahim

A full Child Protection Policy can be viewed on the school website or requested at the school office.

It is a requirement of our Child Protection Policy that all parents are informed of the policy. Parents can access the full policy on the school website or from the school office.

The purpose of the procedures set out in the Child Protection Policy is to safeguard and protect our pupils by ensuring that every adult who works in our school – teachers, non-teaching staff and volunteers – has clear guidance on the action which is required where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected. All staff, both teaching and support staff, receive training annually in this area.

There are five main elements to our policy:

1. Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.
2. Developing and implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse.
3. Ensuring we practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children.
4. Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe.
5. Supporting pupils who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed child protection plan.

Referral Process in School

Where an instance of child abuse is disclosed, the school will act in line with the Child Protection Policy. Mrs Gilmore, as designated teacher, will manage the implantation of procedures. In the designated teacher's absence Miss Grimason/Mrs Campbell/Mrs Bell will be responsible.

