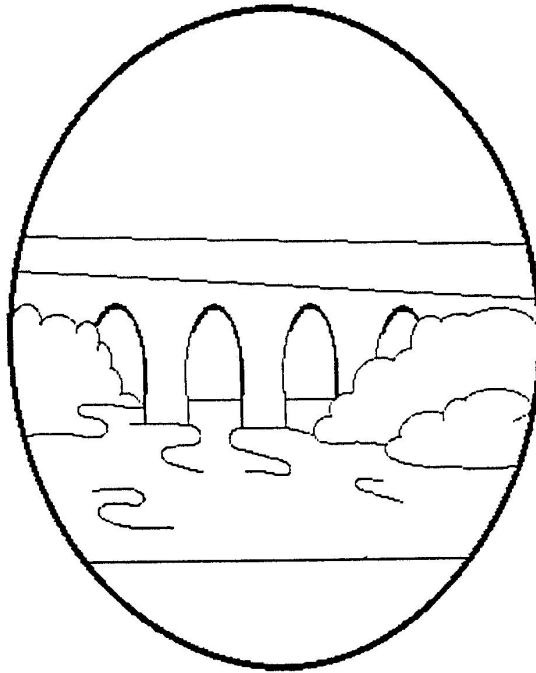


CEFN MAWR C.P.SCHOOL
Child Protection Policy
Learning, Enjoying, Achieving



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The school recognizes that, as staff are in regular and frequent contact with children, they are particularly well placed to observe signs of abuse or unexplained changes in behaviour or performance, which may be indicative of it. Therefore, the school aims to be diligent in its efforts to look after each child's welfare and well-being.

Child abuse is actual harm to a child aged below 18 years, whether caused by default, or a deliberate act. The harm may be to the standard of health, development or well being which can be reasonably expected for that child. (Definition of Child Abuse AWCPP Revised 2008)

If someone tells you that they or another child or young person is being abused:

- Show that you have heard what he/she is saying, and that you take his/her allegations seriously.
- Encourage the child to talk, but do not prompt or ask leading questions.
- Explain what actions you must take.
- Do not give an undertaking of absolute confidentiality as staff have a responsibility to disclose information to those who need to know.
- Write down what you have been told, using the exact words if possible.

4. Ensuring that the designated Senior LA Officer is aware of any breakdown in communication or problems with the implementation of local procedures.
5. Maintaining appropriate records regarding cases which cause concern and subsequent action taken.
6. Ensuring that ongoing monitoring exists for pupils having been the subject of child abuse concerns and/or, placed on the Child Protection Register and made the subject of a plan involving their school or facilities.

Neglect

Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. It may involve a parent or caregiver failing to provide adequate food, shelter and clothing, failing to protect a child from physical harm or danger, or the failure to ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

In addition, neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance misuse.

The school is always aware of the possibility of a child suffering neglect. When concerns are raised regarding neglect, the 'Neglect Practice Guidelines' and monitoring form will be implemented.

(See below).

4.1 This policy was reviewed by the Pupil Welfare Committee in March 2012

Signed: _____ **Headteacher**

Signed: _____ **Chair Of Pupil Welfare**

Review Date: March 2013