



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Board of Management (Single School Manager) recognizes that the child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the schools' 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 (Single School Manager) of Scoil Sinéad has agreed the following child protection policy;

1. The Board of Management (Single School Manager) has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Departments' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools, as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Marianne Henry.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Sherene Powell.
4. In its' policies, practices and activities, Scoil Sinéad will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare;
The school will
 - Recognize that the protection and welfare of the 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 minimize 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 special vulnerability.

5. The following are the school policies and practices that are relevant to child protection in our school at present. As other policies/practices develop in our newly established school, they will so be recorded in this document

- The Code of Behaviour
- The Anti-bullying policy
- The Health and Safety statement
- The School Tours policy
- The Swimming policy
- The yard and supervision procedure of qteachers and all SNA's present at all times
- The rule which requires everyone to stay in yard/grassed area and not attend the rear of the school

The Single School Manager has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols and practices as appropriate are in place in respect of each of the above listed items.

6. This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parent/Teacher Association and is readily accessible to parents both by circulation and display on the school notice board for parents and on request for additional copies.

7. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management (Single Manager) once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management (Single Manager) on _____.

Signed: _____

Single Manager

Principal

Date: _____

Date of next review: _____