

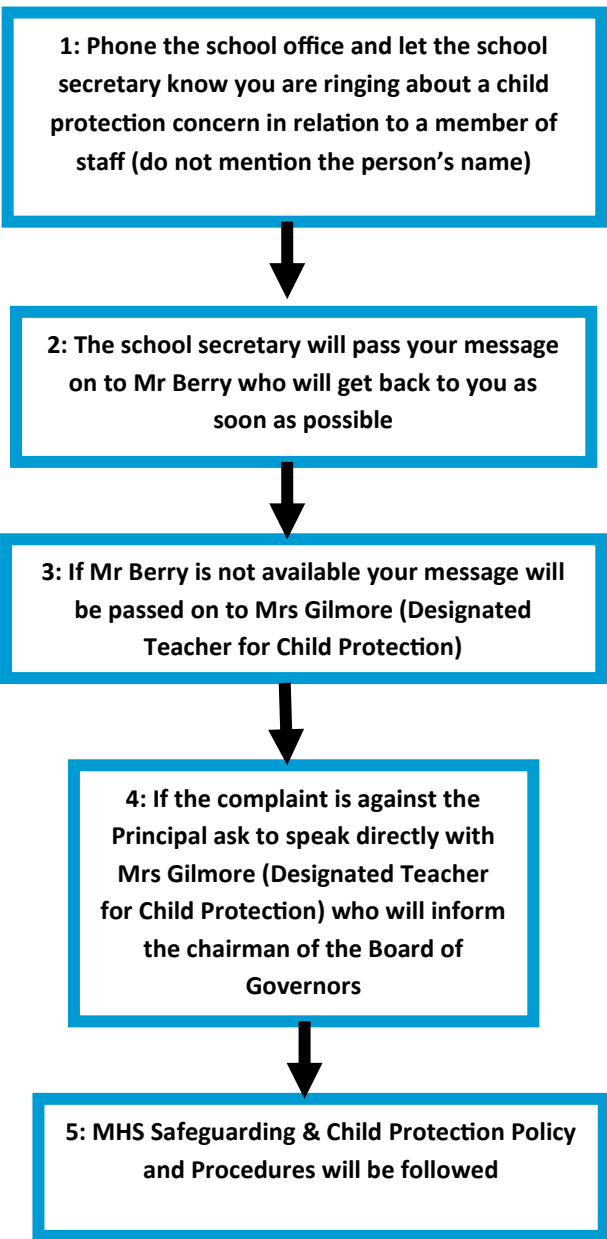
## **SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

Markethill High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

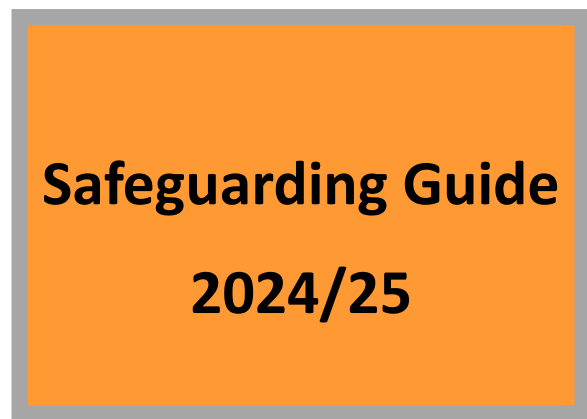
If you are concerned about the safety of any child in our school, you must report this to the Designated Teacher for Child Protection —Mrs Gilmore

If you are concerned about the conduct of a member of staff or a volunteer in our school, you must contact the Principal, Mr C Berry or Mrs Gilmore if he is not available.

### **Procedure where a complaint has been made about possible abuse of a child by a member of the school's staff**



# **MARKETHILL HIGH SCHOOL**



## Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher for Child Protection:

Mrs S-L Gilmore



Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection:

Mrs S Hargan



Miss G Poole



Mrs J Cregan



Miss L McCullough



## TYPES OF HARM

Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe and applies to both the home and school environment.

Harm is identified in five ways:

**Physical**— This is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured.

**Sexual**—This is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or non-physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image.

**Emotional**—This is when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence.

**Neglect**—This is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

**Exploitation**—is the intentional ill-treatment, manipulation or abuse of power and control over a child or young person; to take selfish or unfair advantage of a child or young person or situation, for personal gain.

Procedure where a parent/ carer has a child protection concern about a child

**1: Phone the school office and let the school secretary know you are ringing about a child protection concern**



**2: The school secretary will pass your message on to the Designated Teacher or a member of the safeguarding team who will get back to you as soon as possible**



**3: MHS Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy and Procedures will be followed**

Principal: Mr C Berry

Governor: Mr G Mahood