

BELFAST HIGH SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

SUMMARY FOR STAFF AND PARENTS 2017-18

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the main procedures for reporting and responding to concerns about a pupil being at risk of harm. For details, please refer to the full policy document, available on request.

Main risk factors:

Child Abuse

- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse

Exploitation

A description of what these are understood to be is given in the full policy document.

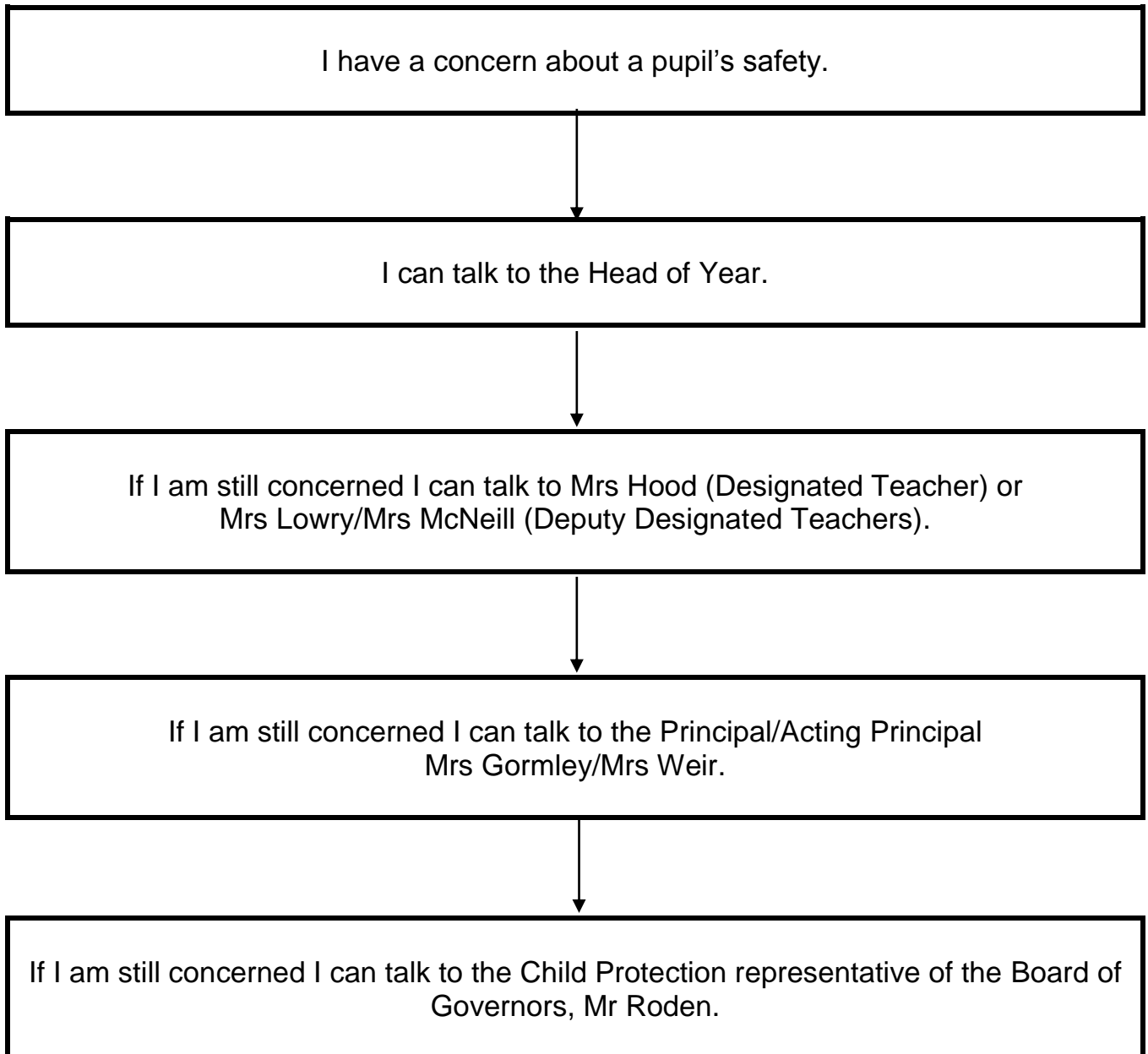
Bullying, including Cyberbullying

These are the subjects of the school's Anti-Bullying and Anti-Cyberbullying Policies

