

Policies and Procedures

Section Three - Staff Policies

## **301.1 – REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

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Any staff member who has a reason to believe that a child has been or is likely to be physically harmed, sexually abused or exploited, or neglected by a parent, or is otherwise in need of protection (as set out in section 13 of the Child, Family and Community Service Act) is legally responsible to promptly report to a social worker.

The lead appointed school official (ASO) for child abuse reporting (duty to report covering all areas of school operations) is the Head of School, who oversees the divisional principals. If allegations are made towards the Head of School, the alternate appointed school official should be a board member, designated by the Kelowna Christian School Board.

## PROCEDURES

KCS staff should use <u>The BC Handbook for Action on Child Abuse and Neglect</u> (a copy of which is available on this website) when considering actions surrounding abuse or neglect situations.