CRAIGIEBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Our commitment to child safety:

Craigieburn Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Craigieburn Primary School has zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and consistently with our policies and procedures.

Every person involved in Craigieburn Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

We have a legal and moral obligation to contact authorities when we are worried about a child’s safety, which we follow rigorously.

In our planning, decision-making and operations Craigieburn Primary School will

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety.
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives.
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children.
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount.
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children.
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development.
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues.
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities.
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk.
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

References and links (including processes related to this policy):


Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s cyclic process or more often if necessary due to changes in legislation or regulations.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in Aug 2016 and will be reviewed 2018.