

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE BANBRIDGE PARENTAL CP CONCERNS



POTENTIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONCERN PROCEDURE

Please follow the procedure below if you have a potential child protection concern within the school

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

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I can talk to the class/form teacher

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If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated/ Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection or the Principal

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If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chair of Board of Governors

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At any time, I can talk to the local Children's Services Gateway Team or the PSNI Central Referral Unit at 101

If you have escalated your concern as set out in the above flowchart, and are of the view that it has not been addressed satisfactorily, you may revert to the school's complaints policy. This policy should culminate in the option for you to contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO) who has the legislative power to investigate your complaint.

If a parent has a concern about a child's safety or suspect child abuse within the local community, it should be brought directly to the attention of the Children's Services Gateway Team.

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