ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION POLICY

Reporting a Child in Need of Protection

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The Manitoba Provincial Guidelines on the Legislated Requirements Regarding Reporting a Child in Need of Protection, Including Child Abuse (2013) assists school staff and divisions to carry out their responsibilities under the Child and Family Services Act of Manitoba.

The Rolling River School Division will follow the protocol outlined in <u>Reporting of Child Protection and Child Abuse: Handbook and Protocols for Manitoba Service Providers</u> (2013).

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1. **Procedure for Reporting**

- a. Employees are required by law to report suspected cases where children are in need of protection by contacting the applicable Child and Family Services agency or, if deemed appropriate, parent/guardian.
- b. School staff shall not contact the child's family when:
 - the alleged offender is a family member;
 - the alleged offender has a significant relationship with child's parents/guardian;
 - the identity of the offender is unknown;
 - there is concern that the non-offending caregiver will not support or protect the child.
- c. School and Division staff must report even when uncertain as it is the duty of the CFS agency to investigate.
- d. After having reported to the appropriate authorities, the employee must advise the school administration as soon as possible. Written documentation of the concerns, date, and action taken will be provided to the principal, and forwarded to the Coordinator of Student, Clinical, and Pre-Kindergarten Services to be held in a Confidential file at the Division Office (Reference Appendix A).

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The Child and Family Services Act of Manitoba (October 23, 2019)

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APPENDIX A ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION Reporting a Child in Need of Protection

If there is insufficient space in any section of this form for a complete, report please provide further details on extra paper.

PART 1 – REPORTING INFORMA	TION				
Reporter(s):		School:			
Agency Reported to:					
Date of Oral Report to Agency:					
Name of Child and Family Services Worker:					
PART 2 – DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION					
			Grade:		
MET #:	Date of Birth:		Phone:		
			Postal Code:		
<u>MOTHER</u>		<u>FATHER</u>			
Name:					
Address:					
Phone: (h) (w)			(w)		
(c)		(c)			
Resides with:					
Languages spoken in the home:					
Guardian/Caregiver (if other than parent):					
Name:		_ Address:			
Relationship to Child:		Phone: (h)	(w)		
		(c)			
Siblings:					
Name	School		Date of Birth (M/D/Y)		
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Significant Others (e.g., other adults living in the home, extended family members):					
Other Professionals involved (e.g., school counsellors, Public Health, day care, before and after school programs, Child Guidance Clinic):					
Name/Agency/Phone:					
PART 3 – NATURE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT					
Physical Abuse ☐ Sexual Abuse ☐ Emotional Abuse ☐ Neglect ☐					
PART 4 – DISCLOSURE					
Date of Disclosure:/ Time:					
Describe the disclosure and/or the circumstances that lead you to believe that the child is a victim of abuse/neglect.					
How often has it happened? What are the most recent occurrences? (include direct quotes if applicable)					
PART 5 – PHYSICAL INJURIES (If injuries are visible please describe (e.g., bruises, cuts, shape of bruise, colour and					
place on body)					

Explain:	
PART 7 – VULNERABILITY Does alleged or suspected offender(s) have access to the chil Explain:	ld? Yes □ No □
PART 8 – PREVIOUS INCIDENTS Please indicate any previous incident(s) of abuse or condition Services agency or to the police regarding this student.	າ of neglect that you have reported to a Child and Family

PART 9 – FOLLOW-UP (To be completed after oral report)				
What is the action plan agreed upon by Child and Family Services/School:				
2. Other relevant information:				
Signature of Reporter:	Date:			
Signature of Principal:	Date:			
Note: Signature of principal indicates only awareness that the report has been made to the agency. It does not				

PROCESS:

PLEASE SEND IN SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED CONFIDENTIAL TO:

indicate that the principal acts as co-reporter.

- 1. CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES (Original)
- 2. COPY TO COORDINATOR OF STUDENT, CLINICAL & PRE-KINDERGARTEN SERVICES
- 3. NO COPY SHOULD BE RETAINED BY SCHOOL BUT CAN BE RECORDED (by School Counsellor, Resource Teacher, Administrator and Social Worker).