



**For further information contact:**

**Mrs Finnegan, the Designated Teacher for Child Protection at Good Shepherd Primary School,**

**or**

**Ms O’Kane, the deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.**

## **A Parent’s Guide to Child Protection 2016-17**

### **Contact us**

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## What is Child Abuse?

Child abuse may include physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; neglect; or exploitation.

At Good Shepherd Primary School we are committed to keeping your child safe by:

- helping every pupil to develop strategies to keep themselves safe.
- ensuring that every member of staff is vetted.
- responding appropriately where any concerns are raised about a child.

Teachers and parents have responsibility for the welfare of the children in their care.

At times we may need to refer concerns to other agencies in the interests of the child.

It is important that you, as parents, are aware of these arrangements and know to inform the school of any concerns you may have about the safety of any child at Good Shepherd Primary School.

## How can I report alleged abuse of a child?

If you have a concern about a child's safety, you can talk to Mrs Catherine Finnegan or Ms Angela O'Kane at Good Shepherd Primary School, tel: (028) 9030 1000.

If you are still concerned you can talk or write to the Board of Governors representative for child protection, Mr Cathal McManus (his contact details are available from the school office).

At any time, you can also talk to:

Susan Sullivan or Mary Cunningham at the Catholic Council for Maintained Schools (CCMS) at tel: (028) 9032 7875.

The Duty Social Worker at Stewartstown Road Health Centre at tel: (028) 9060 2705.

