### **KEY STAFF—SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Teacher: Mrs Johnston

Deputy DT: Mr Stevenson

The above persons also make up a **Safeguarding Team** that includes the Principal, Chair of Governors and Designated Governor for Child Protection.

The following Safeguarding Policies can be accessed via the school website or by application to the school office.

- Child Protection
- Anti Bullying
- Positive Behaviour
- Intimate Care
- Health and Safety
- Social Media

All adults who work or volunteer in Lough View are fully vetted. This includes all teachers, non teaching staff, coaches, tutors and regular volunteers.

All staff receive regular training on safeguarding procedures and on their specific responsibilities.

#### SOME USEFUL CONTACTS

Mrs Johnston-02890401347

ajohnston859 @c2kni.net

NSPCC—0800800500 www.nspcc.org.uk

Child Protection Team, Social Services Gateway: 028 90507000 (9am—5pm)

After Hours Regional Emergency Social Work Service : 02895 049999

PSNI Central Referral Unit - 028 90 259299 or 101 extension 30299

Copies of our Child Protection, Anti Bullying, Complaints and other relevant pastoral policies can be found on our website:

#### www.loughviewintegrated.co.uk

Hard copies of our school policies can be requested from the office.

# Child Protection and Safeguarding

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# Safeguarding in our school

At Lough View the safety and welfare of our pupils is of paramount importance. We seek to create a positive learning environment where children feel safe and valued.

Accordingly, we have clear policies and protocols on Child Protection, Bullying and Domestic Violence.

This short document summarizes the key information in relation to these matters and provides links to the full policies.

#### **CHILD PROTECTION**

Within our school we have a duty to protect our pupils from child abuse. Child abuse means:

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

#### Our role

If staff have ongoing concerns or a child makes a disclosure of abuse, the matter will be referred to the Designated Teacher for Child Protection and if necessary the Safeguarding Team.

It is not our job to investigate claims of abuse. Our responsibility is to deal sensitively with the disclosure and to record and report our concerns to the relevant agencies i.e. Social Services and the PSNI.

All disclosures will be handled in a confidential manner.

#### Bullying

Bullying is totally unacceptable within our school and we take a proactive approach to prevention as well as managing reported instances in a supportive and restorative way.

#### **Domestic Violence**

For children living in an environment where there is domestic violence, there is the likelihood of significant harm. Consequently, if a child makes a disclosure of domestic violence we will refer the matter on to the relevant authorities.

# HOW TO NOTIFY US OF YOUR CONCERNS

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of your child or another child, you can follow these steps.

#### Talk to the class teacher.

If still concerned talk to the Designated Teacher—Mrs Johnston or in her absence Mr Stevenson.

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If still concerned talk to the Principal .

If still concerned contact the Chair of Governors.

# At any time you can go directly to Social Services or the PSNI (numbers overleaf).