



Some Important Facts about Child Protection Procedures and Safeguards in Our School

1. This school adheres to the “Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017” as published by Department of Education and Skills. This document is available at: <https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/Child-Protection>
2. The person nominated by the Board of Management, as the designated liaison person (known as the DLP) is the school Principal, Patrick Gregory who acts for the school when dealing with Tusla - Child and Family Agency, An Garda Síochána and other parties in connection with allegations of and/or concerns about child abuse.
3. In the absence of the DLP, the Deputy Principal, Martin Locke (to be known as the deputy DLP) will assume the responsibilities of the DLP.
4. When the DLP receives a report of an allegation or a report of a suspicion that a child may have been abused or neglected, is being abused or neglected, or is at risk of abuse or neglect (as described in chapter 2 of the above procedures) the DLP shall be responsible for ensuring that the correct reporting procedures are followed.
5. In addition all teachers, as mandated persons, are required to follow the correct procedures set out in the above document.
6. Within 10 school days of a parent raising a child protection concern about a member of school personnel (whether to the DLP directly, to the board of management or another member of school personnel) the DLP shall issue a written notification to the parent concerned setting out how the matter was dealt with. This written notification will also inform the parent that it is open to the parent concerned to contact Tusla directly in relation to the matter, should the parent wish to do so, in the event that the DLP has not reported the matter to Tusla. The contact details for the local Tusla office are given below.
7. Where a person makes an allegation of abuse against the DLP, the Chairperson of the Board of Management shall assume the role normally undertaken by the DLP and shall follow the procedures as set out in the above Child Protection Procedures.
8. The school has prepared a Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment in line with the template and requirements of the above procedures. This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment will be reviewed annually and is published under the “policies” section of the school website. The document is also on display in the foyer of the school. Feedback from parents and from students in relation to the school’s safeguarding arrangements will be sought by the school. Any areas for improvement identified as a result of feedback from parents and students will be addressed by the school.
9. If parents have any concerns or queries in relation to child safeguarding arrangements they should contact the school Principal.

Tusla Local Area Office

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