

Cullybackey College



Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

**Summary for
Parents/Guardians**

2024-25

Safeguarding and Child Protection at Cullybackey College

Role of the College in Child Protection

The following information explains what parents/guardians of our College need to do if they are concerned about possible abuse or if they have any concerns about a young person in our College.

MAIN RISK FACTORS

Child abuse

- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Exploitation

Bullying

Bullying is covered under the Colleges' Anti-Bullying Policy and Positive Behavioural Policy.

Self-Harm & Suicidal thoughts

Self-harm is deemed to be any deliberate act by a person which causes harm to themselves. Suicidal thoughts can occur in the absence of actual self-harm.

A full description of the main risk factors can be found in the full Child Protection policy, the Anti-Bullying Policy and the Positive Behaviour Policy.

Everyone has a duty to protect our young people - the welfare of our young people is paramount.

Reporting a concern

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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



I can talk to the Head of Year.



If I am still concerned or the concern is of a serious nature I can talk to:

Mr McLaren (Designated CP teacher) or
Mr Surgenor (Deputy CP Teacher).



If I am still concerned I can speak with the Principal Mr Donaldson.



If I am still concerned I can contact the Chairperson of the Board of Governors.

Mrs G Scott.



Any person listed above can be contacted at Cullybackey College 028 25 880771.



If I am still concerned I can talk to a social worker on **028 79 651020** or I can speak with the PSNI on **101** (Ask for Public Protection Unit).

Safeguarding Team 2024-25

Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mrs G Scott

Vice Chair of the Board of Governors: Mr L Wiseman

Principal: Mr D Donaldson

Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Mr C McLaren

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Mr M Surgenor

Any person can make contact with a member of the Safeguarding Team or Head of Year through the College telephone number: **028 25 880771**

Outside school hours or in case of emergency, advice or assistance may be available from:

Gateway Team – Northern Trust

Unit 5a Toome Business Park, Hillhead Road, Toomebridge

Telephone: 028 7965 1020

Other useful contact numbers / websites

Ballymena Social Services – Childcare

Slemish Community Services, Braid Valley Site, Ballymena

Telephone: 028 2563 5640

PSNI Public Protection Unit - Call 101 and ask for the Public Protection Unit

NSPCC Child Protection Help Line - 0808 800 5000 - www.nspcc.org.uk

Child Line – 0800 11 11 - www.childline.org.uk

Family Support - www.familysupportni.gov.uk

Action for Children – 028 94 467345 - www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Think u Know - www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Family Works NI - <http://familyworksni.com/>