



It's Everyone's Job to make sure we're OK!

Child Protection at Balmerino Primary School

We all have a responsibility to make sure that the children in our community are safe and well. Mrs Jess is the Child Protection Coordinator. She can be approached at anytime to discuss a concern or to talk.

Concerned about your own child?

You might be concerned about your own child. For example, because their behaviour has changed or they are having difficulty with friends or with their learning. You might also be worried if something has changed at home – perhaps there has been a bereavement or a separation in the family or perhaps a change in financial circumstances is making it hard to make ends meet. Mrs Jess can offer advice and support whatever your concerns are. She can signpost you to agencies who can help or she can offer advice or support or even just a listening ear.

Worried about another child?

You might be concerned about somebody else's child. Perhaps because of something you have seen or heard in the community or because you think another parent is struggling and may need some help. Often it is worth speaking to that parent to share your concerns and offer to help. Or you can speak to Mrs Jess, in school, in confidence. Or you can contact a doctor or social worker. However, if you think a child has been harmed, telephone the Social Work Contact Centre. on 03451 55 15 03, from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Out-with these hours, please call them on 03451 55 00 99. You can call the police on telephone number 101, 24/7. If you consider a child(ren) or young person to be in immediate danger, do not wait, call the Police on 999.

You shouldn't 'mind your own business' if you think a child is at risk. Everyone has a job to help. You can find out more here: [Worried about a Child | Fife Council](#) or by searching for 'Worried about a Child Fife Council' and choosing the first option that comes up.

Mr Rose is the Deputy Child Protection Coordinator in school and you can ask to speak to him if Mrs Jess isn't available. All school staff are trained in child protection and you can approach anyone you feel comfortable to raise a concern. You can rely on us to listen, not to judge, not to ignore and to offer help and support. You can contact the school on 01334 659450 or Mrs Jess at lucy.jess@fife.gov.uk



Aiming to ensure all our learners are:

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