

## Middletown Centre for Autism

The Centre's Vision is  
*'to enhance the lives of autistic  
children and young people and their  
families, through the delivery of  
specialist educational services.'*



### Learning Support & Assessment Service

#### Child Protection *Who to contact?*

If you have a safeguarding concern in relation to a child or young person in receipt of Learning Support and Assessment Services in school, speak directly to the Designated Teacher in the school which the child or young person attends.

If you have a safeguarding concern in relation to a child or young person in receipt of Learning Support and Assessment Services out of school, speak directly to Jill McCanney, Designated Teacher or Helen Forde Deputy Designated Teacher in Middletown Centre for Autism Tel: 028 37 515750

**Social Services Gateway can be contacted on:**  
0800 78 37745

**Information on Gateway can be found on:**  
[www.nidirect.gov.uk/sites/default/files/  
publications/gatewayserviceteamcontactdetails.pdf](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/gatewayserviceteamcontactdetails.pdf)



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### Safeguarding Children and Young People

### Information for Parents

### Northern Ireland



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## Parental Awareness of Child and Young Person Protection

Middletown Centre for Autism gives highest priority to the safety and welfare of children and young people who access our Learning Support and Assessment Service.

In all contact with children and young people staff in Middletown Centre for Autism follow the guidelines and procedures described in the Department of Education Northern Ireland (DENI) publication 'Safeguarding and Protection in Schools - 2019'

### Incidents which occur at school

Disclosure/concerns regarding abuse or neglect

School Designated Teacher for child protection informed

Principal and MCA informed, plan of action formed. Advice from Education Authority/Social Services may be sought

No referral, parents informed of concerns | Referral made to PSNI/Gateway

School continue to monitor the child or young person as appropriate

### Incidents which occur in 'out of school' contexts

Disclosure/concerns regarding abuse or neglect

MCA Designated Teacher informed or MCA Deputy Designated Teacher

Plan of action formed. Advice from Education Authority/Social Services may be sought

No referral, parents informed of concerns | Referral made to PSNI/Gateway

If an allegation is against a parent then safeguarding team discuss with Gateway/PSNI on how to inform the parent.

MCA continue to monitor the child or young person as appropriate