

Child Protection

The Board of Governors, Principal and Senior Management (SMT) take seriously their primary responsibility for the safety and welfare of the children and staff in Abbey Primary.

We in the Abbey Family believe every child has the right to be safe at school and every parent has the right to expect this for his/her child.

What does the school do?

In Abbey we:

- ensure pupils have sufficient knowledge about themselves to be able to understand what constitutes appropriate and non-appropriate physical contact
- enable children to become aware of strategies which they may use to protect themselves from possible abusive situations
- develop an on-going programme of personal and social education, e.g. Kidscape, Circle Time
- ensure that all new staff are made aware of Child Protection Procedures on appointment
- ensure that all staff and regular voluntary helpers have undergone security clearance by the police
- ensure that designated teachers avail themselves of all opportunities to update their knowledge of child protection procedures
- provide regular in-service training to maintain a working awareness amongst staff of child protection issues and procedures

Identifying Abuse

All staff in Abbey have a responsibility to report concern involving pupils or adults to the designated teacher (Mr Manning and Mrs Martin) or deputy designated teacher (Mrs Groves).

How does the school deal with a suspected/disclosed case of abuse?

- Child tells teacher, or teacher has concern about a child either as a result of one or many observations
- Teacher refers his/her concerns to the designated teacher or deputy designated teacher who makes full notes
- Designated teacher plans course of action and ensures a written record is made
- Referral made to Social Services and Education Authority Designated Officer

As a Parent what can you do?

- Make sure your child has a safe journey to and from school
- Collect your child directly from the classroom if you need to take him/her for an appointment during school hours
- Talk to the teacher if you have any concern regarding your child's safety

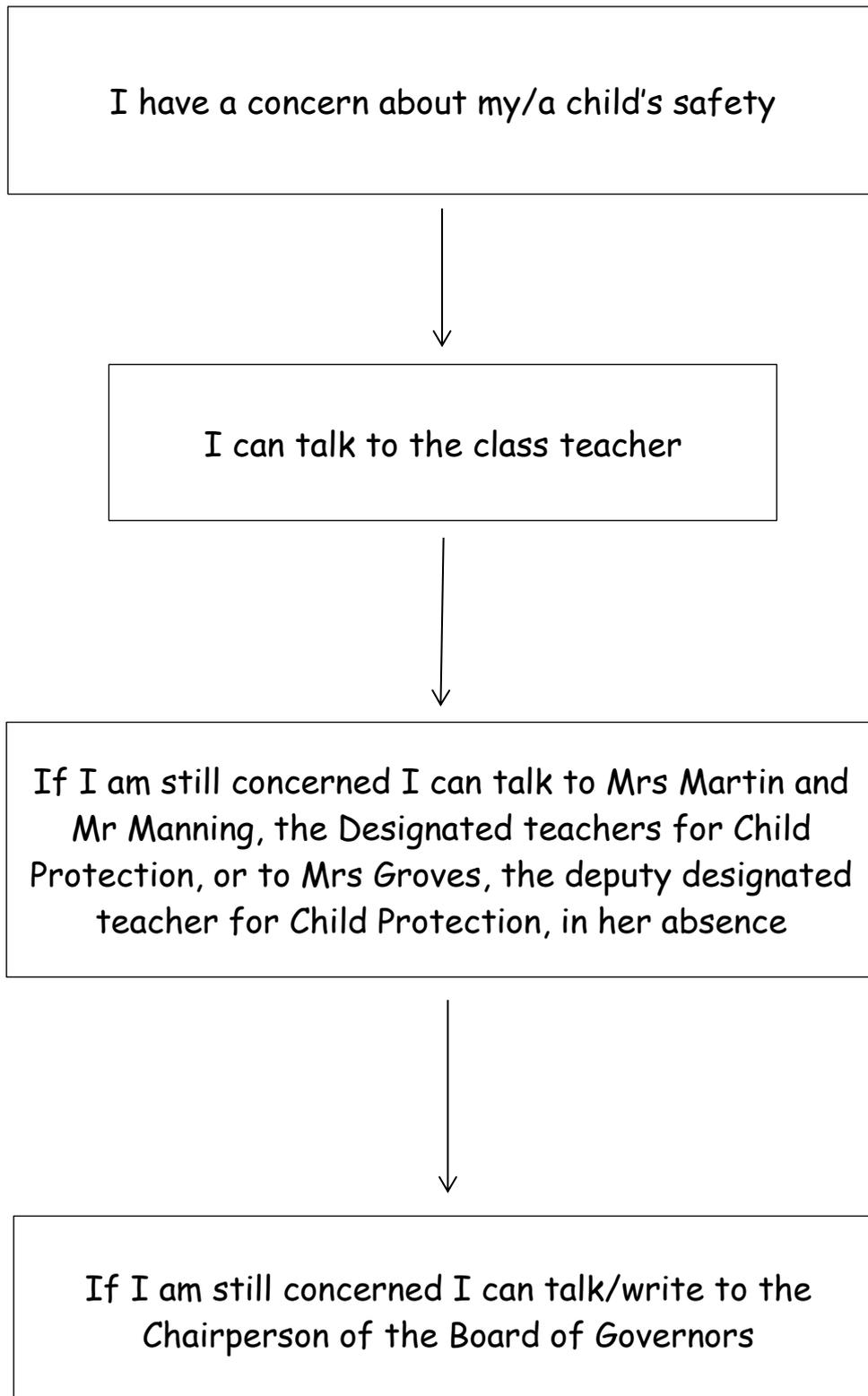
Other ways Abbey protects your child

- School security system in place
- Playground supervision
- First Aid attention for your child if s/he has an accident or is injured



Please ask for a copy of the full policy if you require further information

If you have a concern regarding your/a child's safety you should follow the procedure below:



When the school has been made aware of a parent's concerns, the relevant procedures will be followed and the parent informed of the progress and outcome of their concern.