

### **Children Learn What They Live**

If a child lives with criticism

They learn to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility

They learn to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule

They learn to be shy.

If a child lives with shame

They learn to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance

They learn to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement

They learn confidence.

If a child lives with praise

They learn to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness

They learn justice.

If a child lives with security

They learn to have faith.

If a child lives with approval

They learn to like themselves.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship

They learn to find love in the world.

## Saint Joseph and Saint James's Primary School

### Child Protection Policy



We firmly believe that each child has the right to be protected from all forms of abuse. Children must be kept safe from harm and given proper care by those looking after them.

It is important to note that we are duty bound to comply with child protection requirements. Consequently, we may contact external agencies and/or make referrals without consulting parents.

We recognise and accept that our first responsibility is, at all times, towards the children in our care and we will endeavour to protect them and preserve their safety.

All staff volunteers and trainees are police checked.

## Reporting Suspected Abuse

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

I can talk to the class teacher

I am still concerned, I can talk to  
the Designated teacher for child  
protection Mrs L. Mc Cooley or  
Deputy Designated teacher  
Mrs M. Shortt

If I am still concerned, I can talk  
to Mrs Ciara Wadsworth  
(School Principal)

If I am still concerned, I can talk/  
write to the School Governor  
responsible for child protection  
(Mr Jake Magill)

Linked to child protection the following arrangements have been made relating to:

### Photographs:

Photographs are not to be taken during school. Photographs of special occasions will be recorded and posted on the school website. We ask parents/guardians to strictly adhere to this policy.

### Mobile Phones:

Pupils are ***not permitted*** to take mobile phones to school.

### Toileting Accidents:

During P.1 induction parents give written permission for a child's clothes to be changed by a teacher or classroom assistant in the event of a toileting accident. Older children in this situation will ask the teacher for dry clothing and attend to themselves. In the event of any child soiling himself/herself, while at school, the parent will be contacted to attend him/her.

### Arrangements for collecting children early:

The school is locked during the day. The school secretary, Mrs Morrow, will allow access to the front foyer when parents ring the buzzer. ***Only staff are permitted beyond this point.*** Parents must provide prior notice if a child is to be collected early and sign child/children out from school using Signing Out book (located in Mrs Morrow's office).