



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF



Information for Parents

PROCEDURES FOR THE SCHOOL

The designated teacher for child protection is Miss Mairead Mc Quillan. In her absence the deputy designated teacher is Mrs Clodagh Mc Auley. Our Designated Child Protection Governor is Mrs Patricia Allen.

A child may quite innocently disclose details of abuse that occurs within the family or a child may confide in a member of staff as the one adult he/she can trust. In such instances our staff have been trained to take the following steps:

1. Do not promise to keep secret as to what the child has said;
2. Do not discuss concerns with the parent(s) or with anyone who is not involved in the care of the child.
Confidentiality is important;
3. Report immediately to the Designated Teacher or the Deputy Designated Teacher;
4. Prepare a detailed report.

It is not the responsibility of any member of our staff to carry out investigations into suspected or reported abuse. They simply seek discreet clarification or listen to disclosures by the child and pass on any concerns.

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How A Parent Can Raise a Concern

