

## Middletown Centre for Autism

The Centre's Vision is  
*'to enhance the lives of children and  
young people with autism 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 Claire Smyton, Designated Liaison Person (DLP) or Tara Vernon, Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL), in Middletown Centre for Autism Tel: 0044 37515750

**Information on Tusla Child and Family Agency  
can be found on [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)**



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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 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 and Skills Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017.

### 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 TUSLA may be sought

No referral, parents informed of concerns | Referral made to TUSLA

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 Liaison Person or Deputy D.L.P informed

Plan of action formed. Advice from TUSLA may be sought

No referral, parents informed of concerns | Referral made to TUSLA

If the allegation is against a parent then safeguarding team discuss with TUSLA/Gardai on how to inform the parent.

MCA continue to monitor the child or young person as appropriate