

Ross Intermediate School

TE KURA WAENGA O ROSS

POLICY STATEMENT - DRAFT

5.3 Policy – Response to Abuse & Neglect

Rationale:

Children who disclose abuse and/or neglect will be taken seriously and treated with respect and dignity.

Principles:

1. Refer to the attached procedures when a case of abuse or neglect is suspected or disclosed.
2. The interest and welfare of the child is paramount.
3. At least once per year one formal staff meeting, including support staff, will be devoted to this topic to ensure that staff are aware of their obligations and are comfortable in their knowledge of the required procedures.
4. Programmes to support this topic will be taught within the health curriculum with the aim of empowering children to disclose any forms of serious abuse or neglect.

References:

5.3.1 Response to Abuse & Neglect Procedure (August 2011)

RATIFIED:

CHAIRPERSON