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# Dumfries Academy

# Child Protection

- What is Child Protection?

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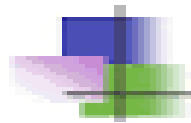
# A Children Protection concern is...

- Any situation where a young person is placed in a harmful situation by the actions or inactions of others

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## Child Protection

The process of protecting individual children identified as either suffering or at risk of suffering significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect



# Are there different types of Child Abuse?

- Physical abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Neglect



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# Physical Abuse

Physical abuse is the causing of physical harm to a child or young person.

Physical harm may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating, or otherwise causing physical harm to a child.

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# Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development.

It may involve conveying to children that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person.

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# Sexual abuse

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The activities may involve inappropriate physical contact including :

- Sexual Assault ranging from rape to inappropriate touching or forcing a child to engage in an inappropriate activity

They may also include non-contact activities, such as:

- involving children in looking at, or in the production of sexual images,
- watching sexual activities,
- encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways,
- grooming a child in preparation for abuse (including via the internet).

Sexual abuse is not solely perpetrated by adult males. Women can also commit acts of sexual abuse, as can other children.





# Neglect

Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development.



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# Who can I speak to?

- You should contact the school office if you have a concern and you will then be able to speak to the school Child protection Officer-
- Dumfries Academy Child Protection Officers are-



Mr Dillon

Child Protection Officer



Dr Gordon

Depute Child Protection Officer

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# What happens if I report a Child Protection Concern?

- The Child Protection officer will listen to what you have to say.
- They will not ask you leading question, but they will write down what you have to say in order that they record your statement accurately.
- If appropriate, your concern will be forwarded to agencies who will be able to assess your concern and carry out an appropriate plan of action .

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# Remember-

- You should always speak to a member of staff if –
- You are concerned about the welfare of a young person at Dumfries academy.
- Do not -
- Keep concerns to yourself.
- Pass a concern as ‘nothing to worry about’, or something you don’t want to others with

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