



# St Anthony's

## Pastoral Care & Child Protection

Principal: Mr Patrick Mallon

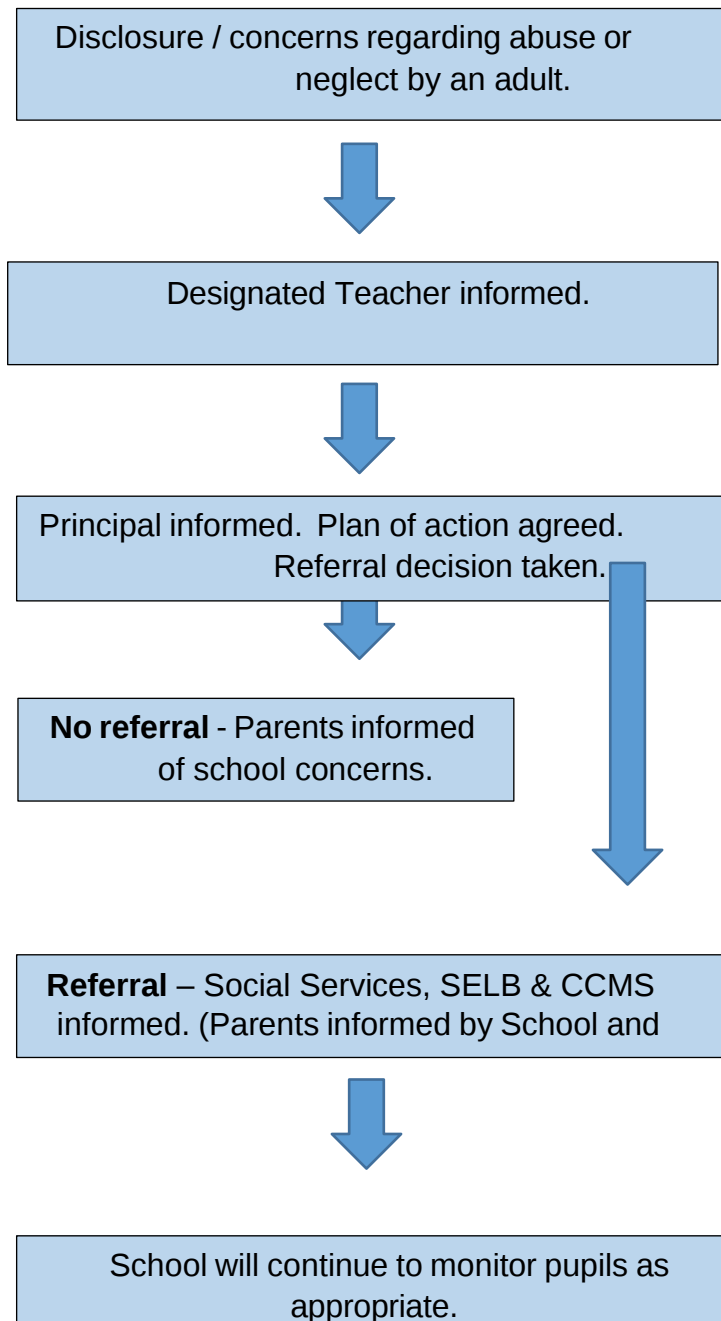
### *Information for Parents*

Stated among the aims of our school, is our intention to provide a caring and happy child-centred environment in which every effort is made to ensure that the potential of each child is realised.

We recognise the need to have clear policies in order to secure the welfare, safety and protection of our pupils to the best of our ability.

This leaflet summarises our child protection procedures which follow the guidance of the Department of Education (on child protection) Southern Area, SELB and the Schools Child Protection Policies.

### Summary of Child Protection Procedures



Child abuse can take any of the following forms:

- Neglect
- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional

In the case of suspected abuse, the school will inform Social Services, SELB and CCMS. It is **NOT** the responsibility of the school to investigate suspected abuse.

In any instance of suspected abuse, the welfare of that child is **paramount**. Parents should be aware that in the interest of the child, staff may share information with other professionals. It is our policy that any information will be shared with only those who need to know. The rights of confidentiality of the child's family will be respected at all times.

We recognise that very young children and those with learning or physical disabilities have equal right to protection. Adults in school, charged with their care, will follow procedures outlined in the school's Intimate Care Policy. Copies of the document and our Child Protection Policy are available at the School Office or on our website.

**Mrs H Hamill (Designated Child Protection Officer)**  
**Mrs E Girvan (Deputy Child Protection Officer)**

**Mrs G.Vassallo (Deputy Child Protection Officer – Nursery)**

**The Principal concern of all adults in our school, is the care, welfare & safety of our pupils. This is reflected in the aims of our Child Protection Policy.**