

# **PASTORAL CARE**

We in Enniskillen Nursery School seek to support each child's whole development. Interactions will foster security, confidence and independence and be an intrinsic part of every aspect of the curriculum.

## ***Our aims***

- To enhance the children's self-esteem, self-confidence, assertiveness, communication skills and personal safety.
- We ensure that staff and volunteers are well informed about Child Protection procedures and issues.
- We ensure that staff and volunteers are aware of their duty to care and their responsibility to report.
- To provide open channels of effective and appropriate communication between children, teachers, parents and other adults working with children.
- To promote co-operation with statutory agencies in the multi-agency response to Child Protection.
- As part of our discipline policy we teach the children that bullying is unacceptable behaviour.

## ***Means by which this policy will be put into effect***

- By providing an environment within the school and classroom in which every child is valued as a member of the community.
- By allowing a variety of opportunities for class and group discussion of thoughts and feelings in an atmosphere of trust, acceptance and tolerance, eg circle time.
- By identifying the staff as people to whom children can turn to share concerns and discuss problems
- By monitoring children's welfare, physical, emotional, social, intellectual and behavioural development.
- By promoting staff awareness of types and indicators of child abuse and neglect, the appropriate response to the child, knowledge of procedures for reporting concerns and their statutory responsibility.
- By informing staff of the importance and nature of appropriate record keeping and report writing and the need to make a clear distinction between factual reporting and professional opinion. This information should be shared with others.
- By providing parents in the parent handbook and the Child Protection leaflet of the school's Child Protection policy procedures.
- By establishing regular contact with other appropriate agencies in order to promote co-operation to protect children.
- This will be achieved by ensuring that the following policies are put into practice: -
  - Child Protection Policy
  - Influencing Positive Behaviour
  - Health and Safety Policy
  - Settling in Policy
  - Special Needs Policy
  - Teaching and Learning Policy.
- Staff and volunteers receive Child Protection Training through the year organised by the Principal.