

Keeping Children Safe

This leaflet will tell you:

- * The four ways in which harm and/or abuse are defined.
- * What your school must do to protect and keep you safe from harm and/or abuse.
- * Who you can talk to if you are feeling worried.
- * Your rights in regard to Child Protection.

Useful Contacts



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Child Protection in Education



Information for students 2021–2022

Child Protection

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

1. Who is a child?

A child is anyone under the age of 18.

2. Do you know your rights in regard to child protection?

Article 19

The people who look after you should not hurt you in

Article 27

You should have a proper place to live, food and clothing.

Article 34

Nobody should touch you in ways that make you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or sad.

What is child abuse?

There are four types

Neglect happens if you are not being properly taken care of by your parents/guardians. This could be poor hygiene, poor diet, being left alone at home, not being taken to medical appointments or not being encouraged to attend school.

Physical Abuse is where someone deliberately hurts, hits or injures you.

Sexual Abuse is when others use and exploit you sexually.



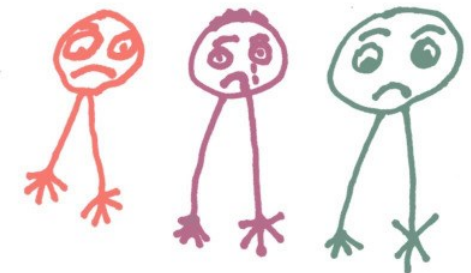
Emotional Abuse is where someone shouts at you, or threatens you or makes fun of you and it makes you feel frightened, worthless or unloved. If you are experiencing violence between your parents /guardians or other people in your home this can also be very harmful to you.

Who can I talk to if I am worried?

In Shimna you can talk to any member of our staff as they are all trained in child protection. Everyone in Shimna looks after each other, so don't be afraid to talk to anyone. If they can't help you immediately, they will find the person who can.

We have a designated safeguarding team. They are:

Principal	Steve Pagan
Designated teacher	Karen Caulfield
Deputy designated teachers	Stuart Scott, Ian McMillan
Pastoral Manager	Danella Goodman
Child Protection Trainer	Aine Harrison



It shouldn't hurt to be a child.