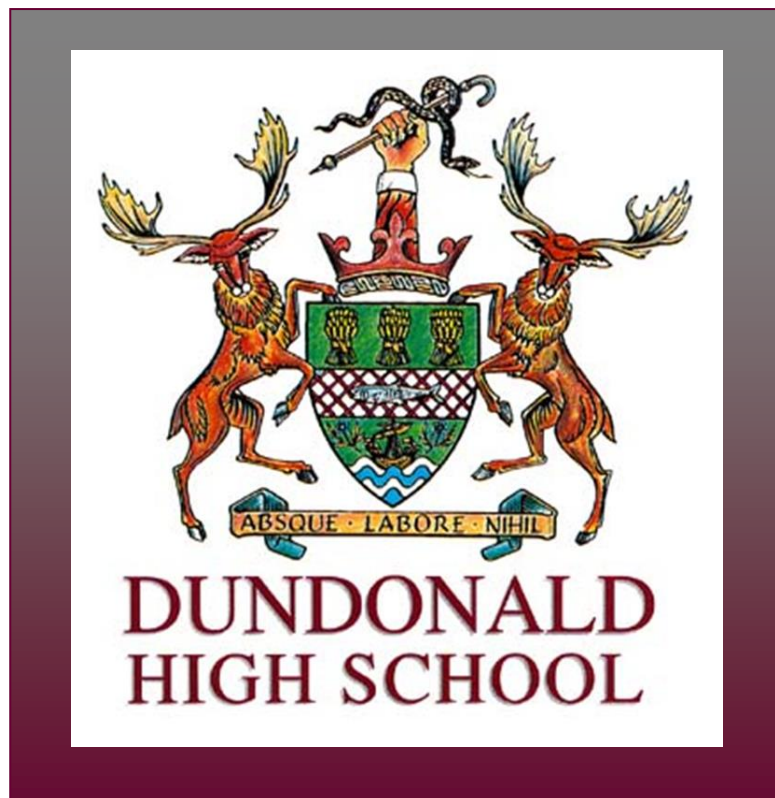
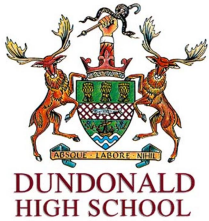


## Safeguarding at Dundonald High School



A Parent's guide to safeguarding



At Dundonald High School we have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safeguarding of all pupils in our care. Safeguarding involves protecting children from all forms of abuse, neglect, harm or risk. Our school has a strong pastoral ethos and provides a caring, supportive and safe environment where the basic rights of each individual are respected and protected. We care for, nurture and support our pupils so that they feel secure and safe from harm in their learning environment and feel comfortable about sharing concerns about their own or another's safety.

Staff will act according to the school's policy and procedures to protect a child when a disclosure is made or when there is evidence that the child may be at risk.

The safeguarding team are:



Mr Perry  
(Principal)



Mrs McCullough  
(Designated Teacher)



Mrs Davidson  
(Deputy Designated Teachers)



Mr Hodgen

The Designated Teacher will assess the situation and plan actions to safeguard the pupil. This may require cases to be referred to other agencies. The Principal will be kept informed throughout the process.

Parents are advised to inform the school as soon as possible of any concerns they have regarding the safety, care and well being of our pupils. If there are any concerns parents should contact the designated teacher for child protection or deputy designated teacher for child protection.

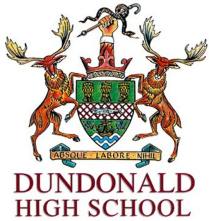
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The Principal will be kept informed throughout the process.

This leaflet advises you who to contact if you are worried about a child and how to contact Social services or the PSNI directly if necessary.

There is a flow chart to guide you through this decision and the child protection teachers can support you in this.

The full child protection policy is available to all parents on request from the school office.



## PARENTS

**Have you concerns about your child's safety?**

**I have a concern about my/or another child's safety**



If I am concerned, I can call the school on 028 90 484271 and talk to Mrs Davidson; designated teacher for child protection or Mr Hodgen; deputy designated teacher for child protection



The designated teacher will assess the situation and plan actions to safeguard the pupil. This may require cases to be referred to the other agencies such as social services or the PSNI.



The designated teacher will keep the child/parent informed throughout and discuss the referrals to any other support agencies if this is necessary.



The Principal, Mr Perry will be kept informed at all stages



If I am still concerned, I can speak directly to the Principal OR talk/write to the Chair of the Board of Governors; Mrs Legge

### Useful Numbers for Parents

You can call:

- Lifeline on 08088088000
- Gateway (the first point of contact for new referrals to social services)  
Telephone: 0300 100 0300
- PSNI on 101



### Useful Numbers for Children

If you need to talk you can call:

- Childline on 0800 -1111
- NSPCC on 0800-800500
- Lifeline on 08088088000

These calls are free  
They will help you work out what to do  
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