

St. Joseph's National School



Child Protection Policy

The Board of management recognises the 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 Procedure for Primary Schools, the board of management have agreed the following child protection policy:

1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Violet Molloy
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Maeve Beirne.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, St. Joseph's N.S 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 considerations;
 - Fully cooperate with the relevant state 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 child with a special vulnerability.

This school policies, practices and activities that are relevant to child protection are:

- Code of Behaviour
- Anti Bullying Policy
- Supervision Policy
- School Outings
- Sporting Activities

This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Association and is available to download on the school website www.mulhusseyns.ie
This policy will be reviewed annually.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____

Signed Chairperson:

Date: 16 Nov 2016

Signed Principal:

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