



Kilbarchan Primary School

Child Protection & Safeguarding in Our School

Keeping Every Child Safe, Supported and Happy



What Safeguarding Means

At our school, keeping children safe and well is our highest priority. Safeguarding means everything we do to protect pupils from harm and to promote their wellbeing. Child protection is part of safeguarding and involves action when a child may be at risk of harm, neglect, or abuse.

Key Principles

- Every child has the right to be Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included (SHANARRI or Wellbeing indicators).
- Child protection is part of safeguarding – taking action when a child may be at risk.
- Everyone is responsible: teachers, staff, parents, carers, and the community.

How Schools Protect Children

- Safe Environment: Creating a welcoming, caring setting where pupils feel listened to, respected, and supported.
- Staff Training: Staff are trained to recognise possible signs of neglect or abuse and to know what steps to take.
- Clear Procedures: Staff act quickly and follow Renfrewshire Council's child protection procedures if concerns arise.
- Designated Staff: Every school has a Child Protection Co-ordinator who takes the lead when concerns are raised. This is Mrs Fiona MacKenzie (HT). Mrs Tracey Robb (DHT) or Mrs Amanda Doyle (DHT) are also trained in the leadership of Child Protection and so may take the lead.
- Listening to Children: Pupils have the right to share worries with trusted adults; their views are always taken seriously and recorded.

Roles of Agencies

Who does what to keep children safe:

Agency	Role
Education / School Staff	Notice, listen, report concerns
Social Work	Investigates, assesses needs, plans support
Police	Investigates crime, ensures child's safety
Health Professionals	Provide assessments, care, and advice
Parents & Carers	Partner with school to support the child

How Parents Can Help

- ✓ Talk openly with your child and encourage them to share any worries.
- ✓ Inform the school of any changes affecting your child's wellbeing.
- ✓ Work in partnership with staff and agencies to support your child.
- ✓ If you have any concerns, contact the school or your local social work services immediately.

For further information, please see [Child protection - Renfrewshire Website](#)