



Child Protection Policy

Child Protection Co-ordinator: **Janet Brady**

Depute Co-ordinator: **Michelle Durham**

It is the policy of Auchinairn Nursery to promote and safeguard the welfare of all children by protecting them from physical, sexual, domestic and emotional abuse.

All members of staff at Auchinairn Nursery are aware of the categories of abuse and have either undertaken relevant training or have been informed of the signs to look for when abuse is suspected or occurring. All staff follow **East Dunbartonshire Council Procedures and Guidelines in Child Protection**. (Guidelines and Procedures Manual can be found in the nursery office)

Children can be abused in different ways. They can be **physically** injured, abused **sexually** or **emotionally** abused. **Neglect** is another form of abuse, where a child is not properly fed, clothed or sheltered or kept clean.

All instances of abuse are documented. This includes details of subsequent action taken, and is retained by the Head of Centre. This is in accordance with the Internal Reporting Process as set out by EDC.

It is the staff's duty of care to report any concerns to Janet or Michelle and follow procedures.

All Documentation will be treated in the **strictest confidence** by all nursery staff.

Children's confidentiality will be protected at **ALL** times.

Service	Telephone Number
East Dunbartonshire's Advice and Response Team	0141 777 3000
Out of hours Social Work Standby Service	0300 343 1505.
Childline	0800 1111
Scottish Children's Reporters Administration	0131 244 8201
NSPCC	0800 800 5000
Police Scotland	101

Child Protection in East Dunbartonshire

Child Protection in East Dunbartonshire is the responsibility of the East Dunbartonshire Child Protection Committee (EDCPC). It brings together the main agencies for the provision of services to children and their families, so that through working together, it can plan effectively for the protection of children.

Membership of the EDCPC includes representatives from:

- Social Work
- Police
- Health
- Education
- Housing
- Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration (SCRA)
- Procurator Fiscal Department
- Local Authority Legal Services
- Voluntary organisations
- Criminal Justice.
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Realising the Ambition:3.2

Care Standards: 3.2, 6.1

HGIOELCC: 2.1

UNCRC (United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child

This policy has been reviewed and updated in consultation with staff and parent/carers

Signed

Reviewed yearly