



CHILD PROTECTION

The Board of Management has adopted as school policy the Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures introduced by the Dept. of Education and Science, in relation to Child Protection and Welfare and we adhere to these guidelines. These guidelines promote the welfare of children and are in line with the national guidelines “Children First” published by the Dept. of Health and Children.

“Children First” prioritises the protection and welfare of the child above any other concern. Consequently, if there is a matter of concern in relation to abuse of children, we are obliged to report this to the H.S.E. They will assess the case and provide the necessary support for the child concerned.

- **In “Children First”, child abuse is categorised into four different types:**

- **neglect,**
- **emotional abuse,**
- **physical abuse and**
- **sexual abuse.**

- Each school must delegate a Designated Liaison Person (DLP), to whom school staff report concerns in relation to abuse.

The DLP for this school is the Principal, **Mrs. Anne McCarthy 01 8331888**
The deputy DLP is **Ms. Aoife Nic Lughadha 01 8331888**

- If the person making the report and the DLP are satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the suspicion or allegation of abuse, the DLP will report the matter to the H.S.E as soon as possible. The H.S.E. recommends that the report be made in writing on a standard yellow reporting form. The DLP would also seek to speak in person, or by phone, to the duty social worker.

Our child protection policy is available on our website and in the Principal’s office.

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If there is a child protection issue, contact

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