



## Introduction

1. This policy outlines the Board of Trustees' commitment to child protection and recognises the important role and responsibility of all our staff in the protection of children and young people. It includes the Board's expectations when child abuse is suspected or reported. This policy is in line with the Children's Act 2014.
2. As a State Integrated School, the Board of Trustees requires that all aspects of this policy be guided by the Special Character Policy.

## Purpose

3. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students at Middleton Grange School thrive, belong, and achieve to the best of their ability.
4. The school is committed to the prevention of child abuse, neglect and to the protection of all children.

## Scope

5. All staff members (including contractors and volunteers) are expected to be familiar with this policy, its associated procedures and protocols and abide by these.
6. Advice will be sought by the school through appropriate agencies in all cases of suspected or alleged abuse.
7. In line with Section 18 of the Children, Young Persons, and their Families (Oranga Tamariki) Legislation Act 2017, any person in our school community who believes that any child or young person has been, or is likely to be harmed (whether physically, emotionally or sexually), illtreated, abused, neglected or deprived must follow school procedures. They may also report the matter to a social worker or the police.
8. To be read in conjunction with the Child Protection Procedures, Concerns and Complaints Procedures and Bullying Procedures as approved by the Board of Trustees.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Signed</b> on behalf and with the authority of the Board	
<b>Date</b>	
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