

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

(1) Contact one of the Child Protection Officers or Line Manager

The Child Protection Officers for St Dominic's RC Primary School, Early Learning and Childcare are:

Mrs Hunter (Head Teacher):

01764 657800

ehunter@pkc.gov.uk

st-dominics@pkc.gov.uk

Mrs Horan (WAC Co-ordinator):

01764 653659

ghoran@pkc.gov.uk

- discuss your concerns with one of our Child Protection Officers
- describe what you have seen or heard or what it is that concerns you
- Staff only: write down your concerns using the appropriate record and date
- Follow-up your concern

(2) Contact the Child Protection and Duty Social Work Team / Police

Child Protection Duty Team:

01738 476768

Family Protection Unit (police):

01738 892912

In an emergency when a child has been seriously hurt or injured, contact the emergency services: **999**

Consultation

This policy has been created in consultation with pupils, parents and staff (March 2018)

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For further information, please contact:

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Vision

Our vision is for a harmonious and inclusive community where the rights of all are held in high regard; where Gospel values are held at the heart of our mission. We aim to develop the self-esteem, dignity and respect of all members of the community. We promote a culture of high achievement and inspire our global citizens to live in our global village. Our aim is for everyone to feel welcome and to know that we will work in partnership to ensure that all learners grow and develop educationally, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

RATIONALE

Protecting children and young people is everyone's job and everyone's responsibility.

All children and young people have the right to be cared for; protected from harm and abuse; and grow up in a safe environment where their rights are respected and needs are met.

We all have the responsibility to keep children safe.

Matters for concern

Children don't always tell if they are being harmed. Sometimes, parents, staff or children see or hear things which make them worry about a child's care, welfare or safety. This may be related to the actions of anyone caring for a child.

It is not an option to do nothing or to assume that someone else will pass on the information. **Concerns must be reported.**

All information will be taken seriously and will be acted upon. Enquiries will be made with people from other agencies who may know the child well. This can include health visitors, teachers, social workers or the Family Protection Unit.

What happens next?

Once enquiries have been made, one or more of the following actions may be taken:

- The concern is recorded, but no further action is taken at this time
- Support or advice offered to the family
- A formal Child Protection investigation jointly with the Family Protection Unit

SAFE, SECURE, PROTECTED

CHILDREN

Sometimes adults or other people hurt children and make them feel bad and afraid. That is not okay. Nobody should hurt you. Adults should never hurt children. Other children should never hurt you.

The most important thing to remember is that you have done nothing wrong, and it is never wrong to talk to someone and ask for help.



- A family member
- School Staff
- Your school nurse or doctor
- An adult you trust

You can call Childline at any time, night or day: **0800 11 11**

STAFF

All staff that work within Perth and Kinross Council, or any partner organisation, have a duty to:

- ensure that children in their care are safe from harm
- treat all children, parents and their families with sensitivity, dignity and respect
- report concerns about a child. These concerns must be reported to the Child Protection Officer / Co-ordinator or Line Manager
- act in full accordance with the Perth & Kinross Child Protection Procedures (2008)

PARENTS

If you have concerns about a child, please contact:

Child Protection Duty Team:

01738 476768

Out of Hours Social Work:

01738 476768

Police: **01738 621141**

Childline: **0800 11 11**

If you have concerns about the conduct of a member of staff:

Please contact the Head Teacher: **01764 657800**

-who may contact the School Quality Improvement Officer (Mr N Thomson):

01738 476268

- and the Child Protection Duty Team:

01738 476768