

# Castlehead High School

## Guide to our Child Protection Policy



### POLICY AIMS



- We ensure all staff and learners follow child protection procedures
- We remain alert to the needs of children and young people
- We understand staff roles in keeping pupils safe and included
- We provide our learners with education and awareness to protect themselves



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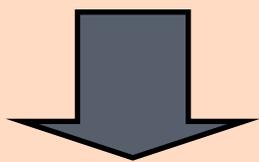
### How to respond to a disclosure

- Listen attentively
- Do not promise confidentiality
- Stay calm and reassuring
- Avoid personal opinions
- Do not investigate or ask leading questions
- Tell someone **immediately** if you have a concern



### Types of safeguarding concerns

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect: failure to meet basic needs.
- Exposure to domestic abuse
- Sexually harmful/problematic behaviours
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Child trafficking
- Parental substance misuse or mental health issues
- Child sexual exploitation



### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Head Teacher / Child Protection Co-ordinator:** oversee procedures
- **Child Protection Co-ordinator:** report concerns and liaise with other agencies
- **All Staff:** report concerns, complete records
- **All pupils and parents/carers:** Be vigilant and report concerns to Ms Wilson or a Pupil Support teacher
- **Children's Services:** partner in investigations and support

**WHO CAN HELP?**  
**MS WILSON**  
**MS MCFARLANE**  
**MS DUGGAN**  
**MRS STEWART**  
**MS CAMPBELL**  
**MS GRIBBEN**

### HOW WILL WE KEEP EVERYONE SAFE?

- Raising awareness of risks
- Developing safety skills
- Helping pupils recognise unsafe behaviours
- Teaching appropriate responses
- Seek advice from Child Protection Co-ordinator:  
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PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION