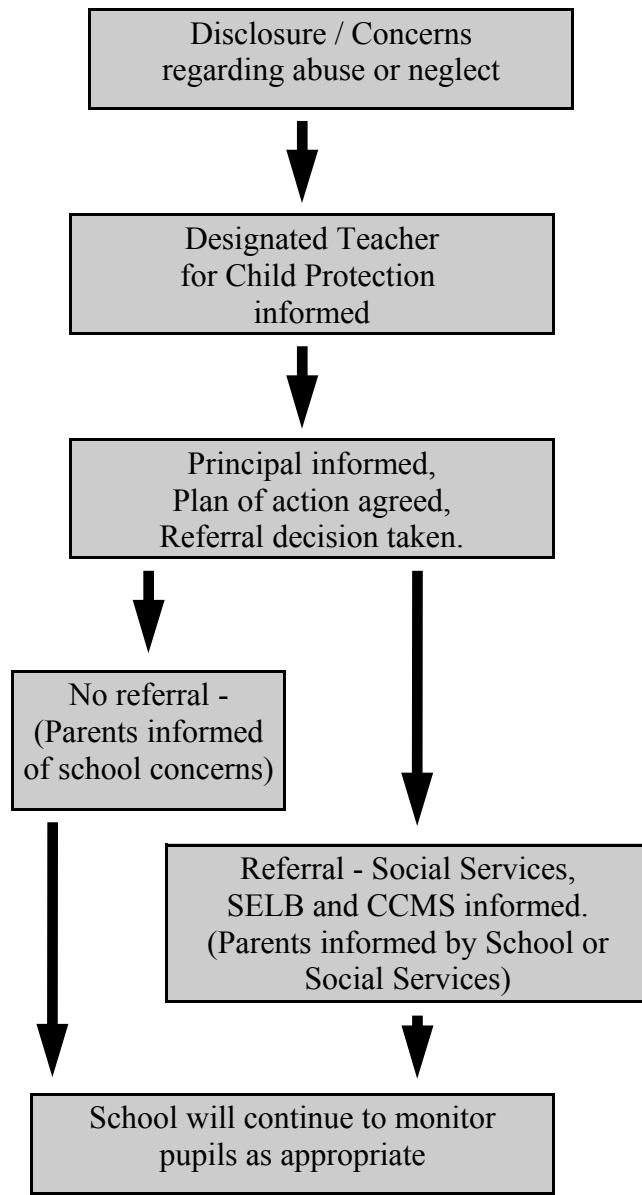


CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

Summary for Parents/Guardians



PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

In St Mary's, Granemore we believe that the fostering of trust and good relationships with the Parents/Guardians of our pupils is very important. A close partnership between home and school should help ensure that all our young people learn and develop to their full potential in a caring, supportive and safe environment. Good communication is essential if we are to achieve this.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your son/daughter's education, please contact the school and an appointment will be arranged for you to meet with one or more of the following members of staff:

- *Class Teacher*
- *Principal*

We would also encourage you to attend our yearly Parent/Teacher Meetings. In turn, members of staff are encouraged to keep Parents/Guardians fully informed regarding pupils progress and development.

This leaflet is intended as a summary of many aspects of Pastoral Care in St Mary's. The following more detailed policy statements are available on request:

- *Pastoral Care*
- *Discipline*
- *Child Protection*

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PASTORAL CARE

**INFORMATION
FOR
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CHILD PROTECTION

In our Pastoral Care approach we aim to provide and sustain an atmosphere of caring for our pupils at all stages of their development - academic, spiritual, personal and social.

Mr Mallon co-ordinates the delivery of Pastoral Care in our School.

As part of our Pastoral Care Policy a Child Protection Policy operates in St Mary's. In it we aim to protect our pupils as our main concern is the care, welfare and safety of the children in our charge.

- *Everyone who works in our school is aware of the signs and symptoms of all forms of abuse.*
- *There is a code of conduct for all staff.*
- *All visiting adults have to sign in and out.*
- *Vetting procedures are in place prior to the appointment of staff.*

In all cases of suspected child abuse, the action that will be taken in St Mary's PS is that of informing Social Services, Southern Education and Library Board and Council for Catholic Maintained Schools. The school will not be involved in investigating the suspected abuse.

CONTACT NAMES:

- ◆ *Mrs S Reilly*
Designated Child Protection teacher for Nursery
- ◆ *Mr E Magee*
1st Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- ◆ *Mrs I McGivern*
2nd Designated Teacher for Child Protection

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.

Full copies of the Pastoral Care and Child Protection Policies are available in school and from the school's website on

<http://www.stmaryspsgranemore.com/about-us/policies/>

These are reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

PASTORAL CARE IN SCHOOLS:

CHILD PROTECTION

If a parent has a concern

