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We recognise and thank - you for the valuable contribution you make in supporting the work of our school.

Bloomfield Collegiate

Excellence in a caring community

**Safeguarding
&
Child protection
Information -**

Parents/Guardians



Raising a Concern or Making a complaint

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection (DT) is Mrs J Wharry. The Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection (DDT) are Mr G Greer, Mrs J Waterworth, Mrs E Mc Ferran, Mrs E Stevenson and Mr C Turner.

If you have a concern about your own child or any other child, please contact the DT or a DDT without delay.

The DT or DDT will inform the Principal, discreetly clarify the facts of the allegation, and refer the matter to Social Services or PSNI if considered necessary. On occasion, advice may be sought from the Education Authority Child Protection Support Services for Schools. If required, the Principal will report to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors.

If considered appropriate, the DT or a DDT will provide feedback to the person who raised the concern.

Our mission statement of *Excellence in a Caring Community* is reflected in our day to day conduct. Honesty, compassion, tolerance, courtesy and determination are values implicit to our work and relationships. By our attitudes we strive to promote a school as a safe environment in which everyone feels involved, supported, valued and satisfied.

In accordance with the aims of our school and to fulfil our statutory obligation under The Children Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, we have in place a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

The essential principle which underpins the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is that the welfare of the child must be the paramount consideration at all times.

If you have a query about the BCS Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, feel free to contact the DT, a DDT or the Principal. The full Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available on the BCS website (www.bloomfieldcollegiate.org.uk) or on request from Reception.

KEEPING OUR PUPILS SAFE

We take preventive measures to protect our pupils and to promote their emotional and physical safety. For example:

- The welfare of the child is the paramount consideration;
- Form teachers and Heads of Year support pupils;
- Staff have regular Safeguarding & Child Protection training;
- A number of staff are trained in First Aid;
- Visitors to school must report through Reception;
- Staff and volunteers are vetted in accordance with DE guidance;
- We encourage pupils to talk about their worries;
- The Independent Counselling Service for School operates within school;
- We promote safeguarding within a preventative curriculum;
- We teach pupils about internet safety;
- The School Council provides pupils with an opportunity to have their voice heard.

