

Safeguarding Pupils In St. Joseph's College

- In St Joseph's College Safeguarding begins with preventative education and activities which enable children and young people to grow up safely and securely in circumstances where their development and wellbeing is promoted.
- In St Joseph's College the young person's welfare is paramount.
- In St Joseph's College the young person has a right to be heard and to be listened to. The young people are consulted and involved in all matters and decisions which may affect their lives and are provided with appropriate support to do so where that is required.
- In St Joseph's College the decisions made and the actions taken are considered, well informed and based on outcomes that are sensitive to, and take account of, the young person's individual circumstances.
- All parents, guardians and visitors to the College must report to reception and are accompanied by a member of staff when moving around the school. Any access to pupils is restricted to the purpose of their visit.
- All members of staff, members of outside agencies, coaches and volunteers who work with our young people are Police Checked.
- All members of staff participate in Child Protection/Safeguarding training every year.
- Pupils are encouraged to talk to any member of staff about any worries/concerns they may have.
- Family Works Counselling provides a counselling service for the young people in St Joseph's College every week.

If you have any queries about the information in this leaflet or the Child Protection Policy please do not hesitate to contact

Ms M Gribbin



Designated
Child Protection Teacher

Ms C L'Estrange



Vice Principal
Deputy Designated Child
Protection Teacher

The full policy document is available on request from the Principal



St. Joseph's College
518 Ravenhill Road
Belfast, BT6 0BY



(028) 90491280 / 90491474



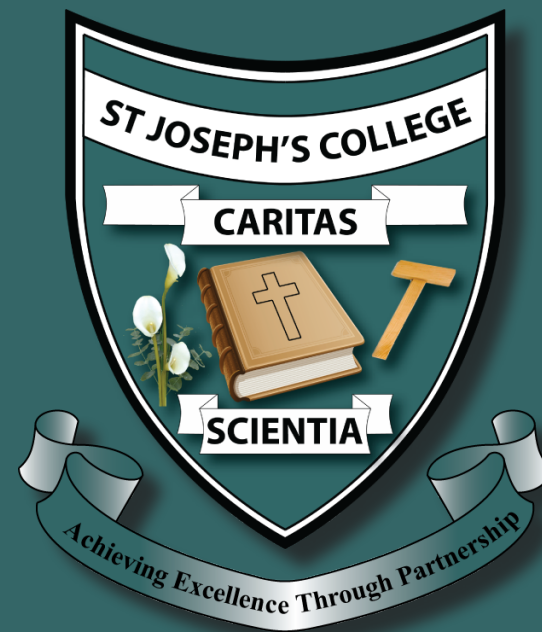
info@stjosephs.belfast.ni.sch.uk



www.saintjosephscollege.co.uk

St Joseph's College

Safeguarding - Child Protection Protecting the children in our care



A Guide For Parents And Carers

St Joseph's College Child Protection Policy [Safe Guarding Policy]

In St. Joseph's College we place great emphasis on the safety and well being of all our pupils. The school recognises that children have the right to be protected from all forms of violence, to be kept safe from harm and given proper care by those looking after them. We recognise our statutory obligation to make a referral either to the social services or to the police when we suspect that a pupil is suffering abuse or when a pupil makes an allegation that he/she is suffering abuse.

- Ms M Gribbin is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection.
- Miss C L'Estrange (VP) is the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

All School Staff receive annual Safeguarding awareness training from the Designated Teacher.

During the ETI inspection (March 2017), the school provided evidence that satisfactory arrangements are in place for safeguarding learners which broadly reflect the guidance issued by the relevant Departments. The pupils reported that they feel safe and secure in school. They know what to do and who to talk to if they are concerned about their safety or well-being. **A full copy of the Child Protection Policy and Procedures is available from the Principal.**

St Joseph's College Child Protection Policy and procedures will be reviewed annually and updated to take account of new guidance and legislation when necessary.

How A Parent Can Make A Complaint In Relation To Child Protection

If you have a concern about the safety/welfare of your own child or any other child please follow the procedure below.

I have a concern about my / or another child's safety, I can talk to
Ms M Gribbin



or **Ms C L'Estrange**



If I am still concerned, I can talk to
Mrs M McCormick (Principal)



If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Governor,
Mr Ciaran Moynagh
c/o St. Joseph's College



At any time, I can talk to a social worker at the Gateway Team Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Tel no:
02890 507000

The local Police Central Referral Unit
Tel no: 02890 259299 /101 x 30299

Procedure for dealing with a disclosure of suspected child abuse

It should be noted that information given to members of staff about possible child abuse cannot be held 'in confidence'. In the interests of the child, staff may need to share this information with other professionals. However, only those who need to know will be told.

Disclosure/Concern regarding abuse or neglect is received by a member of staff



Tell the Designated Teacher for Child Protection, Ms M Gribbin or the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection Miss Christine L'Estrange



Designated Teacher meets with Principal [in case of Principal's absence Vice-Principal] to plan course of action and ensures that a written record is made.



No Referral

Referral

(Parents / Guardian informed of school concerns). Reassure complainant issue is being investigated.

Social Services, EA informed, (Parents / Guardian informed by either the school or Social Services. Reassure complainant issue is being investigated.



School will continue to monitor the situation as appropriate