



Bioregional Education Association

Oak & Orca Bioregional School, Oak & Orca School (OL)

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Child Protection

The school principal is designated as the “Appointed School Official (ASO).” Another team lead is appointed as the “Alternate Appointed School Official (AASO)” and staff are informed of which lead is appointed.

Child Protection

Anyone suspecting that a child has been or is likely to be physically or sexually abused by any person is legally bound to report his or her suspicion to a child protection social worker. The ASO will be knowledgeable on procedures and questions associated with reporting child abuse and will be available to discuss any situation. [The BC Handbook on Child Abuse and Neglect](#) will be used to inform action and training.

Suspected Abuse

Suspected abuse by an adult or child within the school must be reported to the ASO immediately so that a plan of action can be devised. If the ASO is involved in the situation, is not at arm’s length, or is not available, the suspected abuse must be reported to the AASO. The school will immediately appoint an official to investigate the concern and to consult with the child protection worker and police. The document [Supporting our Students](#), published by the Ministry of Education, will be consulted and the procedures outlined relating to the specific case will be followed. The police must be contacted immediately if a child is in any immediate danger.