



Blackwood Primary School Early Learning & Childcare

Child Protection

All staff must actively follow South Lanarkshire Councils Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures when dealing with any incidents or suspected incidents of child abuse.

- All staff must be familiar with South Lanarkshire Councils Education Resources Child Protection guidelines, and local inter-agency Child Protection Procedures.
- All staff should have a copy of Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures (concertina - updated November 2017).
- All Staff have a responsibility with regard to Child Protection through the identification and reporting of child abuse.
- If staff have any grounds for concern or reason to suspect a child has been, or is at risk, of abuse they should immediately report this to the Head of Establishment and refer to the Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures. They must also note any concerns or relevant information in the Nursery GIRFEC Folder (located in the nursery office in top drawer of locked filing cabinet).
- The Head Teacher (Child Protection Co-ordinator) is responsible for the management and co-ordination of all child protection issues and liaison with the Social Work Resources.
- A South Lanarkshire Council Reporting Form should be used to record all incidents relating to child protection and forwarded to identified individuals.
- Information regarding child protection procedures are displayed on the Parents Information Board and a Child Protection leaflet is included in their induction pack.
- Managers should ensure all staff are briefed on child protection on an annual basis. Attendance at these briefings are recorded.

Good practice, which protects children, requires the careful exercise of professional judgement and skill.

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