

Child Protection Policy **Curragh Post Primary School**

Introduction:

The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, practices and activities. Accordingly, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, the Board of Management of Curragh Post Primary School has agreed the following child protection policy.

Relationship to Mission Statement:

Curragh Post Primary School's Mission Statement is as follows:

Our School values the gifts and talents of students and staff in their development in an atmosphere of equity, caring and mutual respect. Can we achieve this? Yes, we can. Is Feidir Linn.

This Child Protection Policy is another framework within which the safety, protection and development of our students as whole people, empowered to lead effective lives in the wider society, is enhanced.

Child Protection Policy:

The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools as part of this overall child protection policy.

The *Designated Liaison Person (DLP)* is *Mr. E. Gaughran* (Principal).

The *Deputy Designated Liaison Person* (Deputy DLP) is *Mr. K. Healy* (Deputy Principal).

In its policies, practices and activities, Curragh Post Primary School will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The school will

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

The implementation of the school's Child Protection Policy is enhanced by the Student Code of Behaviour and other policies affecting student welfare.

This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Association (if any) and is readily accessible to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the Kildare Wicklow E.T.B., if requested.

Policy Review:

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____[date]

Signed: _____

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Chairperson of Board of Management

Principal

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date of Next Review: September 2014