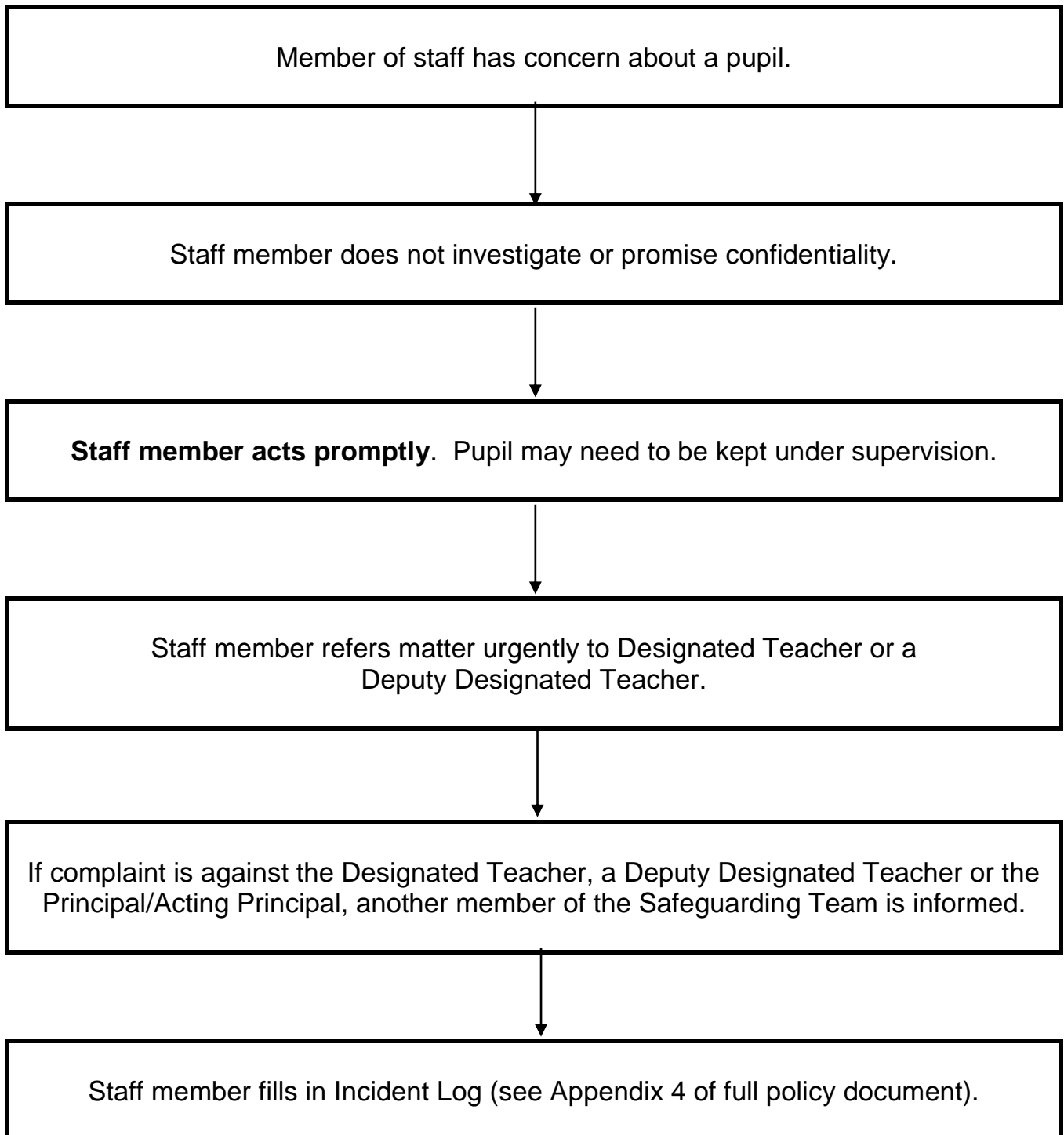
Self-Harm and Suicidal Thoughts

Self-harm is deemed to be any deliberate act by a person which causes actual physical harm to themselves. Suicidal thoughts can occur in the absence of self-harm.

REPORTING A CONCERN - PARENTS



REPORTING A CONCERN - STAFF



PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO CONCERNS ABOUT A PUPIL

Designated Teacher plans course of action. Principal/Acting Principal is informed; normally also Head of Year.

Designated teacher may make referral to Social Services and if so, sends copy to Education Authority NI Designated Officer. The PSNI may also be informed.

Urgent referrals to Social Services are made by telephone. All referrals will be accompanied by a UNOCINI form.

Other courses of action may be:

- Place the child in the care of a parent and advise emergency GP appointment
- Contact parent to advise urgent GP appointment
- Refer to a counsellor or put in contact with other

SAFEGUARDING TEAM 2017-18

Chairman of the Board of Governors:	Mr B Roden
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors:	Mr M Finlay
Designated Governor for Child Protection:	Mr B Roden
Principal/Acting Principal:	Mrs L Gormley/Mrs C Weir
Designated Teacher for Child Protection:	Mrs E Hood
Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection:	Mrs A Lowry/Mrs D McNeill

Any person may make contact with a member of the Safeguarding team through the school telephone number – 02890 864431

Outside school hours, or in case of emergency, advice or assistance may be available from

Belfast Gateway Service
Monday - Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm - 028 90 507000
Emergency out of hours' service - 028 95 049999

PSNI - 028 90 650222/In the case of an emergency - 999

Parents who wish to register a complaint if they feel the school is failing to meet its statutory duties in relation to safeguarding and child protection should refer to the document 'Child Protection: Making a Complaint' in the Policies section of the school website.