

Child Protection and Safeguarding at St Patrick's College – Fact File



All children and young people deserve to be safe: safe at home, at school and in the community.

This means no one should:

- Say hurtful things to you
- Hit you
- Make you do something you do not want to do
- Do something to you which you do not want or are uncomfortable with

We want every pupil to feel safe from harm.

In St Patrick's College – all staff must:

- Protect pupils from abuse.
- Follow safeguarding rules.
- Work with parents/guardians and/or external agencies if there are concerns.

Adult Safeguarding (for staff and students over 18)

We also protect adults who may be at risk by:

- Identifying and supporting vulnerable adults.
- Responding quickly to concerns.
- Promoting dignity and respect.
- Working with families and outside agencies.

Our Ethos In SPC

We care about pupils' welfare and safety. Staff are trained to spot signs of abuse and know how to report concerns.

Key Principles

- The safety and well-being of all come first.
- Every young person has the right to be listened to and taken seriously.
- Information is kept private unless the law says it must be shared.
- All staff working with pupils have background checks.

Safeguarding Team

If you have a concern, these people can help:

- **Designated Teacher:** Head of Pastoral Care
- **Deputy Designated Teacher:** Head of Key Stage 3
- **Principal:** Mrs C. McHugh
- **Designated Governor for Child Protection:** Mrs P. Kane
- **Chair of the Board of Governors:** Mr D. Coleman

Child Protection Team

Designated Teachers



**Designated
Teacher**
Ms R. Shields



**Deputy
Designated Teacher**
Mrs S. Devlin

In St Patrick's College

Every Student Is

Seen, Heard and Cared for.

What will happen if I share a concern with a member of staff about my safety or the safety of another person?

- The member of staff will listen to your concerns.
- They cannot promise confidentiality if they are concerned you (or others) are at harm or risk of harm.
- If the teacher is concerned about your (or someone else's) safety, the teacher ***must*** report the concern to the Designated Child Protection Teacher.
- The teacher or Designated Teacher will keep you informed about next steps.
- A plan of action will be agreed.

<p>No referral to Social Services/ Parents or Carers informed of concerns.</p> <p>Support Measures may be put in place to support you in school.</p> <p>This could mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Counselling ● Mentoring ● Support services from an external group 	<p>OR</p>	<p>Referral to Social Services.</p> <p>Social Services are there to support you and your family to ensure your safety.</p> <p>A Representative from school will work with other services as part of the safeguarding plan.</p>
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The school will continue to support and monitor the situation and individuals involved.



Other Important Telephone Numbers:

Childline:

0800 1111



Shout:

Text SHOUT to 85258 - Free, 24/7 text service for immediate crisis support.



Samaritans:

116 123 - Available 24/7 for anyone needing to talk.



Lifeline (NI):

0808 808 8000 - Local helpline in Northern Ireland.



PSNI (Police)

999 for immediate danger; **101** for non-emergencies (PSNI Central Referral Unit)